

AVON LOC MEETING

Minutes

Monday 4th June 2018

The Kensington Arms, Stanley Road, Redland

18.30 for 18.45

Present

Amar Shah (AS), Ed Bickerstaffe (EB), Andrew Edwards (AE), Lynne Fernandes (LF), Amy Hughes (AH), Anne-Ita McHugh (AM), Jennifer Ogidi (JO), Andrew Pinn (AP), Meera Patel (MP), Peter Turner (PT).

Guests

Millie Miller, Primary Care Support England (PCSE)

Apologies

John Hopcroft (JH), Mark Humphrey-Ali (MHA), Chris Newall

Minutes of last meeting

Approved.

Declarations of conflicts of interest

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

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 (now part of the merged Bristol CCG).

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, AOP council member. Works for Wiltshire CCG optom led referral management centre.

MHA – DO and owner and manager of Goldsmith and Harvey.

Matters arising.

None

Actions agreed April 2018

AH to arrange follow-up with CN - **Done**

AE to seek further information re RUH cataract lists then email out to BANES practitioners. **Only affects Wiltshire, no further action required.**

JH to check the accuracy of statements regarding post-op cataract scheme with Devon LOC and report back. **Done**

AH to send details of Glaucoma Working Group meeting to JH. **Done**

AE to follow up with Millie Miller. **Done**

AH to email LOCSU to find out how often the LOC Induction Course will be offered. **Done**

JH to find out whether a LOCSU representative is attending the Allied Health Professionals Day and can report back. **Done.**

JH will send information about the Patient Survey for Diabetic Eye Services to practitioners via Alison. **Done**

PT to send AH MHRA website information to circulate – **Deadline passed, no longer relevant**

All members – to send a few lines to AS about their work for the LOC over the last year to be included in the Chair's Report. **Done**

1. Millie Miller (PCSE)

Future service developments for ophthalmic payments; a move to electronic processes to reduce environmental impact, reduce supplies and postage costs and to monitor status or claims and statements electronically.

eGos is the new electronic systems for those practices who use Practice Management Systems (PMS), and will provide an interface between PMS and PCSE systems to allow claims to be submitted electronically. No launch date as yet, work ongoing with the various PMS providers and multiples.

PSCE Online will offer a web-based option for submitting GOS forms, where similar information to that on the paper forms is entered and submitted online. This option should be rolled out late summer 2018.

Paper forms will continue to be available, in a redesigned and modernised format.

Millie's colleague Joanna Berkeley has been visiting independents across the region introducing the new system.

AH – to circulate information to practitioners.

2. Election of officers (AS, 5 mins)

Chair – AS proposed, seconded, elected.

Treasurer – AP proposed, seconded, elected.

Vice-chair – PT proposed, seconded, elected.

Secretary – AH proposed, seconded, elected.

3. GDPR (including email accounts and website privacy policy) (AS/PT, 15 mins)

Peter Turner will take on the position of data lead.

Website privacy policy has been updated and emails sent to subscribers.

A data audit is underway – *AP/JO/AM/LF to complete*

PT to write Avon LOC data policy.

Discussion around benefits of having Avon LOC email accounts, rather than emails being forwarded to committee members' personal accounts. Proposed 5 email accounts; info@ (secretary), chair@, treasurer@, vice-chair@, BANES@ or similar. Access so other members can monitor during holidays etc.

AS to look at Google Groups with a view to setting up email accounts.

Further discussion about the management of the data base will take place once the data audit has been completed.

4. BANES update (AE, 5 mins)

Sam Brinn is now in position and engaging with the LOC. BANES JCC (Joint Commissioning Committee) have approved a community eyecare service in principle and we can go ahead and develop a service specification.

Interest has been expressed in a referral centre similar to the Wiltshire model, with the suggestion that 1 day per week would be enough to cover the whole of BANES (in Wiltshire, covering a similar area, there is 4 times this cover).

In Wiltshire, who have close links with BANES, Evolutio are offering a community ophthalmology service and this is the model we are likely to be competing against in BANES. Evolutio are running a community engagement event in Devizes this Thursday, *MP is attending and will report back.*

LOCSU/PECS Southern should see this as an opportunity to test a competing service specs against Evolutio, so should be heavily involved throughout the process.

AE/JH to write BANES service spec, with LOCSU/PEC Southern involvement.

5. PECs Southern (PT/AP 5 mins)

Progress still heavily influenced by CCG merger. Moving the South Glos scheme contract to PEC Southern is on hold.

Mark Simms and Andy Newton are both leaving their current positions.

6. Bristol glaucoma /NS repeat measures update (PT, 10 mins)

Bristol repeat measures: IOP thresholds changed. Analysis of scheme paused by CCG due to merger.

Monitoring scheme: Patients with IOP of under 24 and normal discs and fields: a pathway or be drafted to discharge from community follow-up.

Patients with IOPs of 24 and over: Likely need to be referred back into the HES for updated management plans/to be offered treatment. Currently a WIP, being widely discussed at high levels in the BEH.

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

No new updates to report.

The last accreditation was March 2017 and this should be offered annually. However, this is difficult to achieve as the IGT parts of the training are now obsolete and Mark Simms and Andy Newton are both leaving their current positions. Proposed that a session be run to offer accreditation to new practitioners without the clinical governance parts, e.g. new practitioners will be able to register at practices that are already part of the scheme, but new practices will not be able to register on the scheme. *AP will suggest this to Mark Simms and Andy Newton and try to get signed off before they leave their positions.*

8. Safeguarding (AS, 5 mins)

Fay Kamara is Safeguarding Assurance Manager for South Central, keen to increase awareness. Interested in running an event, we have stressed that there would need to be CET available to attract good numbers of practitioners.

Fay will produce a one page summary of safeguarding contacts etc. in BANES that we can then share with practitioners. Her colleague in Bristol can provide the same information for Bristol practitioners.

9. AGM (AH, 5 mins)

Excellent sponsorship and talk from Sarah, but disappointing turnout of 19 compared to 47 last year. Likely affected by other events arranged on the same evening and lack of CET. Add to the agenda from December meeting to allow more time to arrange CET.

10. Facilitated induction programme (AH, 5mins)

Next programme begins 11th June, MP has registered to part.

11. AOB

- AH out of office 2nd July – Fri 20th July
- Wessex Local Medical Committee have contacted Bath GP and advised him to allow optometrists to refer to HES via GP.

Meeting closed 20.45

Next meeting: Monday 6th August 2018 18.30 for 18.45 at The Kensington Arms, Stanley Road, Redland.

Actions agreed

AH – to circulate electronic payment information to practitioners.

AP/JO/AM/LF to complete data audit and return to PT.

PT to write Avon LOC data policy.

AS to look at Google Groups with a view to setting up email accounts.

MP to report back from Evolutio event in Wiltshire.

AE/JH to write BANES service spec, with LOCSU/PEC Southern involvement.

AP to discuss cataract post-op accreditation with Mark Simms and Andy Newton

