LOC Minutes 12/01/2023

In attendance

Peter Bainbridge (Chair) PB

Peter Hampson (Secretary) PH

Louise Sarjeant (Treasurer) LS

Divya Sudera (Vice Chair) DS

Inderpal Bansal IB Jaspinderpal Bansal JB

Majid Jawaid MJ Saima Naroo SN

Wasim Sarwar WS Paul Sidhu PS

Abrar Zaman AZ

Nizz Sabir (LOCSU) NS

Apologies - David Wright

Conflicts of Interest - LS still missing MJ – MJ has been sent.

Minutes of previous meeting – Proposed as correct by SB, seconded by IB

Matters arising – nil

Nizz Sabir – LOCSU Lead

NS here to observe. LOCSU have needs analysis, if everyone can fill in the online form. Looks at key strategic objectives, succession planning, how LOCSU can support etc. send to LS for distribute. Can feedback at next session.

Chair’s Business

PB stepping down as Chair at next AGM. Lots of BC work is being done by others regionally (HWMOC), Lots of meetings, no real progress. Regional committee minutes has lots of info, can circulate those minutes. Received email saying we should invoice for next £50K for WFD money, so that has been submitted. Initially unsure if repeatable funding or one off. Received 2x £50K, and now hopefully another. Desire to make WFD long term, so repeated funding beneficial.

Secretary’s Business

PH action from regional meeting to write to IHI, want clarification about what we’re writing about and to whom. Initial disorganisation, patients not been given information leaflets. WS is it worth approaching local practices and asking for feedback?

IB we have issue with patients made to have STs with screening when not due.

PB we need to complain every time there is an issue. Can ask John Grayling (IHI) where complaints should be directed, but want to complain to Public Health.

PH ICS commission it, not PH? IB will bring to attention of David Brown @PH he might direct me elsewhere. PH if serious incident flag to commissioner, flag to IHI, and raise safeguarding incident. PH IHI will likely say it’s a provider issue.

PH should the complaint be raised low level as don’t have all the info, or raise at high level. PB professional courtesy, may be simple error, should be able to defend. PH if a system-wide issue then a different matter. Are our actions reasonable? PH to email IB with letter to send to IHI.

Primary Eyecare Services

WS attended Black Country clinical forum in Nov with others from region, discussed pathways. Not just ophthalmology, but they were struggling the most. Senior people in agreement that ophthalmology needs support and will be on agenda more. Attended BSOL meeting on glaucoma, but less positive the Black Country. Post op cataract priority at BMEC, RHH and Walsall Manor but they don’t have the necessary admin teams.

Opera updates, new CUES module in Summer. Can customise for different areas, eg bypassing telemedicine.

New commissioner due to be in post, no news.

IB analysis of referrals to BMEC, any more info? WS we did CPD on appropriate referrals. Practices saying referrals rejected less often. BMEC looking at internal processes, more triage staff to answer phones and deflect more patients to CUES. There will be another audit. Still seeing uncomplicated flashes and floaters sent to BMEC with no signs of tears/RD.

Local Workforce Development

DS received first set of applications, money has been allocated for all applications within the appropriate time. Due to meet again to talk about the next set of applicants for September intake. Next peer discussion Monday 30th January 2023 on ONHs.

Third one on OCT, PH writing it, fourth one on paediatrics.

ICS/PCN engagement

PB LS due to go to meeting on my behalf about Introduction to BC ICB Optometry on 31st January.

CPD Officer Update

WS planning CPD event in September. Likely to be @ The Village on 18th September.

Treasurers Business

LS we have ample reserves. The accounts are due to be ratified in advance of the AGM – need to organise.

AOB

IB been invited to participate in electronic referrals via Heartlands, on a platform called Trivice by Caprice health care. Like CUES, can add pictures, works well, shows if referrals accepted. No provision for GP copy, looking to see if can be incorporated. BMEC interested, PS Monmedical have won EeRS contract. PH ERS pilots ongoing. Trivice is third system in area. Says uses AI to reduce unnecessary referrals. If BMEC interested in competition to eRS and not Opera, potential for confusion and expense.

Date of Next Meeting

AGM 9th March 2023 – with peer discussion

Thursday 27th April 2023 @7pm – in person?

Actions

Everyone to fill in LOCSU needs analysis

PH/IB to email IHI