**Wiltsire LOC Committee Meeting**

**12 July 2022**

**1930 hrs**

**Via Zoom**

**Recorded by:**

Carolyn Hudd

**Approved by:**

**Attendees:** Colin Gault, Martin Bull, Carolyn Hudd, Neelam Patel, Maddy Hocking, Tom Mogford, Alvaro Borges (LOCSU lead), Stuart Pell, Angela Davey

**Apologies**: Jamie Bowden, Tom Mogford

1. **Chairs Welcome**

Colin thanked everyone for attending.

No new conflicts of interest were declared.

**ACTION: Carolyn to circulate new ‘Conflicts of Interest’ forms to be completed and return for records.**

1. **AGM Round up**

Colin gave a brief roundup of the AGM.

1. **Amy Hughes, PES News**

Amy was unable to attend due to illness but Colin read an update via email:

* Work continues with Salisbury Hospital to commission a new Cataract Follow-up Service. The fee under discussion is £43. Currently, only Newmedica and SpaMedica pay practices a follow-up fee using Opera so this is a progressive project.
* Amy continued to request anomalies with PES and CUES are reported using the blue button in Opera. This will allow a proper management of reoccurring errors due to the information being collected in one place.
* Neelam added to the update to confirm she has now received her IP pad for prescriptions and so this project is now complete.

Colin spoke of Amy implementing a CUES re-launch in the very near future, particularly as Swindon had a very poor coverage. Angela confirmed Haines and Smith are in discussions with PES to potentially join CUES in at least 5 stores in the area.

1. **Alvaro Borges – LOCSU Update**
* LOCSU has set up new Treasurer events to educate and support LOC’s about the newly received confirmation that LOC Officers need to pay national insurance. There will be sessions on 19th and 21st July at 7pm.

**ACTION: Martin Bull to attend. If booking is full, Martin to email** **info@locsu.co.uk**

* ICS changes were implemented on 1st July 2022. ICBs replace CCGs
* Now the AGM season has completed, thoughts move towards updating the LOCSU Needs Analysis exercise. This is designed to plug holes and create and maintain goals for the coming years. Good practise will see LOC’s circulate a questionnaire amongst them and then complete a strategy day or evening to discuss the results.

**ACTION: Carolyn to circulate the LOCSU Needs Analysis Form for completion and to doodle poll the committee to find a date to put new practises in place.**

* Glaucoma Minimum Data Set as devised by BSW has been challenged in conjunction with the LOC and LOCSU who have reiterated that any requests outside the usual GOS test must be part of a remunerated referral pathway. Clarification that standard referrals will not be refused was obtained. It’s important that the service does not provide free services as this will be detrimental to future planning of commissioned services.
* The NOC will take place from 11-13th October in Leeds.

**ACTION: Colin to attend and one other to volunteer. Carolyn to request via email**

1. **GOC Call for evidence – Optician’s Act**

Alvaro explained the necessity for the LOC to respond to the GOC as a representative body to the community. The results of the community questionnaire that was circulated by Carolyn was analysed and the comments were in agreement with the committee. The response from the committee will be submitted by 18th July 2022 deadline

**ACTION: Angela Davey to submit the LOC’s response to the GOC call for evidence by Monday 18th July 2022**

1. **Appointment of Officers**

Chair – Colin Gault – Nominated by Martin Bull, Seconded by Stuart Pell, Unanimous Vote

Vice-Chair – Will be allocated at the next meeting

Treasurer – Martin Bull – Nominated by Colin Gault, Seconded by Neelam Patel

Lay Secretary – Carolyn Hudd – to remain the same via unanimous vote.

1. **AOB**

None

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

October 5th 2022, 730pm