Buckinghamshire Local Optical Committee

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Report from the Chair

Finance

See the Treasurer's report.

Post Payment Verification (PPV)

These visits are ongoing. We will support queries from contractors and offer guidance and advice where needed.

BOB ICB - Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, West Berkshire Integrated Care Board

We continue to work with this expanded organisation, however we are still working with the same commissioners and the same people at BHT. Progress will be shared via our LOC Secretary, Sonal, in newsletters/bulletins and on our web site, when we have details or information to share.

BLMK ICB - Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

We continue to work with this expanded organisation, however our prime contact has been moved to an unrelated role. Progress will be shared via our LOC Secretary, Sonal, in newsletters/bulletins and on our web site, when we have details or information to share.

Bucks Glaucoma/OHT

Previous discussions still currently on-going.

EeRS (Electronic eyecare Referral Service – Bucks: Rego – MK: EYEV)

This is now live for all practices across Bucks and MK. Both these systems continue to develop, hopefully with improvements.

We continue to have regular dialogue with all parties involved, raising issues, resolving problems, making suggestions and recommendations, refusing to allow extra 'free' work to be done by optoms and practices.

Direct cataract referral

This is up in the air in both areas, with little progress, despite repeated pushing from our side.

Referral pathways

Referral pathways and associated documents for each area are always available on our web site. These are updated as soon as anything changes. Changes will also be alerted with newsletters/bulletins.

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In addition to their pathways and training, we continue to have their support.

Bruce Gilson March 2025