LOC Minutes 28/09/2023

In attendance

Divya Sudera (Chair) DS

Peter Hampson (Secretary) PH

Louise Sarjeant (Treasurer/Vice Chair) LS

Wasim Sarwar (CPD Officer) WS

Peter Bainbridge PB Inderpal Bansal IB

Jaspinderpal Bansal JB Majid Jawaid MJ

Saima Naroo SN Paul Sidhu PS

David Wright DW Abrar Zaman AZ

Apologies – Anisha Chowlia

Conflicts of Interest – All received, PH to review. No changes.

Minutes of previous meeting – Proposed as correct by PS, seconded by SN

Matters arising – Richard Stokes not attended for a number of meetings, LS to contact to see if he still wishes to be on committee.

Chair’s Business – DS

Regular meetings with BCICB. Meeting yesterday for optometry, pharmacy and dentistry to understand challenges and how they can help. ICB having to reduce staff, so may have impact.

Met with Claire Roberts about LEHN, who then had a meeting with Rebecca Woods. No progress yet.

Met with LDC representative, no reps from LMC or LPC. He mentioned an ICB away day in October, so may be able to network there.

Secretary’s Business – PH

Nil

Diabetic Screening

PH IHI attended HWMOC meeting. They’re happy with the service now teething problems ironed out. Looking at reducing optom locations. Will share patient feedback with them. Important to get patients to complain if there are issues. DS access to service main problem, may need to raise with ICB.

EeRS

DS go live date currently 23rd October. Trusts not fully engaged yet. NHSE due to engage with clinical leads. Need to contact practices to get email addresses, so we’re ready to go live. Need to identify 5/6 early adopters, if interested, let me know.

Feedback from Cambridgeshire very positive. Easy to use, no issues, locums can access through app.

Local Workforce Development

DS still have money to spend. Half was for higher education, half for local education. Any suggestions for CPD that local optoms may benefit from? Discussed options.

DS also looking at consultant-led grand rounds with real patients and FB workshop.

Primary Eyecare Services

WS at BC ophthalmology meeting talked about single point of access, PES can provide triage service. They discussed optoms being ‘biased’ in referring cataract patients to independent providers. Acute trusts want more cataract referrals. Wolverhampton and QE now doing HVLC cataracts. PB problem with trusts is they don’t keep us informed nor send our patients back to us afterwards.

GERS on agenda to expand to Walsall, Dudley and Sandwell, but no progress.

Birmingham has specific work groups discussing glaucoma pathway designs.

At CPD day did urgent eyecare discussion, lots of people weren’t doing CUES, so need to include more pathway protocols and what CUES is.

CPD Officer

WS CPD day last week, good attendance, minimal cancellations/DNAs. Taken on feedback re timings. Any suggestions for hotels/conference suites in Sandwell?

Treasurers Business – LS

LS still maintaining a years’ worth of reserves.

AOB

IB does BMEC have neuro-ophthalmology consultant? PS ask BMEC, find out where we should send patients. PH may need to complain about BMEC, becomes a risk if rejecting referrals and causing delays. May need to make formal complaint, to trigger certain processes. DS ICB are aware – will take back to regional committee.

DS NOC in November, anyone wish to go?

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14th December 2023 @7pm – in person

Action Points

PH to review C of I

LS to email RS

DS take BMEC concerns to HWMOC