

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Adam Holliday

Bi-Monthly Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2019 – 7.30pm
Mercure Nottingham Sherwood Hotel (formerly The Park Inn)

Present: Adam Holliday **Chair**
Andrew Spybey
John Clissold
Mo Aslam
Katie Franklin

In Attendance: John Yeomans

2. Apologies for Absence

Sam Stretton Administrator, David Cartwright, Sameen Qayyum and Indervir Atwal

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes of previous meeting – 24th September 2019 - matters arising

Inclusion of a Dispensing Optician on the Committee

At the meeting in September, Richard Rawlinson was asked if he could help Nottinghamshire LOC source a Dispensing Optician to join the committee. Nothing further has been heard from Richard about this.

Regional LOC Meetings

Adam Holliday advised that as yet, no regional LOC meetings have been arranged.

DVLA Contract

It has now been confirmed that Specsavers have been awarded the contract.

Nottinghamshire Community Eye Care Providers

Adam Holliday advised that both Health Harmonie and East Midlands Medical Services have accepted the LOC invitation to attend and present at a future LOC bi-monthly meeting.

Practitioners and practices would now be contacted to ask what they would like to hear about from both providers. A list of questions will then be put together and both companies will be provided with the same list to ensure transparency.

All local practitioners and practices will be invited to attend both meetings and the committee would also like to open up the invitation to the CCG Commissioners.

Healthy Living Optical Practices (HLOP)

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

It was felt that if funding was available, more practices would engage.

5. Committee Work Flow

Due to prior commitments, Adam Holliday would be emailing committee members to ask if anyone was able to attend the Integrated Care Systems meeting on 7th December and represent Nottinghamshire LOC.

A discussion took place around committee attendance at LOC meetings.

Post meeting note – the LOC constitution states the following:

DISQUALIFICATION OR RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

5.1 An elected member of the Committee, who ceases to be a local contractor, local performer or an appointed representative of a local contractor, shall vacate his place on the Committee with immediate effect. In such circumstances a casual vacancy shall be declared.

5.2 If a member of the Committee has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee, the Committee shall declare that their seat on the Committee has been vacated, unless the Committee is satisfied that their absence was due to illness or other reasonable cause.

5.3 A member of the Committee may at any time resign his place on the Committee or post as an officer in writing to the Secretary or lay secretary.

6. Update from the National Optical Conference

The NOC provided a snapshot of the current services which were being provided in different areas. Some time was devoted to LOC representatives being asked to provide feedback & and thoughts of the future direction of LOCSU. Some challenging questions were asked and LOCSU said that they would be addressing these along with providing an update on the strategy once the feedback had been considered.

7. **Update from the National Eye Health Network**

No update has been shared by David Cartwright prior to this meeting.

It was felt that the LOC needed a small group of core people to attend these meetings or someone else to attend with Adam Holliday.

8. **Update from Local Optical Committee Support Unit (LOCSU)**

No updates have been received from LOCSU.

9. **Any Other Business**

Training Funds

The committee discussed funding for up-skilling of clinicians in readiness, should any contracts be awarded to the Primary Eyecare Company.

David Cartwright had funds available through the Local Eye Health Network earlier this year, but it is not known if this is still the case.

Primary Eyecare (East Midlands) Limited (PEEM)

Andrew Spybey advised that the company still exists due to contracts in the Derbyshire area. However the Primary Eyecare Company should have taken over the running of the company last November, but hasn't as yet. Adam Holliday advised that he would contact Dharmesh Patel at LOCSU about this.

Member Co-option

John Yeomans has expressed an interest in becoming more involved with the LOC and the work it is involved with, including representing the LOC at external meeting. Following discussion and agreement from those present, John was co-opted onto the committee.

Date & time of next meeting:

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