

LOC meeting 6.30 Tuesday 15 th January 2019

M Offord Optometrists Kingston Park

Present -Naomi Smith, Craig Sixsmith, Sarah Pencott ,Ian Hickson, Lesley Oglethorpe, Bill Lowry, Sylvia Bailey ,Lisa Gibson_

Apologies David Knight, Jenny Culverwell, Stephanie Cairns, Matt Cooper_

Conflicts of Interest- N Darling declared association with CGPL Primary Eyecare Services as possible conflict of interest.

Action points all completed

Minutes Accepted. No matters arising Proposed L Oglethorpe seconded I. Higson

Chairs Report - Jan 2019

MIAA - All contractors have now submitted their audit returns. We are awaiting the new phase. NS has contacted Ken Youngman to get a guide of how long the next phase may take. Ken was to contact MIAA and get back to us. Still awaiting further information.

Children's referrals - we have been contacted by Kathryn Smart who is the head orthoptist at the RVI to circulate a reminder to practitioners who are prescribing children to the HES:

For cases where significant refractive error has been found under cycloplegia we would advocate issuing appropriate spectacles for full time wear between referral to HES Paediatric Ophthalmology and their appointment date.

Cataract - We had a productive meeting with NHSE where it was agreed that the use of GOS for the post cataract reviews was not within the remit of GOS. Zoe and Nina were to update the LOC forum report and send this to NHSE. NHSE will prepare a document to take forward.

Will prob go to LEHN and then to CCG

Once approved we will be in a position to give advice to contractors.

Some discussion ensued regarding the best way forward with this.

Lisa pointed out that there was no instruction - this would be a transfer of duty of care, which alters the dynamic

Newsletter - I have prepared another newsletter but just waiting for confirmation on the NTW and Durham contracts before sending it out.

MECS PhD - I'm currently arranging a meeting with Peter and a few LOC committee members to discuss the PhD ideas around the table.

Meeting arranged for 30th January - Bill, Naomi, Lesley, Craig will attend.

Teeside Uni - the LOC will continue to support this venture by advertising any events or information.

It was brought to the LOC attention that a distance learning Masters degree has been proposed for Lancaster with a 2 year DO conversion

Mentoring - I have arranged for Bill to receive some mentoring from LOCSU. Zoe will be available to do this. The LOC will fund the fee for mentoring. If anyone else feels they may benefit from this - please let me know.

Join our Journey - shaping health and social care - Several local events to discuss moving forward with Integrated care systems (ICS) - Bill and Sarah will attend these events on behalf of the LOC

NTWLOC Secretary Report January 2019

New Contractors Or Changes To Practice Ownerships

Change of contractor. Thompson Opticians Ltd, 335 Welbeck Road, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 2QX now has new contractor C D Hall Opticians Ltd.

New Contractor: Specsavers, Sainsbury's, The Galleries, Washington, NE38 7RU commenced 10/12/2018

Termination of Contract: Optica Eye Clinic Ltd, Unit 6 Pennywell Shopping Centre, Pennywell, Sunderland SR4 9AS date of termination 05/11/2018

LLG Meeting & LOC Forum

No further meeting since 15 Oct 18 - Next meeting is Monday 21st January

Drug Bins

Should all now have been collected. We have been warned of price increases this year. We have details of another company that other LOCs use who we will contact for quotes.

Community Services Sub Group

No further meeting since last committee meeting

PCSE

One contractor reported missing payments since last meeting.

Other Communications

Integrated Care Partnership Event

Have been invited to attend a local integrated care partnership event '*Join our Journey - shaping health and care*' The Newcastle event is 13th Feb 19 and will be attended by myself SP from the LOC and NS as CGPL. The Sunderland one in 1st Feb 19 and will be attended by BL from the LOC and LG as CGPL.

RVI Orthoptist Department

Orthoptist department contacted us regarding community Optometrists prescribing glasses in the period the patient is waiting for referral to the HES. NS was going to clarify the message and we can communicate it in our newsletter.

Read Receipts On Fastmail

IH has informed me of how to get a 'read receipt' on fast mail;-When on the composing email screen click on 'more' button.-Then add the function 'request read receipt'.

RVI meeting introducing NTWLOC & Community Optometry

NS & SC are currently arranging a date with Mr Shafiqu to attend an Ophthalmology Training session at the RVI where we can introduce the LOC/Community Opticians/ GOS limitations and potential services to support their work - still waiting for a date.

Treasurers Report Healthy balance. Payments coming through. Drugs bins paid for. Request expenses by end of March

PEC Liaison- no report.

Queries raised with regard to Optomanager – should be updated by now.

Service development

Bill was concerned about equipment development and will produce a new survey.

No concerns re financing launches for new schemes.

Part funding was provided for MECS OSCE so will be provided in future.

Kay has requested a report to be put together to present to South Tyneside about MECS.

Naomi may ask Wendy to get involved with developing childrens' scheme review with Kathryn Smart

LRC- no report

CCG lead

Update from the Northumberland CCG meeting.

Zoe and Craig attended meeting with head of commissioning for Northumberland CCG.

Their priorities were to try and reduce outpatients specifically in glaucoma, cataract and macula degeneration, they wanted to discuss this specifically but gave us opportunity to discuss other pathways.

Glaucoma

They want optom's to take on stable monitoring - we advised that we require further qualifications for this (Diploma in glaucoma) and discussed the barriers with the RVI

- They would consider contributing to 'voluntary contributions' to either Sunderland or the RVI for practitioners to do the required training

- We discussed the current IOP repeat reading schemes - they were happy that this is still beneficial but they were interested in the enhanced referral refinement - Zoe has passed on the draft pathway's I think to include OHT monitoring
- We need to get practitioners through the WOPEC glaucoma modules and practical assessments

Cataract

- To reduce the number of steps required for cataract referral - they want GP's out of the loop; they were concerned how this can be done electronically, but we advised potentially could be done through optomanager
- They were confused by GOS and current audit pathways
- Lisa has suggested we look into dilation and patient consent pathway with post op involvement - this will require the cataract WOPEC modules

Macula degeneration

- This was their biggest area of concern for outpatients; we have advised that we think currently patients are given OCT and injection on same day and that we thought that this was efficient
- We said we would be happy to look into a referral refinement pathway including OCT; or if there could be some form of stable monitoring for rural px's or px's who find it difficult to travel?

Retinal monitoring/chloroquines

- Zoe advised on changing guidelines and they were concerned on the potential impact
- Zoe was looking at pathway's to include OCT

Dry eye/MEC's

- They were not interested in MEC's as they had been put off by the previous pilot carried out at Aaron's and they could see no benefit to this for them
- We have however advised that there would be an impact on outpatients and that this was a service we could quickly move forward
- They were more interested in being involved in the dry eye pilot, however we pointed out that this would have a big cross over with MEC's and they are willing to look over our proposals and pathways which Zoe has provided, and will discuss further

Northumberland CCG actions - they intend to enter in discussions with North Tyneside and Newcastle/Gateshead CCG to see if they would come on board with any proposals. They would try and get secondary care on board so we can all sit around a table and have a discussion. Northumberland also interested in being the pilot CCG for Dry eye as they think they can do a pilot without having additional authorisation from Newcastle CCG

ACTIONS

- Zoe has already sent all pathways to Northumberland CCG
- Zoe has outlined actions for the dry eye sub group, I am happy to be involved in this if it helps
- Craig and Bill to create a questionnaire to see who would be interested in the different schemes, what equipment they already have that is required, and who has the qualifications. Who intends to get the required equipment, who would be willing to do the required qualifications prior to the scheme going live as we have done for MEC's. The questionnaire to include which CCG's the practice generally covers
- Service development subgroup to meet so Zoe can update us on pathways
- Set up codes for practitioners for cataract and glaucoma.
- Discuss options for diploma in glaucoma funding?
- Lisa does Durham use optomanager for the cataract scheme or do they use NHS mail? Do we need to encourage practitioners to set up NHS mail?
- Go back to Northumberland CCG with the results of questionnaire and advise on uptake of WOPEC codes?

Craig

Dry eye pathway being developed with Mr Figuerido- meeting next week.

Newcastle are lead CCg so have a lot of influence in take up schemes such as MECS/Dry eye

AOB Naomi trying to sort out meeting with consultants who have an education meeting on a Wednesday once a month. Naomi will talk to them about GOS. Mr Shafiq and MR fig both keen.

Sarah raised issue of whether people are checking fastmail. Ian suggested could be forwarded to home e mail.

Stephanie reported contact with Borderline books in Pelaw, an organisation which distributes second hand books to disadvantaged groups and wondered if they could be brought on board to help could promote eye tests ? It was felt that the impact of this would not be quantifiable. LOC should be promoting eye exams for kids – would schools etc be better? There is a childrens' screening service in the area, which partially addresses the problem. LOC may look at primary education to target.

Simon Berry has reported GOS could be performed in special schools. Naomi will pass these ideas on to GOS subgroup to see how to promote GOS.

Childrens' scheme/ IOP refinement launch event may be combined with AGM? Lisa suggested CET event around Cataract/ eGOS

DONM. 19/3/19

All committee members will be invited to the next meeting, in advance of the AGM.
(14/5/19)
