

## **AVON LOC MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Zoom Meeting**

**19.00**

#### **Present**

Ed Bickerstaffe (EB), Andrew Edwards (AE), Lynne Fernandes (LF), John Hopcroft (JH), Amy Hughes (AH), Mark Humphrey-Ali (MHA), Jennifer Ogidi (JO), Meera Patel (MP), Andrew Pinn (AP), Amar Shah (AS), Mona Thacker (MT), Gareth Whatley (GW).

#### **Guests:**

None

#### **Apologies**

Peter Turner

#### **Minutes of last meeting**

Approved

#### **Conflicts of interest**

EB – Optometrist at an independent practice in Wiltshire, AOP council member. Works for Wiltshire CCG optometrist led referral management centre.

AE- Owner of Bath Opticians.

LF- Owner of Lynne Fernandes Optometrists group of three practices, works for NHS England on behalf of LOC.

JH- Professional Services Manager for Boots Opticians and FODO board member.

AH – Locum optometrist. PhD student at the University of Bradford, currently in receipt of FODO funding.

PES CGPL South West.

MHA – Dispensing optician, owner and manager of Goldsmith and Harvey, local lead for ABDO.

JO - Director Mike Cees Opticians, piloted community eye service scheme for SG CCG (now part of the merged BNSSG CCG).

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MP- Director of Specsavers Bath. Newmedica run post-op cataract clinics once a month in Specsavers Bath.

AP- Partner in Andrew Pinn Optometrist, Director of PEC (Avon).

AS- Owner Keynsham Boots, business consultant and work with owners around UK. LOCSU Optical Lead.

Works with RNIB. Works at Bath RUH. Trustee with Vision West of England, J&J faculty associate.

MT – Locum working in practices across the BNSSG area and at the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

PT – Optometrist at Turners Opticians Bristol and the Bristol Eye Hospital. Community Ophthalmology Clinician Evolutio, Director of PEC (Avon).

GW – Resident optometrists Boots Bath Southgate, Senior Lecturer in Optometry University of West England

### **Matters arising**

This is an urgent meeting, called predominantly to discuss CUES and recovery across BaNES and BNSSG. Five days' notice of this meeting was given via the Avon LOC website, as required for urgent meetings in the LOC Constitution.

### **Actions agreed checklist**

#### **Actions agreed March 2020**

JH will publish key dates on Teams - Done

AP –to liaise with Paul Spry (Glaucoma) and Mark Stevens (Cataract) – Overtaken by events

MT to liaise with Bose and Rebecca Stevens (Med Ret, MECs, Paeds etc.), with support from LF Overtaken by events

AH –To reply to Andy Newton and ask about fast tracking of rolling out existing services across the historic CCG areas. Overtaken by events

AS Send LOCSU pathways to AP, MT and LF. Done

AH to send out materials and administrate AGM Done

AS and AH to test forms function before AGM. Not relevant – via Zoom

AS to discuss with LOCSU if there will be NHS E funding for LOCs given the stopping of GOS in the region Done, grant payment will not have levy.

### **Agenda:**

#### **1. CUES BSW (AS/AH)**

CUES is live in BSW as of today. We are the first area in the South, and the second in the country to go live with a newly commissioned CUES service.

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## **2. Recovery BSW (AS/AH)**

Discussions are underway with BSW CCG and the three hospital trusts in the region about shared care services to support recovery, and particularly glaucoma, as there will be a major backlog due to missed follow-up appointments during COVID.

## **3. CUES BNSSG (AS/AH)**

As yet, BNSSG CCG have not been keen to enter into a dialogue about commissioning CUES, citing that the BEH has capacity to see all urgent eye services. However, the hospital itself has expressed concern about the lack of urgent and emergency cases present to themselves. NHSE, The College of Optometrists and the Royal College of Ophthalmologists have all agreed on the need for a community based urgent eyecare service, and agreed a national service specification for the commissioning of this. As an LOC, we need to agree a response to the CCG. A robust response was proposed, seconded and motion carried.

*JH will edit and share the suggested response to BNSSG CCG*

*AS will send response to BNSSG CCG*

## **4. Recovery BNSSG (AS/AH)**

AS and AH joined a meeting with BEH speciality leads and optometrists who practice in both the community and hospital to discuss community shared care services during recovery, particularly looking at glaucoma and medical retinal imaging in the community. Initially, patient care would be a partnership between HES and community and be based around imaging and data gathering. Further on, there was interest in exploring discharging full care of some patients to practitioners with appropriate additional qualifications. We offered to share the LOCSU pathways and some basic data on equipment and higher qualifications, taken (and fully anonymised) from the EOI CUES data. There was some discussion on whether this data should be shared, and whether this would support our aims in the commissioning of shared care services or not. This may become a moot point as the BNSSG equipment data appears at first glance to be very incomplete. The decision was made to offer the data, if complete enough to be useful, with the option of carrying out a more thorough survey of equipment once conversations around pathways, costs etc have moved further on.

## **5. AGM (AH)**

The AGM will be held this Wednesday via Zoom.

*AS will look into setting up a survey to vote on LOCSU membership during the meeting (with a backup of vote by show of hands/yes or no in comments etc.*

*AH to send a final reminder and circulate Zoom link.*

## **6. AOB**

### **Actions agreed**

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**Next meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 via Zoom**