**Wiltshire LOC**

**AGM**

**23 September 2020**

**1900 hrs**

**Recorded by: Carolyn Hudd**

**Signed by: Colin Gault, Chair**

**Attendees**

**Committee Members: Sarah West, John Leeman, Martin Bull, Paul Shimmel, Carolyn Hudd, Colin Gault, Alisha Dalely-Morris, Rob Hopwood, Neelam Patel**

**(See Attendance record for non-committee members)**

**Welcome**

Colin welcomed the virtual members and thanked everyone for attending the LOC’s first online event.

Drawing on the minutes of the last AGM, Colin reminded the group that the LOCSU levy remained constant last year following a vote to stay the same. Last year’s topic of conversation was based around community ophthalmology and Evolutio.

Moving forward 16 months and eye services finds itself in a completely new situation. With the arrival of COVID-19 many services were postponed and new ones developed. Having worked through safety concerns, we are now in a much more positive position to offer routine eye test and are well practised in the use of PPE and appropriate pre-screening, taking the pressure from hospitals.

Colin thanked Carolyn for her hard work during the lockdown that helped keep lines of communication open between Primary Eyecare Service and the Optical community.

The development of the CUES (Covid Urgent Eye Service), also developed a closer relationship with Wiltshire CCG and this has resulted in a better working relationship moving forward and with the intention of developing more community ophthalmology services.

Colin thanked the regional leads of the committee, Rob Hopwood, Paul Shimmel, Mark Jones and John Leeman for their hard work in creating a hub for their local regions providing CUES support and direction.

He also thanked Amar Shah (LOCSU Representative) and Amy Hughes (PES) for all their guidance and support during the unprecedented period.

**Wiltshire CCG**

Wiltshire CCG has now merged with Swindon and BANES to become BSW CCG. This will provide a more uniform approach across our region due to the number of hospitals we refer to in this area and given the good relationship that has developed over recent months, this should lead to a coordinated approach to community ophthalmology.

The Evolutio Community Ophthalmology scheme has now come to an end and a focus on Glaucoma and Post-Cat pathways is going to be the main focus in the immediate future. If commissioned, this service could be delivered via Primary Eyecare Services, CCG using the Opera platform.

**CUES**

CUES has played an important part in the fielding of emergency patients during the COVID crisis. Providers have been giving a great service. If any other practices would like to join the scheme then they should contact Amy Hughes (PES) at amy.hughes@primaryeyecare.co.uk or Carolyn at contact@wiltshireloc.org.uk

**National Optical Conference**

LOCSU will host this year’s NOC conference via a virtual set up. Between November 23 and December 4th 2020, there will be a series of hour and a half web events open to anyone on moulding the future of Ophthalmology.

**Future Developments**

The LOC will be looking to improve its structure during the coming year with the help of LOCSU. Currently there are 11 members on the LOC and these are a good representation of contractors and performers for balanced discussions and voting.

**New Members**

This year Neelam Patel, committee member, was due to come to the end of her term of service. However, with no other persons standing for election, Neelam was voted back on to the committee following her nomination by Martin Bull and Colin Gault.

A further position was available to fill the committee, and after nominations by Paul Shimmel and Rob Hopwood, Stuart Pell (CLO) of Haine & Smith Opticians was co-opted on to the committee. Stuart is also the ADBO lead for the South of England.

**Treasurers Report**

Martin gave the latest account balances which show healthy figures.

During lockdown, LOCSU hosted a virtual event to support the LOCs that may have been not receiving an income; however, other LOCs had a healthy balance too.

At the beginning of 2019, the account balance opened at £16,204

At the end of 2019, the account closed at £15,029

After a vote, it was decided to keep the LOCSU levy the same this year due to possible shared care services being implemented that may require the support of the LOC via training costs.

**AOB**

Colin stated the LOC is looking to hold a CET online event next year. More to come on this

No further questions were raised.

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