

**NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR LOC
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019
*M Offord Optometrists, Kingston Park,
6pm for 6.30pm prompt meeting start***

Minutes

Present: Stephanie Cairns, Sarah Pencott, Lesley Oglethorpe, Lisa Gibson, Ian Hickson, David Knight, Jenny Culverwell, Martin Hood, Craig Sixsmith

Apologies Michael Offord, Matt Cooper, Kevin Gray, Naomi Smith, Kaye Winship

Conflict of Interest

Action Points from Last Meeting

Still awaiting clarification of how interpreters are paid

Chairs Report

LOC Needs Analysis Report for LOCSU- we did well
The survey highlighted some areas due to lack of knowledge

PCN mapping ongoing. Unknown as to if there are any PCNs without a committee. Some PCNs have a large number of practices, others don't. **DK** asked how Domiciliary will fit into all of this? Concerned that GPs understanding and awareness of Community Eye Care not great.

LO stated that each PCN assess and develop their area. Notes to be forwarded to SP. Newcastle PCN show connection with stakeholders via monthly meetings and Web ex (**ZR** given dates)

Still work in progress, Newcastle/Gateshead are organised.

PCNs are not a decision making group, CCGs still make the decisions.

LG explained Sunderlands Better Together approach. They have one clinical lead for each area, A&E, LD etc. North Tyne are doing something similar but not confirmed.

Sight service forwarded information re bigger regional Integrated Care Systems. **ZR** going to meeting.

eGOS event- still waiting for further information.

Social Prescribing- link workers assist patients to areas of social care needed, such as exercise. They signpost, are they signposting to Eye Care. **LO**

said some of this funding has been withdrawn, some problems with fraud?
local authority concerns.

Falls Campaign, emphasis on vision. Focus on talking to your Optician.
Posters to be displayed in Practices. ZR wants photos of the practices with
posters. LOC to fund some of the posters.

Secretarys Report

NHS Emails , taken up a lot of time. Original allocation of the 60 emails has
been slow. In the last few weeks, updates have been received and people
have been receiving their accounts. NHS England are pushing for emails to
be set up. Seems to be a problem with identifying who are contractors or
practitioners as there is nothing to identify this. Trusts are beginning to stop
using fax and are wanting referrals by NHS email. Is there any way to speed
up the process of getting emails to contractors/ practitioners quicker?

LG mentioned Specsavers having there own NHS emails, one per practice,
not individual accounts?

When practitioner leaves a practice, their account will continue as active if
not closed by the individual

LOCSU have been quiet about this. They want eReferral.

IH stated GPs not using NHSmail

Problems with remembering to log into NHSmail regularly as every 3 months
passwords change.

Treasurers Report

Balance remains healthy.

Payments coming through with the new levy percentage- LOC 0.25% LOC-
SU 0.50%

Send all expenses claims through regularly.

NHSmail

Discussed in Secretary Report.

Service Development Reports

Dry eye service being chased, nothing coming back. Northumberland still in-
terested.

Pharmacist Lead Paul Conroy is keen on Primary Care.

It was mentioned dry eye drops are off list for prescription. Formularies will
show where off.

Still available through HES?

Meds Operational Team will be controlling this?
National Leaflet with what is no longer available?
Where are patients going to go for this-possibly HES as elsewhere charging?
LG mentioned Sunderland Eye Infirmary A&E reducing their hours similar to RVI.
LOCSU have toolkits for MECS but need links with PCN and CCG

LRC Report

Local Regional Committee, not sure what the meetings are and when.

CCG Reports

All CCG had reps present at meeting. Discussed PCNs, how many there were in each area. Nothing would really be delivered in the first year. No real figures to indicate that MECS system reduces any waiting times at A&E. Any figures known should be forwarded.

Regional Falls Meeting

Regional Frailty Meeting on the 9th October DK to attend to ensure they are aware Community Optometry exists.
Identify and prevent falls - identifying responsibility as current system does not allow for this. Needs something like safeguarding system.
Find out what they are doing and what we can do. Glaucoma Monitoring?
Domiciliary Care

LOC Needs Analysis

Discussed in Chair Report

PES Update

IOP module changing, repeat fields aswell.
Changing GP communications from fax to email - no date at moment, will depend on I.T development.
News Letter every quarter, next due November

Children from South Tyneside not engaging in scheme.

National optical Conference

Naomi and Lisa have places booked by LOCSU?
One free place per LOC- List of people who are attending. Zoe wanted at least 3 per LOC.

SP contact other LOCs to acquire their free places if not using?
People attending to book own places?

Any Other Business

Nothing put forward

Next Meeting Date

After NOC on the 13th and 14th November. Tuesday 26th November. To finalise if full or small committee meeting nearer the time.
eGOS meeting date to find out when will go live

Actions

CS to clarify how interpreters paid

SC drafting a letter to Dry Eye Service

SC to find out what is happening across regions around Dry Eye Prescribing

SP to check with other LOCs about unused NOC places