

## Hampshire LOC

### Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday 10 December 2019

Causeway Business Centre  
Causeway House  
158 The Causeway  
Petersfield GU31 4LW

1.	<b>Welcome:</b>  Helena Jenkins-Hewes (Leightons Andover)	<b>Action</b>
	<b>Present:</b>  Anthea Reid,, Anne Gill (Vice Chair), Roisin Carruthers, Denise Connor, Bryony Allen, , Adam Knizat, Bill Vance, Gina Graham and Masooma Kassam	
	<b>In attendance:</b>  Ian Silk	
2.	<b>Apologies:</b>  Helen Haslett (LOCSU), , Steve Rowley, Sean Matthews, David McCluskey, Kirsty Adlem – PCSE and Helen Wardle - NHSE	
3.	<b>Declaration of Members Interests:</b>  Anthea Reid declared an interest regarding her working a session for Care UK in Portsmouth.	
4.	<b>To Approve Minutes</b>  03 September 2019 - Minutes of Meeting were approved as read.	
5..	<b>Matters arising not on the agenda:</b>  Action points from previous meeting had been addressed or were included in this meeting	
6.	<b><u>Updates:</u></b>	
6.1	<b><u>PCSE</u></b> There was no representative and the update was sent out with the agenda. The update is included in the additional notes; There was no further comment from the committee.	
6.2	<b><u>NHS England – South (Wessex) update</u></b>  There was no representative and Ian provided the update. Contractors should now have finished QIO and if any haven't NHS England will be chasing those practices.  Contractors who change contact details should notify NHSE via the following email as soon as possible since there will be more information regarding changes to the	

	<p>regional team coming out in due course. Email: <a href="mailto:england.wessexoptometry@nhs.net">england.wessexoptometry@nhs.net</a></p> <p>Telephones in the team have now been decommissioned therefore best way of making contact is via the admin line: 02380 513985 or email: <a href="mailto:england.wessexoptometry@nhs.net">england.wessexoptometry@nhs.net</a></p> <p>There was no further comment from the committee</p>	
	<p><b>Resolution for any representatives of NHS Commissioning Board, PCSE and CCG's to be excluded from the remainder of this meeting, having regard to confidential nature of the discussion to be transacted.</b></p>	
6.3	<p><u>LOC Chair</u></p> <p>In the absence of the Chair, Anne Gill readout the Chairman's report including feedback from the NOC, the Away Day and the Strategic Plan. The Chair's report is in the additional notes. .Minor amendments were suggested for the Strategic Plan which Ian will implement.</p> <p>As requested by the Chair there was a discussion around whether or not the LOC should be subscribing to the Central Optical Fund following recent correspondence sent by LOCSU. It was decided unanimously that there was no requirement or benefit for the LOC to be subscribing and the matter was closed.</p> <p>A link to the Open Sight Information Hubs will be added to the LOC website <a href="https://www.opensight.org.uk/local-information-hubs">https://www.opensight.org.uk/local-information-hubs</a></p>	<p>Ian</p> <p>Ian</p>
6.4	<p><u>Clinical Lead</u></p> <p>Anthea, the Clinical Lead, reported on her activity to date and her report is included in the additional notes to these Minutes.</p> <p>Anthea then raised the subject of a TIA form produced by West Hants CCG which they were hoping Optometrists could adopt to refer suspected TIA cases. Following discussion it was agreed that the form required information not held by optometrists and that it is inappropriate for optometrists to be referring TIA cases in this way and that the current system of signposting directly back to the GP should continue. It was also felt that the CCG were not addressing the original root of the problem which was a failing by those who should have received a TIA patient and not the Optometrist. Anthea will respond to West Hants CCG accordingly.</p> <p>Anthea raised a query she had received from Portsmouth CCG regarding a patient querying contact tonometry not being available at their practice. It was agreed that this was a matter for the CCG and or patient to discuss and follow up with NHSE as there is no mandate under NHS GOS to use contact tonometry which should be part of a chargeable scheme if required.</p>	<p>Anthea</p> <p>Anthea</p>
6.5	<p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>Bill reported that funds were still good but as a result of increased activity by the LOC in conjunction with external organisations (CCGs etc.) there is an increase in expenditure which at the next AGM will require an increase in levy to keep funding on an even keel. A small increase will still provide value for money and remain less than other LOCs. All agreed that this was a sensible course of action.</p> <p>Bill also made the suggestion under succession planning, that if anyone would like to consider taking over the role of Treasurer he would be happy to provide them with training and oversight of the accounts in the coming months. If anyone is interested please let Bill know.</p> <p>Ian will contact LOCSU regarding their Treasurer's training module</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Ian</p>



	<p>replacements could be sought, an expense that is borne by the LOC at £200 per delegate. Eight glaucoma delegates passed and three passed the MECS. Those that failed the MECS were primarily newly qualified optometrists who lacked experience.</p> <p>As the glaucoma failures were primarily in respect of the Volk lens station, Roisin is planning to visit practices to do in practice resits on 05 February 2020.</p> <p>Following a discussion about numbers still wanting to do the Glaucoma and MECS OSCEs it was agreed that another session should be scheduled for the New Year, possibly April.</p>	Roisin
6.8	<p><u>CCG Updates</u></p> <p>North Hampshire CCG</p> <p>At the time of meeting the CCG has still not transferred enhanced service contracts to Primary Eyecare Services Ltd and is therefore ongoing. Roisin has heard nothing more from the CCG. Ian confirmed that today (10 December) he had received an email from PES following his enquiry as to what was happening, to say that the paperwork sent through by email at the end of October had been lost by the CCG and would be resending with an anticipated transfer date being in the New Year (February). Ian confirmed he would forward the email to Roisin.</p> <p>NE Hampshire &amp; Farnham CCG</p> <p>Roisin reported that she has heard there are concerns regarding the ophthalmology budget for Frimley Park and that a meeting was being scheduled between the CCG and Frimley Park. The latter is also a Centre for wet AMD which will be affected by a lack of funding.</p> <p>Portsmouth CCG</p> <p>The LOC has recently received an email from Portsmouth CCG raising concerns over volume of direct referrals to QA Hospital in Cosham. And that all referrals other than urgent should go via Care UK or the GP. The LOC has requested clarification based on the historic knowledge that GPs do not always act on referrals sent to them but send back to optical practices with a rebuke for not referring directly.</p>	Ian
7.	<p><u>LEHN</u></p> <p>Very little to report. The Homeless scheme is proving to be very successful and as a result a new proposal is to be drafted giving justification for funding to continue and widen the scheme.</p>	
8.	<p><u>AGM 2020</u></p> <p>The date of the next AGM as agreed is the 07 July 2020 and will be held at Norton Park Hotel, Sutton Scotney.</p> <p>The Guest Speaker is Mr Andrew Luff and Sapphire Eye Care have kindly offered to sponsor the event.</p>	
9.	<p><b>CET 2019-20</b></p> <p>There was no feedback on the external CET events that have taken place at Nuffield Health – Chandlers Ford, Care UK – Portsmouth, Santen – Chichester or Laservision – Portsmouth. The recent Sight and Sound Events proved popular and those delegates who attended found the events to be very informative and useful. It was agreed that the Vision Aid CET would no longer be pursued due to lack of</p>	

	<p>communication and engagement from Vision Aid Overseas.</p> <p>The Education Sub Committee” has met and discussed the potential for three CET events next year. Proposed events are:          Glaucoma – February, Winchester and led by Amish Dhital          Allergies – May, Portsmouth with Thea and Hoya          Nutrition – October, Basingstoke</p> <p>Will begin planning for 2021 events in mid-2020          Other areas of education under consideration include:          Use of Volk Lenses          Contact Tonometry          Testing children</p> <p>Roisin also has a contact for Sight Savers which she will pass on to the sub committee</p>	Education Sub Committee
10.	<p><b>LOC Support Unit:</b></p> <p>Nothing to report at this time</p>	
11.	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>Social Media, items of interest retweeted most days and Facebook is updated once or twice a week.</p> <p>Bill asked if we could have a short workshop (run by Bryony) for the committee on social media as part of a committee meeting. Everyone felt this would be useful. To be agreed when this will take place. Roisin also pointed out that there is guidance on the College of Optometrists website (members’ area) on social media.</p> <p>Anne raised a local issue in Portsmouth in respect of children’s sight tests. Both Anne and Masooma are seeing more children who have been refused sight tests by other practices which is in contravention to the NHS GOS contract. Anthea will contact NHSE for advice on GOS requirements and will create an update for contractors.</p> <p>Bryony suggested that a workshop event with an Orthoptist in conjunction with NHSE might be helpful to contractors/performers involved with children sight tests. This will be followed up by the Education Sub Committee.</p>	<p>Sean/ Bryony</p> <p>Anthea</p> <p>Education Sub Committee</p>
12.	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 04 Feb 20 - Novotel Southampton</li> <li>• 31 Mar 20 – Causeway Business Centre, Petersfield</li> <li>• 19 May 20 – Novotel Southampton</li> <li>• 30 Jun 20 – Causeway Business Centre, Petersfield</li> <li>• 08 Sep 20 – Novotel Southampton</li> <li>• 03 Nov 20 – Causeway Business Centre, Petersfield</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item No:</b>	<b>Summary of Action Points</b>	<b>By Who</b>
6.4	Anthea to respond to West Hants CCG regarding TIA form Portsmouth CCG Tonometry query – Anthea will respond	Anthea
6.5	Opportunity for potential new Treasurer/Vice Treasurer to train with Bill Ian to contact LOCSU regarding Treasurer training module	All Ian
6.6	Update to contractors regarding St Mary's Post Cataract follow up HES referral pathway updates required in respect of Basingstoke, Frimley and Portsmouth	Sean & Ian Roisin & David
6.7	New Glaucoma/MECS OSCE event to be planned for April 2020	Roisin
6.8	Ian to send latest contracting email (from PES) to Roisin	Ian
9.	Education Sub-committee to continue event preparation	Education Sub-Committee
11.	Social Media Workshop (for the committee) to be included in a committee meeting. Advice sought from NHSE on requirements for child testing. Possible workshop on sight testing children.	Bryony/Sean Anthea Education Sub-Committee