LOC Minutes 27/04/2023

In attendance

Divya Sudera (Chair) DS

Peter Hampson (Secretary) PH

Louise Sarjeant (Treasurer/Vice Chair) LS

Wasim Sarwar (CPD Officer) WS

Peter Bainbridge PB Jaspinderpal Bansal JB

Anisha Chowlia AC Paul Sidhu PS

David Wright DW Abrar Zaman AZ

Apologies – Inderpal Bansal, Majid Jawaid, Saima Naroo

Conflicts of Interest – No changes. New member AC to complete

Minutes of previous meeting – Proposed as correct by WS, seconded by PH

Matters arising – nil

PH – The committee would like to extend its thanks to PB for his time as Chair.

Election of Officers

Chair – DS stood unopposed, committee voted to elect DS as Chair

Secretary – PH stood unopposed, committee voted to elect PH as Secretary

Treasurer – LS stood unopposed, committee voted to elect LS as Treasurer

Vice Chair – LS stood unopposed, committee voted to elect LS as Vice Chair

CPD Officer – WS stood unopposed, committee voted to elect WS as CPD Officer.

SN co-opted as DO.

Chair’s Business - DS

Discussed need for EeRS leader, DS will continue to attend meetings for now. Cinapsis will provide the service. Have funding to help encourage use, practices will need to complete DSPT toolkit and DPIA and to have NHS.net email. Nizz Sabir (LOCSU) will help coordinate communication. Practice list for local members cleansed, but unaware of practices we don’t know about.

DS attended Midlands Regional Forum - engaged with other LOCs to see what they’re doing. Discussed managed clinical networks – presentations with ophthalmologists, talk about cases and communication. Discussed encouraging PCN engagement. CB had said it was useful. PS better to engage with LMCs?

LOCSU want to know about the tariffs for SLOC members, to coordinate across area. LOCs can share with other LOCs if desired.

WS LOC chair meeting in Birmingham about ICBs, SLOC and PES unaware of meeting. PB to forward any invitations to DS and to reply to invitations advising of change in chair role.

Secretary’s Business – PH

Leicester & Rutland have had MECS scheme decommissioned and some optoms now employed in GP practices to provide the service.

NHS changed levy payments for domiciliary visits. Rather than paying where service took place, paying where head office of company is. So all levy payments for Outside Clinic going to Wiltshire LOC. Need to monitory levy, in case needs to be raised.

Diabetic Screening

PH written a letter due to go to IHI about screening practices strongly encouraging patients to have STs with screening, and also ensuring if they’ve just had a screening, they should still have regular STs with their usual opticians.

JB patients unhappy about being sent to distant locations for screening, Is there a complaints procedure? PH will ask in letter.

Primary Eyecare Services – WS

Invited to meeting with IHI to talk about CUES in July and how to direct patients. AZ can use current triage form.

Due to talk to locum GPs in Dudley, some from Sandwell.

BMEC looking at referral guidance document, referral pathway and how to follow up. Can do for Sandwell alongside that. BMEC rejecting patients for eg. wet AMD if in RHH area.

Local Workforce Development

DS submitted CPD for next peer review on paediatrics. WFD funding - had 18 applications so far, deadline has been extended to 31st May. Maybe need to make it clearer that placements can organised through the WFD group.

ICS/PCN engagement

LS attended ICB introduction meeting. They’re going to send out an information pack with the structure and contacts. This group wasn’t for commissioning as such, but can influence.

CPD Officer Update -WS

Next CPD event 18th September, speakers booked, likely 10 CPD points.

Treasurers Business – LS

Payroll implemented, future meeting fees via payroll, apart from travel expenses etc. Need invoices monthly by 23rd of the month, LOC meeting payments will be made automatically. PS Dudley paying treasurer more due to increased workload. PH could switch secretary/treasurer fees currently, as LS does more work in current situation and no increase in cost to LOC. In future will need reviewing. Proposal to switch honorarium for current situation – committee agreed.

AOB

PB currently doing limited GOS work and little in the area. Committee decided it was valuable for PB to attend LOC meetings. Will review in one year.

PB can we look at remote log in for in-person meetings? PH in future can look at setting up link via ipad in future.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13th July 2023 @7pm – virtual