

## Hampshire LOC

### Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday 31 March 2020  
20:00hrs start

### Conference Call

1.	<b>Welcome:</b>  Helena Jenkins-Hewes and Helen Haslett	<b>Action</b>
	<b>Present:</b>  Sean Matthews, Bill Vance, Anne Gill, Anthea Reid, Roisin Carruthers Masooma Kassam, Gina Graham, David McCluskey, and Denise Connor	
	<b>In attendance:</b>  Ian Silk	
2.	<b>Apologies:</b>  Adam Knizat, Steve Rowley, Bryony Allen, Kirsty Adlem – PCSE and Helen Wardle - NHSE	
3.	<b>Conflict of Interest Declaration of Members:</b> No declarations received.	
4.	<b>To Approve Minutes</b>  04 February 2020 - Minutes of Meeting were approved as read.	
5..	<b>Matters arising not on the agenda:</b>  Roisin confirmed that as a result of COVID-19 no further OSCEs would be arranged and the planned event for April has been cancelled	
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. An email received this morning confirmed that NHS GOS claims would still be processed in a timely manner.	
6.2	<b><u>NHS England – South (Wessex) update</u></b>  There was no communication received or representation.	
6.3	<b><u>LOC Support Unit</u></b> There is not a lot that Optical leads can say at present as LOCSU are working in an ever changing environment  Lack of action from NHSE – is damaging to the industry	

	<p>Optical leads do not have much more information than the rest of us</p> <p>There is a possibility of a national MECS-type scheme being introduced</p> <p>The question was raised as to how many IP practitioners does Hampshire have? Ian thought it was 3 or 4?</p> <p>Business Manager continues to update website in respect of practice opening hours and closures</p> <p>Discussion with LOC about which services are offered where</p> <p>LOCSU are looking to secure a PPE contract on behalf of the industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Would need to have local hubs, organised by LOCs</li> <li>▪ Local hubs would distribute to practices that are still open for face to face appointments</li> <li>▪ IS – questioned whether LOCs have the resources to organise hubs of PPE for practices, arguing that this should be the remit of NHSE</li> <li>▪ GG – suggested that Bruce Fitzgerald would probably be happy to be a central PPE hub</li> <li>▪ AR – masks would have to be suitable to protect against Covid-19 (some parties are trying to sell face masks of various quality)</li> </ul>	
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> <p>Basingstoke HES discussing setting up a practice outside of the hospital in a community practice that could see patients face to face staffed with consultant and nurse from HES and supported by MECS optometrists on a rota (furlough permitting – 3 week rule).</p> <p>PEARS (MECS)contract should be transferred to the PES. This would enable video conferencing to take place which would then enable linking to consultant and be better than just telephone.</p> <p>Suggestion is a GP Hub practice as this covers off a number of issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CQC registration</li> <li>• IQUIPS registration – ophthalmology is, but optical practices aren't</li> <li>• Easy for deep cleaning</li> <li>• Could supply the slit lamps</li> <li>• CCG could pay MECS practitioners sessional rate for the day</li> <li>• CCG could establish a functional MECS in the area with PES</li> </ul> <p>Action points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research CQC</li> <li>• Furlough staff</li> <li>• Insurance for optoms &amp; practices</li> <li>• Deep cleaning of practices</li> <li>• Self employed as a locum whilst furloughed from employer?</li> <li>• Could IQUIPS be waived?</li> <li>• GG &amp; RC – what % of patients are diverted by telephone triage – to email us with this info</li> <li>• SM to email IS with participants of next Tuesday's meeting (07 Apr 2020)</li> </ul>	SM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SM to draft email to participants couple of days before the meeting with agenda for the meeting (suggestions as above)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Discussion around adding CCG links to our website. Ian suggested this was not really worthwhile as easy to find using Google and main interest for optometrists would be GP details. There is a link on each CCG page for the GP practices in each CCG.</p> <hr/> <p>LOCSU South East Symposium – Nothing to report at present.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Clinical Lead</u></p> <p>Currently writing up referral guidelines for all the eye units</p> <p>Providing support at practice level and linked in to Bruce at Specsavers Ringwood.</p> <p>AJ Bass at Fordingbridge and Downton is keen to join MECS programme.</p> <p>Successful CET event run on 10<sup>th</sup> March (Winchester)</p> <p>Dry AMD trial (UHS) - NIHR supporting private co. (Gyroscope) for research project into dry AMD. Pilot study UHS (Prof. Lotery). Need to recruit suitable test patients via optometry practices</p> <p>However, may not be practical as optometrist would have to collect saliva samples and to collect samples the collector would have to undergo consent training. Remuneration for participation would be fair.</p> <p>Could Hampshire LOC's mailing list be used to recruit practices (post COVID-19)? Will let the research leads know that this is a good idea, but we will not contact practices until normality has been restored.</p> <p>MECS provision during Covid-19 pandemic - Mostly telemedicine</p> <p>Clinical Lead role was due for review in March due to scope of work and excellent work done by Anthea it was deemed appropriate to continue with Anthea in this role for the foreseeable future. Bill asked if any of the role could be charged to PES. PES has CGPL but there is still a reliance on LOC to support CGPL in Hampshire. Helen will feed back to PES/LOCSU.</p>	Helen
10.	<p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>As per report sent out to committee</p> <p>Have managed to reduce reserves to a good level (for normal times). Income now is nil.</p> <p>3 – 4 months' worth of funds remaining for general running of LOC - HH to see what LOCSU's position is regarding a postponement of the levy.</p> <p>There will be a need to increase contractor levy going forward in order to fund increased activity of management committee members.</p>	Helen
11.	<p><u>Business Manager</u></p> <p>Ian reported back on the:</p> <p>Future meetings - Do we go for conference calls? – It was agreed that meetings for the remainder of this year would be conference calls (Ian to cancel all venues).</p> <p>Future of 2020 AGM? –It was agreed to cancel/postpone the AGM until later in the year and that it would be a teleconference or a Mailchimp exercise – date and method to be confirmed when COVID-19 has a reduced impact (Ian to cancel</p>	<p>Ian</p> <p>Ian</p>

	<p>venue and sponsor/speaker). Dorset LOC are having a virtual AGM on 05 May 2020. If anyone wishes to attend please email Helen Haslett <a href="mailto:helen.haslett@dorsetloc.org">helen.haslett@dorsetloc.org</a></p> <p>Bill suggested holding and EGM to discuss Finance and levies – this has yet to be agreed subject to above paragraph.</p> <p>NHS Email Review Questionnaire – There were 23 responses from 370+ email addresses on the LOC mailing list! Although this may have also encouraged others to apply for nhs.net accounts who haven't replied despite a reminder being sent.</p>	All
12.	<p><u>CCG Updates</u></p> <p>Portsmouth CCG Conference Call – Scheduled for 8 Apr 2020 – Cancelled</p> <p>Issues with Care UK (St Mary's) continue – this has been flagged with the CCG and NHSE (neither have responded).</p> <p>Denise reported that there is a similar issue with Frimley Park HES discharging patients in similar manner to Care UK in Portsmouth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOC to write to practices in that area like Portsmouth</li> <li>• Denise to forward IS &amp; SM a redacted version of the letter</li> <li>• IS &amp; SM to draft a letter to send to Frimley Park vicinity</li> <li>• IS &amp; SM to send a refresher letter to Portsmouth practices</li> </ul>	Denise Sean/Ian
13.	<p><u>LEHN</u></p> <p>Update on 27 March Meeting</p> <p>Minutes due to be published</p> <p>Discussion over-shadowed by Covid-19</p> <p>Homeless project ending March this year - Tremendous success, Helen Wardle running as a pilot project, achieving its targets, funding to extend unlikely to be forthcoming due to Covid-19</p> <p>Learning difficulties provision - Survey</p> <p>HCQ screening - No updates, seen as a good idea, No action plan</p>	
14.	<p><u>AGM 07 July 2020</u></p> <p>Cancelled – See Business Manager's update</p>	
15.	<p><b>CET 2019-20</b></p> <p>Cancelled for the foreseeable future</p>	
16..	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>NHSE advice to GOS contractors due</p> <p>Helen Wardle sympathetic to contractors' predicament - No updates</p> <p>Asked about easement on signing GOS vouchers during Covid-19 pandemic - No updates</p>	
12.	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 May 20 – 20:00hrs</li> <li>• 30 Jun 20 – 20:00hrs</li> <li>• 08 Sep 20 – 20:00hrs</li> <li>• 03 Nov 20 – 20:00hrs</li> </ul>	