



LIVERPOOL LOC AGM including CPD

Minutes

20th June 2024 5.30-8.30pm, St Margaret Clitherow (LACE) Centre

Attendance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Melanie Lutas ● Abbas Hussain ● Natalie Sharp ● Andrew Preston, Rachael Parker, Emma Bennett ● Various registrants, performers, contractors and business representatives from the local area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Chair · Treasurer · Secretary · Committee members
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fionnuala Kidd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · LOCSU
Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rebecca Ireland and Sarah Lowry ● Mohammed Bhuta ● Mike and Colin: representatives from RNIB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Primary Eyecare Services (PES) · LOCSU · RNIB
Minute Taker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Natalie Sharp 	
Notes:	Item	
1.	<p>Welcome from LOC chair. Updates from Liverpool LOC from the past 12 months including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Website updates with accessible data and contact information ○ Introduction of shared workspace with improved data management leading to more community communication and engagement ○ Strengthening practice relationships and assisting with service setup and business development ○ Providing LOCSU codes and training with community ○ Arranging CPD events, in person and online. Including for IP. ○ Running WOPEC level 2 OSCE accreditation for Glaucoma ○ Building better relationships with our local eye departments. 	
2.	<p>Chair: We have set ambitious goals for forthcoming year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Further enhance our offering and support for members ○ Increase practitioner engagement 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Offering CPD o Digital innovation for practices to support all to use Opera o Communicating with community to keep all updated o Strengthen our links with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and to keep lobbying for local schemes including CUES/MECS
3.	Chair: Melanie attended LMC meetings and they are backing a CUES scheme. Melanie sat on Ophthalmology network task and finish groups for the new Glaucoma monitoring pathway and naevus pathway.
4.	Chair: We are working well with our local LOC network. Great relationship with Sefton LOC with Paul Newell and Melanie is vice chair of Central Mersey LOC. We are now Cheshire and Merseyside as a region so it gives us more of a voice when working collaboratively.
5.	Chair: We are recruiting! We represent all in our community so welcome Optometrists, CLOs, DOs from all areas of the profession to join the committee. This is a paid position. Please contact us if you are interested.
6.	Chair: Minutes passed from last meeting 29.02.2024
7.	Treasurer: We now have access to the bank account and we have addressed the issue of the outgoing payments being rejected. Document shared of financial accounts for the past financial year (this will also be available on the website). Total income just over £30,000 however current expenditure is larger due to historical costs waiting to be paid to committee members and over £10,000 due to LOCSU. Going forward we should see the expenditure figure coming down and the sight test fee has increased so we should see an increase in income. Current LOC levy is 1.5% and 0.5% goes direct to LOCSU.
8.	Mohammed Bhuta (Clinical Advancement Lead LOCSU): LOCSU (Local Optical Committee Support Unit) overview. Here on behalf of Fionnuala Kidd who is our representative, please forward any questions to fkidd@locsu.co.uk . LOCSU are a non-profit organisation who promote the role of LOCs and primary eyecare. Develop pathways, increased training opportunities, improved communications, support and resources for LOCs, increased transparency of LOCSU board and local activities. We are currently supporting LOCs with the development of an updated constitution that will last for 10years.
9.	Rebecca Ireland (Clinical Lead, Primary Eyecare Services): PES update. Provide clinical support for enhanced services and work with LOCs. Organise service contracts, work to support Opera, provide referral platform for EeRS (electronic referral), liaise with hospitals. We can't help chase your referrals but we can inform you if all is processed correctly. 2023-24 pathway figures: 8 patients with learning disabilities, 1774 patients from LUFT post cataract service, 55 patients Glaucoma repeat readings (GRR). Please be aware of recent primary angle closure suspect (PACS) guidance. RNIB sight loss support service endpoint is now live this is for patients requiring more information on their diagnosis (AMD, Glaucoma, Cataract), patients requiring signposting to local support services/charities and patients requiring any non-clinical support. PROMS-patient feedback, response rate is getting better but we need help to increase.

	GRR only 10.9% answered the questionnaire, for LUFT post cat only 3.4% answered the questionnaire. For any further support please use the blue speech bubble on Opera.
10.	CPD: Great conversations in Myopia Management, peer review led by Richard Edwards OCCS Clinical Consultant.

Next LOC meeting: date TBC.