

AVON LOC MEETING

Minutes

Monday 4th December 2017

The Kensington Arms, Stanley Road, Redland

18.30 for 18.45

Present

Ed Bickerstaffe (EB), Andrew Edwards (AE), Lynne Fernandes (LF), John Hopcroft (JH)

Amy Hughes (AH), Mark Humphrey-Ali (MHA), Anne-Ita McHugh (AM), Jennifer Ogidi (JO), Andrew Pinn (AP), Meera Patel (MP), Amar Shah (AS), Peter Turner (PT).

Guests

None

Apologies

None

Minutes of last meeting

Approved.

Declarations of conflicts of interest

LF- has 3 practices, works for NHS England on behalf of LOC, AH works for LF as locum.

AE- Owns independent practice in Bath

AS- Owns Keynsham Boots, is business consultant and work with owners around UK. Trustee for Bath Area Play Project and Butterflies Haven, consultant to the Macular society and associate school governor in Easton. Works with RNIB.

JH- Works for Boots and is a Director of a PEC in London

AM- Director SS, Vice Chair of LHN, Regional Chairperson for the Bristol/Gloucester region for Specsavers

JO - Director Mike Cees Opticians, Piloted Community eye service scheme for SGCCG.

AP- Independent Optom, owns practice, Director LOC Company

MP- Director Specsavers Bath

AH – Locum optometrist, works for LF. PhD student at the University of Bradford, currently in receipt of iPro funding from the College of Optometrists.

EB – Optometrist at an independent practice in Wiltshire, Director of the AOP. Works for Wiltshire CCG optom led referral management centre.

MHA – DO and manager Goldsmith and Harvey.

Matters arising.

Kerri Thomas has stood down from her position as co-opted DO member with immediate effect. The committee thanks Kerri for her dedicated work over her time on the committee.

Actions agreed – October 2017

AH to correct typos in August minutes and upload to LOC website. **Done**

AH to email AS to chase Richard Whittington RE contact information the operational lead at the University Hospital Bristol NHS Trust **WIP**

AH to circulate Dofl among the committee. **Done**

AE to draft a further letter to the BANES GP who is not following local referral pathway. **Done. Referrals are now being accepted so no further action required at this time.**

AH to liaise with JH to confirm all signed up candidates attended MECs accreditation, and the split between BANES/Bristol candidates and to follow up with AP RE invoicing. **Done/on agenda**

AH to add MECs as agenda item for next meeting. **Done.**

JH and MP to continue engagement process with BNSSG STP. **WIP/On agenda**

AP to email out via Alison to find out if problems with the post cataract scheme are affecting other practitioners. **Done/on agenda**

LF to email R+R guide to AE, AH will email AE BANES updates identified at last meeting. Upload to website once complete. **Done.**

AP to email BEH and Bristol CCG for further clarification on the letters coming out from the BEH regarding delays in cataract surgery. **Done/on agenda**

1. NOC briefing (AS, 10 mins)

A full briefing document has been distributed.

EGOS (Electronic GOS forms) will be launched in 2018. AS has secured a commitment for funding for a local information event. As many practitioners need to be reached as possible, plan to email and write to practices, then ask Alison to follow up with phone calls. May be able to approach NHS England to use their email list. Need to make sure that every effort has been made to engage practitioners and have a clear record of this engagement. Look into the option of filming the session so those who cannot attend have access. Possibly aim for an event early in the year then revisit at AGM.

AE will liaise with Capita regarding funding for this event.

LF to liaise with NHS England regarding them using their email list to reach practitioners.

There was no formal guidance on the new glaucoma guidelines.

2. PECs Southern (PT/AP 10 mins)

MoU signed last week by AS and PT. Chris Newall will act as our clinical lead on the board, a function he already performs for Dorset LOC. PT and AP will act as Avon LOC liaison and this arrangement will be reviewed after 6 months.

AH to email Chris Newall Avon LOC meeting dates for 2018.

3. Bristol glaucoma /NS repeat measures update, including NICE guideline changes (PT, 10 mins)

PT has been liaising with the CCG who are reviewing the revised NICE guidelines. The best advice to give practitioners is therefore a WIP (there is already advice available through other sources e.g. the AOP) and we await further clarification. These changes may delay the repeat measures contract renewal.

AH to add as an agenda item for February's meeting.

4. Bristol CCG merger (PT/AP, 5 mins)

Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire will merge into a Super CCG in March 2018.

5. Bristol cataract follow-up update (AP, 10 mins)

AP and PT have had a meeting with Bristol CCG. A firm case was made about the dissatisfaction with the scheme so far.

The feedback from practitioners was presented and this was useful to reinforce the difficulties that the scheme is posing in practices.

The payment made to the BEH for an outpatient appointment has been reduced from £62 to £53, which may prompt more discharge onto the scheme.

The letters send out chasing patients who had not been signed off as seen on the scheme (but not including the Medisoft pin) will not be sent again.

The wording in the letter being sent to patients regarding delays to being given an appointment has been changed. It now states that the patient will receive an appointment within a few weeks, and to contact the BEH directly if they have not received an appointment within 6 weeks.

The second eye referral process and been agreed and is just waiting to be signed off.

There are still patients arriving in practice for GOS eye examination who have not been discharged onto the scheme but have not yet been seen for their follow-up at the hospital. This continues to place practitioners in a difficult clinical position.

AP will draft an update to circulate to practitioners.

6. MECs (JH, 5 mins)

MECs practical accreditation 1st October 2017 in Bath.

16 Practitioners attended of whom 10 were Bristol based, 5 Bath based and 1 external.

As this event was not well attended, we will wait until we have sufficient numbers of interested practitioners before running the next session. Future sessions will likely run in Bristol as these had better attendance, and even when run in Bath the majority were Bristol practitioners.

JH will start a waiting list for those who wish to attend MECs practical accreditation.

7. BNSSG STP (JH/MP, 5 mins)

A letter has been drafted. The STP have no legislative power, and these is unlikely to be new commissioning while the CCG merger takes place.

JH will send engagement letter to BNSSG STP

8. BANES update (AE, 5 mins)

AE will meet with the new lead in a few weeks and try to get things moving again.

9. AOB

- AS will be away from his LOC role for 6 weeks from January 2018. PT will take over his duties and be acting Chair for this period.

- The UWE engagement event was well attended. The GOC approval meeting is in January 2018, PT will attend. Further engagement is needed with those practices who could not attend the event but are interested in being involved with placement.

- Can LOCSU provide us with codes for other WOPEC codes to help practitioners achieve CET (e.g. Low Vision)?

AH to contact CN regarding WOPEC codes

Meeting closed 19.45

Next meeting: Monday 5th February 2018 18.30 for 18.45 at The Kensington Arms, Stanley Road, Redland.

Actions agreed

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LF to liaise with NHS England regarding them using their email list to reach practitioners about EGOS.

AH to email Chris Newall Avon LOC meeting dates for 2018.

AH to add NICE glaucoma guidelines changes as an agenda item for February's meeting.

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