



MINUTES OF CHESHIRE LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

20 MAY 2024 HELD AT THE SWAN, TARPORLEY

Present

Fionnuala Stott, Phil Cooke, Amy Thompson, Harinder Notay, Jill Umpleby, Jane Smellie, Stephen Halpin, Helen Counsell, and Cahir Mullan.

Guest

Dan Rigby, Observer.

In Attendance

Sandie McBennett, Administrator.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Andy Riley and Mark Simpson were accepted.

2. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

FS wished to note her role with the PES Board.

Andy Riley had recently been appointed as Clinical Lead to the Accelerator Bid to improve the uptake of OPERA in practices. Following the successful pilot, a C&M ICB role of Primary Care Lead was offered to Andy Riley. He will provide clinical advice in Optometry, to give a primary care view; to report and represent the ICB interests on meetings such as Advice and Guidance and Single Point of Access.

The committee raised no objections to the role AR had taken on the ICB as Primary Care Lead.

3. ICB Update

- Accelerator Bid
- Advice and Guidance

LOC members were asked to contact practices in their local area to recruit their involvement in the advice and guidance pilot. The following practices had expressed an interest:

- Nantwich Specsavers
- Crewe Specsavers
- Sherratt's in Crewe
- Specsavers Winsford
- CATs in Middlewich

More practices to come onboard were required in Macclesfield, Northwich, Ellesmere Port and Chester.

A meeting would be held for the whole of C&M on 3rd June 2024 for all practices to listen to the question and answer session. There would be no payment for the A&G pilot.

- Single Point of Access
Procurement documents have been issued. No update received on the appointment to date.
Single Point of Access will go live very soon once the appointment is agreed and announced.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting on 31 January 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2023 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. **Workforce Development**

- WOPEC Glaucoma OSCE had been arranged for 13th June 2024.
- Liverpool would run a Glaucoma OSCE on 18th June 2024.
- Foreign Body Removal Workshop had been arranged for 11th June 2024 to be held at Specsavers, Nantwich, courtesy of Gurj Bhamra.
- Hospital placements would be required for IP students as part of the Workforce Development. An allocation of approx. £1,000 was budgeted. FS would approach the Trusts to confirm the number of IP students they would be willing to take and then ensure the drawdown for the placements was held by PES in advance.

Action: FS/MS/JS to make contact with the Hospital Trusts to confirm placements.

- An IP Clinical Network meeting would be held on 29th May 2024.

Action: JS to arrange a Peer Review for attendees to bring 2 case studies for C&M.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

- Financial Update
PC reported the balance on account was £48.5k, deduction for LOCSU and the AF Pilot would result in a balance of £32k.
The levy had been amended to 1.75% since the vote of approval of resolutions at the Cheshire LOC AGM in April 2024.
The committee discussed the administration services provided on a self employed basis to the LOC. The committee agreed to retain the administrator for 4 hours per week and extra hours would be detailed and paid over and above.
- Workforce Expense Claims
PC requested all Committee members to separate out LOC and Workforce costs in their expense claims giving greater detail attributed to the expense.

7. **Secretary's Report**

- AT confirmed the Newsletter had been circulated to the email list detailing latest news and guidance. The recent newsletter highlighted the following important messages to practices referring:
"Emergency" is a patient who needs to be seen within the next few days.
"Urgent" is a patient who can be seen in the next month.
- Very positive feedback had been received from attendees of the recent AGM and CPD event.
- Optoms attending the Goldman/Van Herrick workshop commented it was very useful in preparation for the OSCE and refreshing skills.
- Optoms attending the OSCE gave very positive feedback and noted the sessions were not difficult and the examination process was easy to follow.

- All attendees at the OSCE passed.

8. VIN

NO update received regarding completion. YAG decision outstanding.
Leighton had 2 new pathways going live.

9. CVD

The NHS had notified LOCSU there would be 4 funds of £60k to be allocated nationally for the ICBs to apply for funding. There would be 7 funds for dentistry and 4 funds for optometry, to run cardiovascular and blood pressure monitoring. FS had circulated the information to the C&M Chairs to gauge their expressions of interest. The C&M ICB would put a bid in for funding, including the information and findings from the recent AF pilot in Cheshire.

Action: FS forward CVD specification for pilot to JU.

10. CPD

11. Strategy Document

CM gave an update on the Strategy Document; each ICB would have a Strategy Document which would impact across C&M. The document would highlight the current postcode lottery. RB (NHSE) would review the document to make it more succinct.

12. AOB

The Committee discussed waiting lists for cataract at COCH; 8 weeks was currently quoted.

Action: HC to draft a crib sheet for LOC members to use when engaging with practices in their area regarding Glaucoma monitoring, CVD and Advice and Guidance.

Committee members agreed to visit/call local practices in their areas to network and encourage uptake of CUES and extended services.

Action: SMB to divide up the practice list between LOC members.

Action: AT to update the Cataract Pathways on the website.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cheshire LOC would be held remotely on:

Tuesday, 16th July at 7.30pm on Teams.

Actions

Item	Action	Lead/update
Item 5	To make contact with the Hospital Trusts to confirm IP placements.	FS/MS/JS
Item 5	JS to arrange a Peer Review for attendees to bring 2 case studies for C&M.	JS

Item 12	To draft a crib sheet for LOC members to use when engaging with practices in their area regarding Glaucoma monitoring, CVD and Advice and Guidance.	HC Complete
Item 12	To divide up the practice list between LOC members.	SMB Complete
Item 12	AT to update the Cataract Pathways on the website.	AT