

AVON LOC MEETING

Minutes

Monday 3rd August

Zoom Meeting

19.00

Present

Gordon Batham (GB), Ed Bickerstaffe (EB), Lynne Fernandes (LF), John Hopcroft (JH), Amy Hughes (AH), Mark Humphrey-Ali (MHA), Andrew Pinn (AP), Amar Shah (AS), Gareth Whatley (GW).

Guests:

None

Apologies

Andrew Edwards (AE), Jennifer Ogidi (JO), Meera Patel (MP), Mona Thacker (MT),

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

Actions agreed June 2020

AH will look into the options of separating mailing lists on the free version of Mailchimp Done – can be done using tags. **Done, is possible on free version**

AH to share BSW and/or BSW CUES data (TBC with PES) once available **WIP – Once I have completed July's data I will check with PES what can be shared**

AH will email Rhys expressing this concern and asking for clarification around the way this phone line will now be manned. **Done. Rhys reassured now manned by dedicated staff member every day**

AH to send out updated BEH ED and urgent eyecare comms to mailing list **Done**

AH to send out follow-up comms for EOI **Done**

AH and MT to liaise about need for follow-up calls to practices **Decided not needed at this stage**

AH will contact DOS services to discuss NHS 111 are not directing patients to nearest CUES practice and/or are not offering patient choice of practice. Done – confirmed should always offer the closest 2 practices

AH will circulate antibody testing information as soon as received **Done**

AH/AP/AE to send any information relevant to data officer role to MP. **AH – done, contacted LOCSU for support on role – Done**

AH to speak to Lisa Fisher to discuss postponing joint event and let the venue know. **Done**

MHA will send a redacted copy of the letter and AH will share with Bose and Rebecca at the BEH. MHA has shared redacted letter. **Done Decided not to share at this point as situation has moved on**

AE will speak to GB about ability to connect into remote meetings **Done**

Agenda:

1. GOS/NHSE Update (AS)

The sage continues! It is thought that practices who are seeing 40% of pre-COVID GOS will receive 60% as a grant, but this has not been confirmed as yet.

There are two sets of comms/statements depending whether the practice submits on paper or eGOS. This means some practices may get two separate statements, so we need to advise to wait until they have had both before reporting any issue. PSCE/NHSE seem to be bouncing queries back and forth. If there are any issues, practices need to raise with PSCE online, get a case number then feed back to AS if not resolved in a few days. Nikki Holmes, NHS SW – meeting now fortnightly and moving to monthly. Nikki Holmes has requested a meeting to discuss the next NHSE optical letter this week.

2. BNSSG

2.1 Urgent eyecare (AS)

A recruitment advert has gone out for ED consultant.

Antibody testing – AS has not heard of anyone getting an appointment yet.

BSW – testing has started.

2.2 Proposed community services (AS/AP)

Two services are being considered by the BEH, med ret and glaucoma. They have requested proposed fees from the community. AS has asked for further information on what the budget is and what the hospital receives to provide the service. Various key people have been on holiday but is moving along steadily.

3. BaNES

3.1 CUES (AH)

BSW continues to run well, the CCG are very positive about the service and are hoping to extend it.

Currently the contract runs until the 30th September 2020 and a case has been made to the Executive Board to extend the contract.

3.2 Post-cat (AS/AH)

Discussions have now moved from the CCG to the Trust and we seem to be making some progress.

3.3 Consultant Connect SFH

Salisbury want community optometry to use Consult Connect for advice and guidance. There is some lack of clarity around information governance. Every practice in BSW has been phoned asking for email and principal optometrist. Consultant Connect has less functionality than Opera. Although this only affects practices who refer to Salisbury at present, it may have a knock on effect in BaNES going forward.

4. Sight and Sound Low Vision Webinar (AH on behalf of MT)

MT has asked the committee to agree on a few dates for the Sight and Sound Low Vision Webinar. 9th, 16th or 23rd of September proposed. *AH will pass dates to MT.*

5. AOB

- Declarations of conflict of interest are now due. *AH will circulate, all committee members to complete.*
- Optical update letter from NHSE expected this week.
- UWE Clinical supervisor advert has gone out.

Meeting ends 7.37

Next meeting Monday 5th October

AH will pass dates for Sight and Sound Webinar to MT.

AH will circulate declaration of interest forms, all committee members to complete.