

## 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 Leeds LOC AGM

### **Apperley Bridge, Optegra @ 19:00**

#### **Committee members present:**

Simon Falk (**SF**), Caroline Clark (**CC**), Liz Locke (**LL**), Anupa Patel (**AP**), Maryna Hura (**MH**), Meerat Gohlar (**MG**), Paul Robinson (**PR**), Harpreet Reehal (**HR**)

#### **15 practitioners attended the meeting**

- Apologies received from Paul Appleson, Jamal Shere, Aziz Qamar, Sarah Hallett, Vicky Archer and Catherine Moore
- Minutes of the AGM 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 approved by **LL** and seconded by **CC**.

#### **Joint Chair's report (LL and SF):**

The **roles and responsibilities** of the LOC are:

- Statutory and broader role - the voice of the local optical community within the NHS
- Working with NHS England and CCG on optometry/optical matters
- Support, information and guidance to contractors/ performers
- Conveying the views of local contractors and performers to the national bodies
- Development of local and national pathways
- Providing accredited CET for practitioners

The LOC **work closely** with the following:

- Practices/Contractors/Performers
- NHS England (NHSE)
- Primary Care Support England (PCSE)
- NHSE Optical Advisor (OA)
- Practitioner Advisory Group (PAG)
- NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHT)
- LOC Support Unit (LOCSU)
- Primary Eyecare Services (PES) Ltd
- Other WY and regional LOCs
- Local Eye Health Network (WY&H)
- The West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership
- Leeds Community Ophthalmology Network (CLODN) and other Independent Providers
- LMC, LDC, LPC and Leeds Hearing & Sight Loss Service (BID)

#### What Leeds LOC **achieved** in 2021-22:

- Attended nearly 50 Meetings – working on Glaucoma, AMD, Diabetes & Cataract pathways
- EERS representation
- LMC & CLODN representation
- Organised 6 CET events
- Relaunched the LOC Website
- Enhanced CUES
- Discussions regarding WY LOC
- Christmas Quiz

#### **CUES update** from SF:

- Service update from PES for June 2022
- Telemedicine is no longer mandatory
- PES central number for triaging patients is 0300 303 4922
- Practices are welcome to get in touch if would like to join this service

#### **OHTMS update** from AP:

- The contract is up for renewal
- Currently LTHT do not have an up-to-date list of practices
- Practices need to notify CCG and LOC, should they decide to exit from delivering the service

#### The **funding** of the LOC:

- Funding – 1% levy on GOS ST fees, approved at last AGM
- 0.5% of this given to LOC Support Unit (LOCSU)
- Budget for the year ahead agreed at the AGM
- Members paid expenses for time out of work and evenings
- Officers receive an honorarium for the additional workload

#### **Committee members** 2021-22:

- Contractors: Jamal Shere (2019) and Simon Falk (2021, joint Chair)
- Performers: Caroline Clark (2021, Treasurer), Liz Locke (2021, joint Chair), Anupa Patel (2019), Meerat Gohlar (2021), Aziz Qamar (2019)
- Co-opted: Maryna Hura (Secretary)
- Optical advisor – Steve Clark

#### **Website and contacts:**

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- Website: [www.loc-net.org.uk/leeds](http://www.loc-net.org.uk/leeds) (you can request a username and password at [leedsloc.net@gmail.com](mailto:leedsloc.net@gmail.com))
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**CET 2021-22:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - "BSL for Optical Professionals"
- 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - "Insiders' tips on referrals and triage - medical retina"
- 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - "The mystery behind the gel - Insider's tips on improving your vitreo-retinal referrals"
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 - "Looking At The Bigger Picture Of A Short Sighted View"

Please tell us what topics you would like to be included in the future.

**Goals for 2022 -23:**

- Continue to provide support for practices/practitioners
- Continue to enhance website to become single source of reference for practitioners in Leeds
- Add to enhanced services for Optometry with appropriate professional fees
- Work towards Electronic Referral (goes live 1/10/2022)
- Continue conversations regarding WY/Area LOC
- Support/contribute to the unifying of regional pathways
- AMD, cataract, glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, paediatrics

**CPD goals for 2022-23:**

- Continue to deliver relevant and up-to-date CET by suitable platforms - virtual and F2F
- Facilitate training and peer review linked to local enhanced services and local needs
- Reintroduce OHMTS Goldman Course

**Communication goals for 2022-23:**

- Support practices to use EeRS
- Encourage enrolment to CUES
- Engage with students/new graduates
- Develop our social media platforms, website and data base
- Find new chairs and possible committee members

**Treasurer' report:**

- Currently levy remains at 1%
- Reduced number of meetings and most CPD events taking place virtually meant that the LOC stayed well within the last year's budget
- The budget for 2022-23 has been shared with the attendees (proposed by CC and seconded by AP)

**Fionnuala Kidd (LOCSU) provided an update from LOCSU:**

- ICS go live from July 2022
- Promote holistic approach towards patients and collaboration between ECPs
- Funding for the higher qualifications is available
- Optometry First pilot
- WY network is working well; relevant meetings are being attended by the LOCSU representatives
- Broader engagement with newly qualified optometrists

**Vision Care for Homeless People – update from Steve Clark:**

- Promoted the service
- Encouraged practitioners to consider this rewarding voluntary role

**Nominations and elections:**

- Committee members standing down: **none**
- Committee members standing for re-election: **AQ, JS, AP**
- New nominations: **Harpreet Reehal** and **Paul Robinson**

If interested in joining, we recommend initially attending as an observer – contact [leedsloc@gmail.com](mailto:leedsloc@gmail.com)

No AOB.

The AGM was declared closed.

**Next AGM meeting TBC.**