

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Adam Holliday

Bi-Monthly Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2019 – 7.30pm
The Nottingham Sherwood Hotel (formerly The Park Inn)

Present: Adam Holliday **Chair**
David Bennett
Indervir Atwal
Katie Franklin
Mo Aslam
John Clissold
Ravi Chawda

In Attendance: Sam Stretton **Administrator**
Richard Rawlinson **LOCSU Optical Lead**
John Yeomans

2. Apologies for Absence

Andrew Spybey, David Cartwright, Sameen Qayyum and Roma Malik

3. Presentation by Richard Rawlinson - LOCSU Optical Lead Team

Adam Holliday welcomed Richard to the meeting and a round of introductions took place.

Richard shared his background and various roles he currently holds with those present.

He thanked Adam Holliday for completing and return the needs assessment that LOCSU had circulated to LOCs. He went on to advise that out of the 34 LOCs this had been sent to, only 6 had so far been returned. A further 15 were expected following LOC meetings over the next few months.

Adam had previously asked for LOCSUs assistance in sourcing a Dispensing Optician to sit on the committee. Richard confirmed that this was in hand.

LOCSU has been supporting all Primary Eyecare Companies in regards to tenders and commissioning service. However currently nothing is being procured in the optical sector.

There is a delay on the awarding of the DVLA contract, which Primary Eyecare has submitted a bid.

Over the past two years NHS England have restructured their regions and services with a view to saving money. LOCSU have also realigned their regions.

Richard showed a slide detailing the Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in Nottinghamshire. It is mandatory for PCNs to engage with Optometry.

Adam went on to say that the Local Eye Health Network for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire are already looking at service re-design and feeding back into the PCNs.

Richard suggested writing or emailing all the PCNs to explain about the role of the LOC and the workforce that it represents. Adam advised that the LOC are engaging with them all, but having information on LOCSUs strategy would be helpful to push the LOC agenda.

Richard also suggested holding regional LOC meetings i.e. East Midlands region. Adam advised that some discussions had already taken place with some of the LOC Chairs.

Richard was asked where LOCSU saw the opportunities:

- It is envisaged that in the next 5 years the pathway for glaucoma will be re-designed.
- Workforce needs to consider and start to up-skill ready to deliver services
- LOCs will need to get a feel for practice interest in delivering services

LOCSU and LOCs to commence regular meetings, either face to face or via telephone.

4. Minutes of previous meeting – 16th July 2019 - matters arising

Declarations of Interest

The formal register was circulated prior to the start of the meeting and signed by those committee members present. Those not in attendance will have the opportunity to sign this at the next bi-monthly meeting in November.

Health Harmonie (HH)

Adam Holliday advised that HH have accepted Nottinghamshire LOCs invitation to attend a meeting. To ensure openness and transparency, Adam would also be inviting East Midlands Medical Services (EMMS) the other community service provider in Nottinghamshire to a meeting.

Once dates have been finalised with the community service providers, an invitation will be sent to all practices inviting them along. Practices will also be asked: - 'what information would you like from HH / EMMS and what would you like to discuss with HH / EMMS'?

Eye Health Strategy Board

The next meeting of the Board has been arranged for 14th November 2019. Unfortunately Adam will be at the National Optical Conference in Warwick. If anyone is able to attend on his / Nottinghamshire LOCs behalf, he would be very grateful.

Healthy Living Optical Practices (HLOP)

Adam Holliday advised that he had recently attended a HLOP training workshop on screening for hypertension and atrial fibrillation (AF).

HLOP practices are being invited to take part in this service initially, with a small number of other interested practices also. Expressions of interest to provide this service are also being sort from practices.

Adam and those present discussed the concept of HLOP and would continue to encourage practices to take part in this, as this is part of the wider health care agenda.

David Bennett agreed that he would discuss this with his practice staff and contact David Cartwright directly, if he felt this was something he could provide in his practice.

Adam and those present thanked Richard Rawlinson for attending and the meeting closed.

Date & time of next meeting:

Tuesday 19th November 2019

Tuesday 21st January 2020

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Tuesday 12th May 2020 - **AGM**

Buffet – 6.45pm
Meeting - 7.30pm

All meetings are held at:
Mercure Nottingham Sherwood Hotel (formerly The Park Inn) (A60) NG5 2BT