



MINUTES of the LOC COMMITTEE MEETING

held on 21st July 2015

in the Churchill Room, Pontlands Park Hotel, Great Baddow, Chelmsford

at 6.30pm

Attendees

Kevin Lewis (KL) Chair	Emma Spofforth (ES) Secretary	Chris Rushen (CR) Vice Chair
Kennedy Rath (KR) Treasurer		Maggie Glover (MG)
Sheila Purser (SP)	Kate Clarke (KC)	Liz Law (LL)
Stuart Humfrey (SH)	Nicholas Hagan (NH)	Mark Carhart (MC)

In attendance

Lynne Brown (LB) Minutes

Observing: Timesh Patel, Shelley Dobson, Andrew Chenery, Mike Bromidge, Manjot Grewal, Tracey Kinns, Vyomesh Gadhia, Chetna Shah
Brian Beveridge by invitation

Abbreviations:

The LOC: Essex LOC

PAG: Performance Advisory Group

EPE: Essex Primary Eyecare (used to be the corporate arm of Essex LOC)

LOCSU: Local Optical Committee Support Unit (comes under umbrella of AOP)

NHS111: NHS facility that will replace NHS Direct i.e. telephone-based acute but non-emergency medical advice

CET: Continuing Education and Training

CCG: Community Commissioning Group

CC2H: Care Closer to Home – a CCG initiative to provide local, community health care

EPIC: Engagement, Partnership, Information, Communication - a 3-year project funded by the Department of Health which supports the aims of UK Vision Strategy

EAT: Essex Area Team

QUIPP: Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention

AQP: Any Qualified Provider (a bidding process the NHS sometimes uses to identify people suitably qualified to provide a service)

NOC: National Optometric Conference (this annual event is a get-together for LOCs)

LPN: Local Professional Network (a multi-disciplinary group of professionals involved in a particular field of public health e.g. optometry)

LEHN: Local Eye Health Network: Local network of professionals that are involved in eyecare e.g. ophthalmologists, social workers, optometrists, CCGs. Currently chaired by Lyn Price.

ABDO: Association of British Dispensing Opticians

GRR: Glaucoma Referral Refinement

QIO: Quality in Optometry

LP: Lyn Price (former LOC Support Officer)

ESO: Enhanced Services Optometrist

OPL: Optical Performers List – maintained by the Area Team – containing the names of all optical Performers and Contractors that practice in a given area.

PEE: Primary Eyecare Essex

PPV: Post Payment Verification (Checking process for NHS England to check on accuracy of GOS claims)

CRS: Central Referral Service (in Mid Essex) – handles referrals into HES made by optoms

2015/27 Welcome and apologies

Round the table introductions.

Apologies received from Sara Porter, Reshma Patel, Richard Allen

Conflicts of interests declaration: ES Clinical Lead PEE, occasional work for Area Team, AOP Councillor

2015/28 Minutes of last meeting

Agreed and to be signed by KL

2015/29 Matter's arising from Action Points from last meeting

Spoke to NE CCG re GRR, whether referrals need to go via Evolutio.

LV not yet discussed with South Essex network.

2015/30 Chair's Report (available as separate document and same as one at AGM – no further developments)

Main points:

Thanks to committee members, especially ES

No news from Area Team regarding Evolutio pilot scheme

Thanks to PEE members for their hard work

Thanks to NH and MG for attending and reporting on LEHN meetings

Brief resume of work in CCG areas

Thanks to LB for organizing CET events and to sponsors

Thanks to KR for managing finances

2015/31 Secretary's Report

Thanks to LB for CET meeting

New Committee vacancies. Let ES or LB know if interested.

Practice database has been updated from Clacton - information provided by KR.

Person taken over from Poonam at LOCSU is Rupesh. ES spoken to him. Wants to come to next committee meeting.

People interested in providing CET and sponsoring. Another CET event later next year.

2015/32 Treasurer's Report (available as separate document, already been circulated by e-mail)

Income £29k from 1st April – 5th July

Spent £33,470. Loss £4,300 as predicted. Cash reserve reducing.

May have to raise levy next year.

£5k to Officers

LOCSU £9,500.

Voluntary levy £3,000

PEE £6k

2015/33 PEE Report (same as AGM)

MC: ACE got the Care Closer to Home contract in NE Essex

SE Essex Shared Care: IT blocking progress and remuneration. Original offer not enough to be feasible for practitioners or to cover admin. IT needs to be integrated with hospital system. KL to meet with them

tomorrow. SP will go as well. Maybe increase input from Webstar and offer solutions. LA will clarify with Margaret-Anne whether an interim paper-based solution could be implemented but she thinks the hospital is starting to book clinics where training would take place.

Hospital wants to put 5,000 current patients out into the community. IT to be finalised, then finances agreed, then training of optoms. Wanting to start 1st Monday in January 2016.

PEE finances: NE devised their own protocol which made it expensive for PEE.

Information about roll-outs etc. all kept on file for future reference.

NE:IOP scheme Now triaging and just send anything that needs forwarding to HES via Evolutio.

KPIs: CCG want 20% onward referrals. Actual figure 30%. But CCG doesn't know where 20% came from but national average is 30%.

Safeguarding Training: ongoing battle. CCG wants evidence of training – Level 3. Nationally agreed Level 2 for optoms. Inappropriate to ask for Level 3.

2015/34 Election addresses & election of Officers

ES outlined process of appointing. Some self-nominations were retracted so no need for addresses.

Chair: SH proposed by ES, 2nded by LL, voted in unanimously.

Vice Chair: KR proposed CR, 2nded by MG, voted in unanimously

Secretary: ES proposed by SH, 2nded MG, voted in unanimously.

Treasurer: KR proposed by KC, 2nded by CR, voted in unanimously.

LB to do new contract for SH, will need witnessing.

Lists to be amended on website etc.

SH will step down as Director of PEE in due course.

Anyone interested in being Director of PEE to advise ES. Lots of training and learning to start with but reducing now. CCG people difficult to deal with. Commitment per week varies from nil to 15 hours depending on stage negotiations are at. Remunerated. Online LOCSU training course needs to be completed.

Honoraria divided into months. SH to start at start of August. SH to be paid by the hour until August.

Is there an address book for CCGs?

LB to look into buying Binley CCG area map.

Everyone to send LB their CCG contact addresses to file and disseminate.

2015/35 CCG area updates

NE: Ophthalmology network. Thanks to independent optoms who input. Triaging results causing concern – data presentation. Is it saving money? CCG raising lots of queries. Next meeting 18th August.

AC: How much is CCG paying Evolutio? Historically £4.50 for fax referral, £2.80 for going through portal but CCG not sure. **CR:** is Evolutio being paid for GP direct referrals?

CR doing work with ophthalmologists working on **Dry Eye protocol**. Glaucoma one still to do. Shows we are supporting CCG.

Prescribing: working with LOCSU and sending information out to optoms in network.

IG: issues being sorted out with LOCSU's help.

ACE won tender for **Care Closer to Home**. Going to ask what they want to do for optom roll-out. They want to use local optoms. Take over 1st April 2016. Implication that they did not want to use Evolutio but could change. Asked Poonam if she would like to assist. Has a lot of knowledge.

South: Shared Stable Glaucoma Pathway – gone to costing. Originally said max £50 per episode which would only work out at £20 per episode for optom. Too low. Perhaps hospital would like to contribute to costs? Network works well and positive things coming out of partnership.

IOP refinement scheme signed off in all 4 South Essex CCGs. Fee to optoms will be £36. Less than current fee but being asked to do less which will take less time, shorter appt, so is a good deal.

SP will be **Clinical Lead** for South.

Mid: sent them MECS and GRRS information. Mid Essex service coming up for renewal but has been extended. Wanting business case for GRR.

West: sent some information to ES. Kamal is GPwSI. Might look at Paeds, LV etc in West and needs looking at for development. Needs similar network as in other CCG areas. Need more optom involvement.

2015/36 LEHN update

No recent meetings.

Next meeting and Child Sub-Group meeting 8th September.

2015/37 NOC

5th and 6th November.

Send 5 people – 3 paid for by LOC and 2 free places. SH, MC, KR, SP, KC

Do poster competition if there is one.

2015/38 AOB

CET: Paediatrics at Southend during next cycle.

Hold in location convenient for West Essex: Hilton at Stansted or Radisson, Novotel, Holiday Inn

Subject: Safeguarding?

October/November (avoid last week in Oct and 1st week Nov)

50 delegates?

Charge £25 practitioners coming from outside Essex.

LL: are optoms getting feedback letters from HES for their patients after referral? KL thinks there is slight increase in feedback rate.

All committee members who practices in South could do an audit. Px's are seen after 6 weeks. Therefore audit August Pxs in December.

ES to report: Diabetic patients should be seen every two years if they are already being monitored for retinopathy.

KL: doing pilot trial for ACE GOS payments sent by e-mail. Payment sheet being sent 2nd day of month. Payment 1 day earlier. Works well. Encryption app is downloaded and can be done without nhs.net account. ES to mention at AOP IT meeting tomorrow.

MG: Misuse of GOS eye test. Post YAG refractions requested by HES. Annotate 5.1. Ask advice from AOP or FODO – own indemnity body. Could be an issue for PPV.

Mike Bromidge: GPs sending Px's with red eye. Triage system which makes decision about course of action. Needs discussion with LEHN.

Anyone wanting to join committee, let LB know – AC registered interest, also Tracey Kinns, Vyomesh – DO Contractor in W Essex, Mike Bromidge DO Contractor in Braintree, Manjot Grewal Optom Performer in Braintree, Timesh Patel, Optom Performer in Braintree. Also Sara Porter expressed interested Officers will decide where there are gaps for Performers, Contractors and co-opted DOs and who will be accepted.

2015/39 Date of next meeting

18th November 2015

Meeting finished 20.55

Action points

LB to do new contract for SH

LB to organize CET event

LB to look into buying Binley CCG area map.