LOC Minutes 29/02/2024

In attendance

Divya Sudera (Chair) DS

Peter Hampson (Secretary) PH

Louise Sarjeant (Treasurer/Vice Chair) LS

Wasim Sarwar (CPD Officer) WS

Inderpal Bansal IB Jaspinderpal Bansal JB

Anisha Chowlia AC Paul Sidhu PS

Abrar Zaman AZ David Wright DW

Apologies – Peter Bainbridge, Saima Naroo,

Conflicts of Interest – No changes.

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

Matters arising – Received replies from some committee members about roles within the LOC. Please could everyone complete the survey.

Chair’s Business – DS

LOCSU are redesigning model constitution. Attended listening events and LOCSU keen to support LOCs in their role. PS Wolverhampton presented suggestions, looking to have things in constitution that link to documents each LOC can produce eg, code of conduct. More flexibility for each LOC to create relevant document.

Monthly BC ICS meeting want to have more of a focus each meeting.

More engagement with ICB recently. Did some practice visits with the chief medical officer to show what optometry can do.

Had brief meeting with the primary care collaborative, WS did a presentation. GPs need to engage more with CUES. Maybe worth visiting local practices.

ICB engagement meeting, they’re carrying out primary care transformation, aware that isn’t not just GPs. Will start with pharmacy, then integrate optometry and dentistry.

Regional optical committee due to invite IHI to another meeting. If any further feedback about diabetic screening then let tell us.

EeRS - DS

Wolverhampton and Walsall next to roll out after Dudley. Seems to be working well. All of Dudley live now. Due meeting with BMEC tomorrow, on the build stage, but making progress.

Local Workforce Development - DS

Due more funding, half towards higher education, half towards locally organised events. Grand rounds last year a big success, need to allow access to all trusts and ISPs to provide CPD in this way. Looking to do a paediatric workshop at BMEC, a dispensing workshop at ABDO and hopefully a VR workshop.

Looking at managed clinical networks locally. WS Imran Masood from BMEC wants a pan-Birmingham MCN (managed clinical network).

DS MCNs are consultants sitting with local optoms, talking out local cases, Chatham house rules, open space to talk to consultants, help to get feedback and help create better referrals. Clinical lead who organises the events.

PH is it a more formal process for creating pathways and policies to maximise local resources or more peer review? DS hoping MCN will guide future pathways, but not currently. IB do the optoms get paid for participating in the MCN. PH if pathway redesign there would have to be funding for that and provision of pathway.

ICB organising funding for workforce transformation, five places for prof cert in Black Country and one IP, in Bham two higher certificates in glaucoma and four IP.

Secretary’s Business – PH

The specification for MECS/CUES has been changed from a service specification to a clinical specification. WS can use OCT as referral refinement following a sight test, and some different timeframes.

WS PES are working on a live patient choice tool on pre-cat module to show waiting times, hoping to be live in the summer. PS will there be a box to tick to evidence that you’ve offered patient choice. WS looking at a declaration.

Primary Eyecare Services -WS

Talking about GERS in Bham. BC commissioner looking at specs for cataract, CUES and glaucoma. Limited interactions from local hospitals. Post-cat in RHH imminent. First PES CPD talk on Monday evening about service delivery.

Some practices doing CUES regularly after a ST. Should be a rare occurrence on a case-by-case basis. IB patient shouldn’t be pressurised to make two separate trips, especially if elderly or mobility issues.

Due to do more ICB practice visits, trying to get funding for videos to advertise CUES to put in A&E and other places.

CPD Officer – WS

CPD Day 16th September at WBA ground.

Treasurers Business – LS

Expenses have increased this year to pre-Covid levels, however levy income hasn’t bounced back. PH ST volumes are down nationally.

Started process to change signatories, but no progress so will chase.

AOB

Nil

Date of Next Meeting

AGM - Wednesday 20th March 2024 - virtual

LOC meeting - Thursday 13th June 2024 – in person

Action Points

LS update signatories on bank account

Committee members to complete survey