

Hampshire LOC

**Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 19 May 2020
20:00hrs**

Conference Call

1.	Welcome: Helena Jenkins-Hewes, Jane Bell and Helen Haslett	Action
	Present: Sean Matthews, Bill Vance, Anne Gill, Anthea Reid, Roisin Carruthers Masooma Kassam, Gina Graham, David McCluskey, Adam Knizat, Steve Rowley, Bryony Allen and Denise Connor	
	In attendance: Ian Silk	
2.	Apologies: Kirsty Adlem – PCSE and Kevin Oliver – NHSE (South East Region)	
3.	Conflict of Interest Declaration of Members: No declarations received.	
4.	To Approve Minutes: 31 March 2020 - Minutes of Meeting were approved as read.	
5..	Matters arising not on the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9. Clinical Lead role – element chargeable to PES? Discussed and agreed on no further action but increased awareness of what constitutes PES activity and if in doubt refer to PES or Optical Lead (LOCSU)• 10. Postponement of LOCSU levy – This has been agreed by LOCSU until end of July.• 11. Cancellation of meeting venues and AGM venue. Business Manager confirmed cancellations and negotiation saved £600+ in cancellation fees.• 11. Dorset AGM – Virtual AGM joined by some members of the committee• 12. Post Cataract follow up letters Frimley/Portsmouth (Sean/Ian). Still to be completed and was put on hold due to COVID-19 priorities.	
6.	<u>Updates:</u>	
6.1	<u>PCSE</u> There was no representative and the update was sent out with the agenda. PCSE are encouraging all opticians to submit their GOS forms electronically either through PCSE Online or their PMS provider. If they have not completed their user registration process or unsure if they have access to the ophthalmic section of PCSE Online please do ask them to email -	

	<p>pcse.optomengagement@nhs.net with the following details:</p> <p>Subject - Accessing PCSE Online, Organisation Code / TP Code, Organisation Name, Organisation Address, Organisation Postcode, Main contact name, Main contact email</p>	
6.2	<p>NHS England – South (Wessex) update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no representation but the following communication was received. The Regional Team are continuing to work with the Central Team and PCSE regarding adding practices who are now providing essential eye care, and removing those practices that have ceased. A weekly list is submitted to the Central Team to pass onto PCSE to set up or remove a scheduled payment. The database of practices open to provide essential eye care services is available on the FutureNHS Collaboration Platform for LOC representatives to view. The database also includes a list of closed practices and contractors that are currently providing MECs. • PCSE have confirmed that the GOS average payment grant is payable on the contractor's scheduled payment date. Where contractors were not identified as being open for essential eye care services on the Regional Team's initial submission (at the end of April 2020), a backdated payment of this grant will be included on the next payment run. • Work is continuing with CCGs for them to supply the Regional Team with signposting information of the provision of urgent and emergency eye care services i.e. CUES or similar arrangement, in each of their respective CCG localities. This information can then be circulated to contractors. 	
6.3	<p>LOC Support Unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NHSE have confirmed to LOCSU that there are no plans to pay any part of the consolidated GOS payments to LOCs despite lobbying from LOCSU ▪ LOCSU are aware that not all CCGs are engaging with the proposed CUES pathway – in Hampshire this is primarily the Portsmouth cluster which feels it has an adequate pathway in place already with the Portsmouth Hospital Trust ▪ Helen is redrafting a document to share with the HIOW CCG Cluster to assist in garnering support across the whole county for CUES which will be shared with the LOC Chair and the CCG lead – Cheryl Trestrail-Harding ▪ As the LOCSU local Optical Lead, Helen reiterated that she is here to help us in whatever capacity we see fit and that her time is already paid for by LOCSU via LOC levies ▪ Concerns are being raised nationally via LOCSU regarding GOS payment value and the increased costs to contractors in order to maintain an optical service during Covid-19. Cost of PPE etc. 	
6.4	<p>Primary Eyecare Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PES has an external agent looking at options for best IT operating system going forwards despite the use of 'Opera' for the new CUES service. • There is a phased approach to CUES mobilisation and sign up to 'Opera' when contracts are signed. PES will hold a webinar when mobilisation is due to take place • CGPL (Jane Bell) is working with CCGs and hospital trusts to get details of 	

	<p>appropriate clinical leads and managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delays on getting CUES contract up and running is caused by CCGs at higher level. West Hants CCG have been a strong advocate and ambassador for CUES – looking to put all services into one contract to create a menu for all CCGs to draw from • Southampton CCG plan to retain SMS for glaucoma monitoring • West Hants patients in Lymington though, do not want to travel to Southampton (SMS) • IOW CCG really keen on CUES and keen to get going once agreed by directors • Jane is in contact with CCG pharmacy Leads to look at how FP 10 prescription pads will be made available for IP Optometrists • LOCSU has access to 3000 nhs.net accounts primarily for CUES practices (an email from PES has since been sent out) • Bournemouth hospital are keen to discharge stable glaucoma patients back to West Hants practices for monitoring 	
7.	<p>Resolution for any representatives of LOCSU, NHSE, PCSE and CCGs to be excluded from the remainder of this meeting, having regard to confidential nature of the discussion to be transacted.</p>	
8.	<p><u>LOC Chair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the South East chairs meeting was sent out to the committee – no further action required • Improving optometry communications with LMC – LOC Chair took part in a webinar with LMC promoting Optometrists and the services they can provide. The webinar is available on YouTube Thoughts and suggestions regarding how to improve the link with Wessex LMC would be appreciated • Link with Portsmouth University – what does the LOC want out of the university? Portsmouth University keen to support LOC and improve stakeholder engagement. They are keen to host CET events but have not stated whether or not these would be free events • Expense claims for committee members and the clinical lead role – discussed and agree that claims should be submitted to Treasurer to tally up totals and payments to be made at a future date. This should help ensure that future work does not suffer as a consequence Clinical Lead to continue with working and submitting claims in relation to work carried out which will continue to be reimbursed 	
9.	<p><u>Clinical Lead:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work undertaken to check practices that are open with assistance from other committee members which was appreciated. • Practitioners are still not seeing the LOC as a place to get information • Looking to the future, the committee needs to review how the roles are divided out. • QAH appear to be expecting stable glaucoma patients to be seen in the community and this has been raised with Portsmouth CCG Cluster. • Gyroscope Dry AMD Study – awaiting protocol on consent process before inviting practices to take part. Financially good for practices and anticipate an update in the next week or so. 	
10.	<p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per report sent out to committee. • Currently have funding to sustain approximately five months of activity so long as everyone is frugal with regards to spending. • Possibility that some GOS sight test fees may come in in July but how much and when is an absolute uncertainty. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probability that levy will need to be increased to 1.5% in order to ensure sustainability – 1% to LOC and 0.5% to LOCSU. Current rates are 0.1% to LOC and 0.5% to LOCSU. Helen has been asked to provide feedback on rates charged in other areas (this has since been confirmed as being in the region of 2%. 	
11.	<p><u>Business Manager:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All future meetings until decided otherwise will be held on-line. Any non - committee members are welcome to join the meetings and will need to register with Ian for invitation purposes Conference Call with Portsmouth CCG to discuss referral pathways on 08 April was cancelled due to COVID-19 commitments Regular updates sent by MailChimp and posted on website where relevant for long term. Extremely busy with Covid-19 updates and tally of those opening the emails have risen to over 50%. Updates have also been posted on the LOC website and again there has been an increased amount of interest (visits) to the website pages <p>The Business Manager and Treasurer have registered with FutureNHS Collaboration Platform. Not sure of the benefits but it does show all those practices by CCG that are open for essential services and providing MECS/CUES</p>	
12.	<p><u>CCG Updates:</u></p> <p>North Hants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hampshire Hospitals are apparently resuming routine surgery week commencing 25 May 2020. No news on Frimley Park (Roisin) Basingstoke Hospital would like to run IOP compliance Clinic to deliver treatment immediately to the community in a community setting. Optomanager can facilitate this ('Opera'?). Results would need to be returned by nhs.net email accounts. Any form of contracting by HHFT would need to be agreed and run through PES and agreed by CCG All practices served by HHFT need to have nhs.net email accounts North Hants contracts are still with individual contractors and no sign of movement from the CCG despite being chased and reminded. CCG is now running expired contracts with no governance. 	Ian
13.	<p><u>LEHN:</u></p> <p>Not discussed</p>	
14.	<p><u>AGM 07 July 2020:</u></p> <p>Virtual AGM to be held – Ian will arrange details for mailings etc.</p>	Ian
15..	<p><u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <p>Nil</p>	
12.	<p>Date & Time of next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 Jun 20 – 19:30hrs 08 Sep 20 – 19:30hrs 03 Nov 20 – 19:30hrs 	

