**Heart of West Midlands Regional Optical Committee 18/01/2024**

Present

Charles Barlow (CB) Dudley LOC

Debbie Graham (DG) Birmingham LOC

Ian Hadfield (IH) Birmingham LOC

Peter Hampson (PH) Sandwell LOC

Aisha Jeewa (AJ) Walsall LOC

Sofia Fazal (SF) Wolverhampton LOC

Peter Rockett (PR) Wolverhampton LOC

Louise Sarjeant (LS) Sandwell LOC/Minutes

Wasim Sarwar (WS) PES Clinical Lead

Paul Sidhu (PS) Dudley LOC

Dan Spencer (DPS) Solihull LOC

Divya Sudera (DS) Sandwell LOC/CPD Officer

**Apologies –** Spencer Parkes

**Conflicts of Interest** – no changes

**Minutes of the previous meeting** – approved.

**Matters arising** – PH no further engagement with IHI. Agreed to re-send survey after next meeting to see if improvements. Unable to find KPIs, could action FOI request.

CB no further information from AB following request for data. Can ask AB for help in getting DRS data.

**EeRS**

CB EeRS live at RHH, all going well, set up new triage system. Invitations to go to Dudley practices. Some referrals seemingly not acknowledged, have been, just waiting appointment allocation to get booking reference. Wolverhampton expect to be ready by Feb, Walsall 3 weeks after. No progress with SWB, but have a new clinical lead and regular meetings arranged, build likely March at earliest.

DG BSol are engaging, but delayed. BMEC build will impact BSol.

**Local Workforce Development**

DS new system for grants to go live today. Working group for paediatrics created. ABDO may do paediatric dispensing workshop. FB workshop planning ongoing. Grand rounds were successful with good feedback. Looking at venues including acute trusts, not just ISPs.

SF further discussions to be had with Topcon about OCT sessions across the region.

**Confederation**

CB not set up bank account yet. PR LOCSU due to share guidance on confederation following review of consultations. Wait for guidance then can set up with confidence.

**Admin Support**

PS discussed admin support at Wolverhampton and Sandwell for LOC/ confederation. DS Solihull have had minute taker for years. Works well. SF LOCSU looking at admin support.

**Primary Eyecare Services**

WS ICB visits at end of Jan with Chief Medical Officer, primary care collaborative and LOC chairs. Doing presentations with DS at Sandwell and Dudley PCNs.

Had meeting with BSol ICB, written to ISPs, from 1st Feb, can’t treat cataract patients sooner than 14 weeks (clause in contract). PES and BLOC looking at comms to optoms. Reported to PES and LOCSU to get advice. Wait times dependent on GP. IH aim to increase referrals into trust.

**LEHN**

DS no progress.

**AOB**

SF CPD seminar next week. Meeting with clinical director, supporting secondary care.

AJ BV CPD lecture coming up – spaces available.

WS PES due to run monthly online CPD on service delivery and clinical pathways etc.

CB email from SWBT asking if we have suggestions for patient information displays at BMEC? What resources should they use? DG www.lookafteryoureyes.com, IGA, macular society, CUES (PES). WS have sent static images, can see if visual presentation. AJ Seeability, Eyehealth UK.

**Date of Next Meeting –** 6:30pm on Thursday 25th April 2024

**Action Points**

At next meeting review DRS survey to practices

CB to speak to AB about getting DRS data

CB to investigate admin support

Consider confederation following LOCSU guidance publication

CB/IH to forward cataract contract to AOP.