

# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Adam Holliday

## Bi-Monthly Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
7.30pm – The Park Inn, Nottingham

<b>Present:</b>	Adam Holliday Jill Gratton Andrew Spybey Guy Barnes John Clissold	<b>Chair</b> <b>Treasurer</b>
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<b>In Attendance:</b>	Sam Stretton Ravi Chawda Katie Franklin	<b>Administrator</b> Specsavers
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### 2. Apologies for Absence

Declan O'Beirne, Nigel Davidson, David Cartwright, Patrick Hegarty and David Bennett.

### 3. Declaration of Interest

None declared.

### 4. Officer and Administrator Post

In-line with the LOC constitution, a Chair and Treasurer would need to be elected by the committee at their first meeting following the AGM.

Sam Stretton advised that no expressions of interest had been received prior to tonight's meeting for the Chair and Treasurer posts. However Adam Holliday and Jill Gratton did agree to re-stand. Those present voted in favour of this and Adam and Jill will continue in their roles.

Sam Stretton left the meeting at this stage, so that the committee could discuss the post. Those present agreed that the role should continue for a further 12 months. Sam returned to the meeting and Adam advised her of the committee's decision and asked if she would like to continue in the role. Sam was happy to continue and thanked the committee.

Those present also discussed and agreed that a review of Committee expenses was needed to provide transparent governance and this would be discussed at the bi-monthly meeting in September.

**5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
– matters arising**

**Health Harmonie (HH)**

Adam Holliday advised that several incidents involving sight loss, had been informally highlighted by colleagues at Kingsmill. Concerns continue to be raised with the CCG. Adam and Rupesh Bagdai from LOCSU, have written to the CCG to offer help assistance.

**Healthy Living Optical Practices (HLOP)**

In the absence of David Cartwright, Adam Holliday advised that seven practices had signed up to become a HLOP. David has also had very positive conversations with Public Health, Nottinghamshire County Council and CCGs. All of which are prepared to supply material and include practices in their health initiatives. The latter may also drive practice footfall. It is hoped that in the future services will be commissioned.

**6. Primary Eyecare (East Midlands) Limited – (PEEM)**

The formalised accounts were tabled at the meeting and showed a small profit.

Andrew Spybey advised those present that the merger was still going ahead, however the criteria to do so had changed. To meet the new criteria, there would be one or two companies nationwide to meet the £5,000,000 annual turnover. The Company would also have to show a profit. Given the change and if Northern Eyecare agreed, PEEM would merge with them.

It is still hoped that the merger will be completed by the end of October 2018.

Andrew went on to say that Derbyshire have signed a contract with Newmedica, to provide a post cataract service in their area.

**7. GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation Update**

Sam Stretton advised that the LOC had received several inquiries from practices, asking if the LOC had any plans to run training events to assist practices with GDPR.

Following discussion it was agreed that there was already plenty of information readily available out there to assist practices. The LOC have no plans to run any GDPR events.

Adam Holliday advised that a communication was sent to practices advising that the LOC was considering engaging the services of a Data Protection Officer on behalf of practices in the Nottinghamshire area. There would obviously be a cost attached to this, which practices would be asked to pay. However if there are a significant number of practices interested, then economies of scale should help to keep the individual practice cost down. Expressions of interest were only received from a very small number of practices.

Andrew Spybey advised that LOCSU were also looking to have a National Data Protection Officer that everyone could buy into, in much the same way.

## **8. First Aid Training**

The GOS contract states that practices must have a First Aider to be compliant, but does not state what the acceptable minimum level is.

Adam Holliday has discussed this with David Cartwright, Chair of the LHEN to see if First Aid training is something that the LEHN would be able to fund given that colleagues in Derbyshire are also interested. David has agreed to look into this.

Due to the cost of the training, the idea would be to send two representatives from each LOC on the First Aid Trainer Training course. The idea being that the LOCs could then arrange First Aid training sessions for practices in their areas.

## **9. NHS Payments**

The LOC are aware that there has been delays in PCSE processing GOS claims for some areas including Nottinghamshire and also that GOS forms have been returned to practices due to early test dates.

This has been raised at national level with PCSE and Adam Holliday as Chair of Nottinghamshire LOC, also sent a letter of complaint to them. A reply has been received from PCSE offering their sincere apologies and this has been circulated to practices.

## **10. Any Other Business**

### **Hospital Optometrists**

David Cartwright would be interested to hear the LOCs views on whether they think local Optometrists would be keen to work part-time in the eye department.

Those present discussed this and it was felt that even by having more hospital Optometrists, it would not reduce the number of patients going to hospital clinics. One idea to reduce numbers, would be to encourage NUH to support the commissioning of a MECS scheme which would be beneficial to everyone.

Adam Holliday advised that a MECS scheme is on the radar of the Standard Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STP) and it is hoped that the CCGs will pick up on this.

### **New Committee Members**

The LOC are always looking at ways to encourage the next generation of Optometrists to get involved and become members.

It was suggested that an event is arranged to discuss the role of the LOC in more detail and offer shadowing opportunities to anyone who wished to become more involved.

Two candidates have already come forward who wish to become more involved, one of which has just completed the LOCSU training course for new LOC members.

Those wishing to be more involved could be co-opted onto the committee prior to the elections in May 2019. Further discussions about this will be held at the bi-monthly meeting in September.

**Date & time of next meeting:**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018** - bi-monthly meeting

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018** - bi-monthly meeting

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019** - bi-monthly meeting

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019** - bi-monthly meeting

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019** - AGM

**Meetings are held at: The Park Inn (A60) NG5 2BT**

**Buffet – 6.45pm**

**Meeting - 7.30pm**

**If you are unable to attend this meeting please e-mail**

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