

AVON LOC MEETING**MINUTES****Monday 3rd February 2020****The Kensington Arms, Stanley Road, Redland****18.15 for 18.30****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:

Beverley Haworth, Models of Care Development Lead, Primary Care Development Team, BNSSG CCG.

Dr Geeta Iyer, Clinical Lead, Primary Care Development Team, BNSSG CCG

Max Halford, Optical Lead, LOCSU

Apologies

None

Minutes of last meeting

Add discussion around Optometrists ASP under AOB

Otherwise 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).

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

None

Actions agreed checklist

Actions agreed December 2019

AE to finalise and send letter to Tom Rhodes **Done**

AH to finalise and circulate Needs Analysis **Done**

JH to send AH references for included figures. **Done**

AH to send PCN engagement letter to all BNSSG and BaNES PCN Leads. **Done**

AH to make contact with Beverley Haworth **Done**

MT to plan joint education event with LPC **WIP – On agenda**

AH to send out a save the date for BEH education event **Done**

AP to suggest a meeting with EGTC **Done – nothing back as yet**

AP will publish a short update on cataract post-op (also forward to AH to include in newsletter) **Done**

AH will contact Julian at New Medica and invite them to sponsor and provide CET for the AGM **Done**

MT to check availability and get quote from Bristol Cricket Ground – AGM **Done – On agenda**

GW will look into catering and parking options at UWE – AGM **Done – On agenda**

AH will collate first Avon LOC newsletter **WIP – waiting for final items and links into website**

AS to discuss removing log in from website **Done**

*AE and JH will send BaNES update to AH to add to newsletter. **Outstanding***

AS will write a brief bulletin reminding practices to use code to register for eGOS – **No longer relevant.**

1. Beverley Haworth and Dr Geeta Iyer, BNSSG CCG (20 mins)

Beverly Hawarth and Dr Geeta Iyer are from the BNSSG Primary Care Development Team. The BNSSG 2016 Primary Care Strategy is being updated/refreshed after the 2018 CCG Merger.

There was a launch event in June 2016 including over 100 stakeholders (AS and AH attended in behalf of Avon LOC)

Primary Care includes optometrists, dentists, pharmacists, not just GPs.

A Primary Care Working Group has been set up with representatives from Bris Doc, the LMC, the LDC, the PPC and Sirona Health.

We indicated that the LOC should be included in this group going forward.

The Primary Care Strategy needs to fit within Healthier Together (the local STP). There are 13 organisations including ambulance, GPs and the voluntary sector who have all signed up to work together. Under this, there are 10 priority streams.

The strategy is going through its final approval process with professionals and the public.

The strategy document has been shared with the agenda, there is also a summary document being written.

The strategy will then move into delivery/implementation.

The membership of working groups is being considered and expanded.

In April 2019 all Primary Care Contracts changed.

The previous Primary Care Strategy focussed mainly around commissioning. The new strategy is not commissioning focussed, but focussed on making the best use of the resources available.

An example was given of a service in Dudley where weight loss, BP and smoking cessation advice is given within optometry practices; similar model to a Healthy Living Pharmacy.

The priority areas are work force, models of care, infrastructure and quality and resilience.

Timescales can be found in the appendix of the Primary Care Strategy Document.

It is important to keep momentum going. There is a lot of support being offered to PCNs and the desire is for PCNs to work together as a system, PCNs are not in a position to commission, There are certain specifications that PCNs will have to offer; these are still in draft.

Eyecare is not in discussion at PCN level, this needs to come through the strategy group.

It was pointed out that MECs is long-established in many areas nationally, not in discussion stages as stated in strategy document.

The process is in its infancy but has to start somewhere.

The advice was that there was no benefit for us to do any more than introduce ourselves to PCNs. We should continue to engage where opportunity arises. There is no real incentive to engage with eyecare at this time.

2. BNSSG update (AS/AP 5 mins)

2.1. BEH update, including referral guidelines update and BNSSG event (AP/LF, 5 mins)

The BNSSG Ophthalmology Pathway event was successful with good attendance and positive feedback. Andy Newton was very positive. Ideally community optometrists would like events like this to be held more regularly.

AH to collate BNSSG event feedback forms

Cataract Patient Informed Decision Leaflet – pilot has ended and we await the data. AE and AP will attend a meeting in March.

There are no other BNSSG CCG meetings in the diary at present.

Margaret Kemp is in the process of producing a patient experience document about community follow-up services.

AP will seek some clarification on patient experience document then circulate.

The BEH referral documents are now live on Remedy.

AS to remove current referral guidelines from website and replace with a link to the new guidelines.

2.2 Bristol cataract follow-up (AP, 5 mins)

Need to make sure there is clear information on the newsletter on both the Bristol and Newmedica post-op services.

2.3 Newmedica post-op event (AP/AH 5 mins)

Wednesday 11th March 2020 6.30 to 9pm, Litfield House Medical Centre.

It was questioned whether practitioners need to attend the event to provide the service.

AH will check with Wendy at PES

2.4 Bristol glaucoma service (PT 5 mins)

PT not at meeting

2.5 North Somerset RRs Service (AH 5 mins)

Nothing new to report

3. PCN engagement

3.1 Integrated Care Provider Meeting (AS/AH 5 mins)

AS and AH attended. Led by Dr Simon Bradley of One Care, the BNSSG GP federations to which all but one GP surgeries in the area belong. The basis of the meeting was to collaborate not compete, and it included members of the LMC, LPC, LDC and Sirona Health.

The 6 current GP localities are to merge into the ICP which should be fully in place by April 2021. It seems likely that the GPs will continue to work in these existing localities.

One priority is to gather data on work force, work type, work place, work load and context and history.

It was decided that each group should provide a summary of work and current contact to increase understanding.

The next relevant meeting is at BAWA on Thursday 20th Feb GMC and One Care – AH will attend.

3.2 Meeting with Bristol Inner City PCN (AE 5 mins)

The conversation included introducing the existence of the LOC, who we are and what we can do (MECs etc.), how the GOS contract works. For example, patients who are diagnosed with hypertension should have an eye examination but Dr Klinkenberg was not aware of GOS testing intervals. Two key areas where optometry could be involved: Urgent Care and

Frailty (e.g. Falls). Dr Klinkenberg deals with all referrals coming into the practice. ERS being rolled out region by region from April 2020.

There was a suggestion that we could contact practice managers regarding the role of the LOC as they organise the practice meetings. On hold for now.

3.3 South Glos Locality Board (AH 5 mins)

Tuesday March 17th 2-5pm, Concord medical Centre. As and AH will attend

3.4 BNSSG STP (Gemma Self) (LF 5 mins)

LF has emailed Gemma Self - ICS

3.5 Progress with other PCNs (AH 5 mins)

All PCN leads have had an email and follow-up letter. No further action for now.

4. Needs Analysis

4.1 Introduction from Max Halford (MH, 5 mins)

Max is the LOCSU Optical Lead for the South West. LOCSU have been very focused on commissioning over the last few years, and since some of this work has moved over to PES they are refocussing on core LOC support. This support is for all areas identified on the Needs Analysis. LOCSU representatives do still attend commissioning meetings until a contract is signed, at which point this work moved to PES.

Max is involved in the Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning (CCEHC), an independent advisory body producing evidence-based national clinical leadership, advice and guidance to policy makers in health, social care and public health, and those commissioning and providing eye health services in England.

NHS England has now split in to 7 regions and LOCSU want to group LOCs into groups reflecting these regions. 24th March – South West Regional Symposium to bring all LOC Chairs in the South West together.

Outpatients Transformation Plan: A reduction of 30% in hospital outpatient appointments, saving 1 billion pounds in the next 5 years. As ophthalmology accounts for such a large number of outpatient appointments, there will be a lot of ophthalmology/optometry content.

4.2 Review of Needs Analysis actions and progress (AH 10 mins)

Max has looked through our Needs Analysis and the top 5 suggestions align closely with the committee's findings:

1. Active in local STP/ICS groups
2. Engage with LPC and LMC
3. Engage with regional forums
4. Website
5. Effective, contributing committee.

5. BaNES update (AE, 10 mins)

There has been a reply from Tom Rhodes confirming that while the CCG want all optometrists to send referrals into the Evolutio system, they are not obligated to do so.

AS and AH will attend a meeting tomorrow with Lauraine Jones, Commissioning Manager (Acute and Planned Care) BSW CCG to discuss eyecare in BSW (BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire).

The Evolutio clinic in Widcome Surgery has opened.

6. AGM (AH/MT 10 minutes)

6.1 Venue and date

Wednesday 20th May 2020

Bristol Cricket Ground – Venue Hire £200 (reduced from £400), food around £13 per head.

Newmedica had committed £500 sponsorship

UWE – venue hire free, catering £13 per head. Maximum capacity 32. Clinical demonstration equipment available.

It was agreed that the Cricket Ground would be more suitable for the AGM due to larger capacity, however the LOC and UWE are keen to plan an event there in the near future.

MT to confirm Cricket Ground booking.

AH to send out invites to AGM

6.2 CET

Stuart Wellings can provide a lecture with discussion workshop/discussion workshop (3 CET points) for £200.

Topics discussed – agreed that paed/BV would be best as this came up from feedback at Peer Discussion event.

MT to book CET for AGM (confirm that SW will handle CET application and declaration)

MT to apply for DOCET funding for AGM

6.3 Schedule and materials

AH to prepare AGM schedule and contact AS and AP for materials

AH will contact committee members due to stand down for re-election at AGM

7. CET

7.1 Joint pharmacy event (MT/AH, 5 mins)

MT spoke to Bose at BNSSG event and she is interested in speaking at event.

MT will contact Richard Brown of the LPC again

7.2 Ophthalmology Symposium (LF 5 mins)

Nuffield Health are keen to run an Ophthalmology Symposium at their hospital

LF will suggest a date in March

7.3 Review of CET schedule for the year, and how best to share key dates with committee (MT/AH, 5 mins)

MT has produced a list of key events over the year. This needs to be published as a document that all committee members can add to and edit.

JT will publish key dates as an editable document

7.4 List of venues for future CET (MT/AH, 5 mins)

JH to add a list of potential future CET venues to the key dates document

- UWE
- 2 Clifton Park (SWES)

8. Website (AS 5 mins)

Will shortly go live without log in

AH to finalise and send out LOC newsletter once website live

9. PSCE/Capita (AS 5 mins)

Nothing new to add

10. AOB

- **HCPC – Health Care Professional Council**

Professional body of occupational therapists, orthoptists etc. May be useful to make links.

GW to find out whether HCPC have a local council and if so make contact.

- **National pharmacy contract**

Red and watery eyes have been added to the National Pharmacy Contract meaning that 111 will now direct these patients to pharmacy.

- **Optometrist ASP**

Looking for help finding a practice to do some supervised testing. Has sent request letter to various practices in the area. AS will suggest that out of area practices are approached.

- **Specsavers MiniPAC 2020**

CET conferences run across the country including Bristol. There are 4 free places available to LOC members. MT will share details on WhatsApp group and members welcome to book on a first come, first serve basis.

- **BaNES practice visits**

Melissa Kendall-Mines (NHSE Contract Manager) will be doing practice visits looking at QIO and records.

Meeting closed 21.37

Next meeting Monday 30th March 2020

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