



Wolverhampton LOC

SPRING MEETING & AGM

MONDAY 20th MAY 2019

MINUTES

Present

Peter Rockett, Vanessa Price, Hasan Akhtar, Tracey Taylor, John Powell, Lucy Bartley, Gurraj Jabbal, Mubashshir Hassan, Aemman Alam, Prab Boparai, Jill Cheney, Amir Afzal, Chris Gill, Kal Kaur, Jas Singh, Paul Sidhu, Julian Phillips, Rebecca Wootton, Hardip Bahia, Sunit Jolly, Taha Jalal, Neeta Choomer, Toni Jones, Zafar Hussain, Neeta Choomer, Rosie Birhah, Haris Iqbal, Emily Rawlings, Clare Darbyshire, Rachel Gibbins, Danielle Edwards, Jamie Beeson, Bal Kainth, Gurdeep Bidesha.

Apologies Parmjit Bahia, Andy Slater, Ritu Gupta, Dharmesh Chauhan, Martin Overton, Mohinder Boparai

PBR briefly explained the rules and plan for the evening and asked Vanessa to act as returning officer.

The Minutes of 2018 AGM were agreed as accurate – proposed CG and seconded TT; the meeting agreed there were no matters arising.

Business Plan this was presented by Peter and is shown on the next page.

WOLVERHAMPTON LOCAL OPTOMETRIC COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLAN 2019-20

2018-19

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Constitution & Elections, DOs

COMMUNICATION

Social Media – Facebook & others

Improve database

LOC COMMITTEE

New members

Training needs

LOC ACTIVITY – ONGOING

WECS responsibilities, clinical governance

New services & pathways

Complete VR & IOP Projects

CET and other training needs

Annual Seminar

Other Initiatives – MECC etc

Integrating Dos

Links with other LOCs outside PEHOWM

LOC ACTIVITY – FUTURE

Improving Ophthalmology collaboration

Audit

Improving referrals

Higher qualifications – IP, glaucoma

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LOC ACTIVITY – ONGOING

WECS responsibilities, CGPL relations

Launch GERS, post-op Nuffield

Further new services / CCG

VR Relaunch

Expand CET offering

Seminar

Other Initiatives – MECC etc

Integrating DOs

Links with other LOCs inc. referral issues

LOC ACTIVITY – FUTURE

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REGIONAL

Regional collaboration

Regional CET

Chairman's Report:- Prab delivered the report.

WLOC Chair's report 2018-2019

Having been chair of WLOC since 2014, I have witnessed it go from strength to strength with sheer hard work from the officers and the members.

We laid the foundation with the three enhanced schemes in 2014 that many LOCs then followed. MECS continues to stand out as being very successful in helping to reduce appointments at A&E and the GPs.

I was presenting the dry eye management of our patients seen in MECS, to the ophthalmologists and GPs at Santen's Ophthalmology Exchange Conference in London last week. It was immensely well received.

This year we have secured another enhanced scheme GERS (Glaucoma Enhanced Referral Service). A number of Wolverhampton performers have been part funded by the CCG to do the professional certificate in glaucoma at Cardiff University to enable participation in GERS.

It is an excellent step forward to prove to our ophthalmology colleagues that we are willing to up-skill ourselves to improve our services to our patients and reduce burden on the eye clinics.

Another scheme we are hoping to have up and running very soon is the cataract post op with Nuffield.

We are also working towards a number of other schemes, so watch this space and most importantly show us your interest by keeping in touch with your LOC and attending the meetings.

It's a very positive step forward that we are finally getting the correct remuneration for the excellent work that we do and are capable of doing.

We will be revisiting the glaucoma and particularly the VR training projects soon.

The VR project has been extremely sought after and we have made plans to roll it out to our neighbouring LOCs.

We hope to have a publication of the VR project as soon as all the latest audit data has been collated. This should put Wolverhampton on the national radar yet again as far as training and ophthalmology and optometry collaboration is concerned.

There has been some progress made in the field of getting feedback from the WEI. It is very much of a work in progress but continues to be very challenging.

It is all about improving communication between primary and secondary eye care. It is a two way process. We need to do our bit as good clinicians to send in good appropriate referrals and the WEI needs to let us know how we are doing in the way of being informed of the outcome of our referral (copied into GP letter).

We are revisiting the referral pathway guidelines and you should have an update on this very soon, particularly the "soon" pathway.

Moving forward we have much planned in the way of training events, seminar (attracting delegates from out of Wolverhampton), audits, publications, new enhanced schemes, NHS email for all, strong regional collaboration and PEC and more.

Please stay focused and support our social media networks and let us have feedback on how we are doing and what other support you would like from your LOC.

A massive thanks to all the committee officers and members for all their hard work, mostly behind the scenes. Please encourage all your dispensing and optometry colleagues to get involved.

It's your LOC! Thank you Prab Boparai, WLOC Chair

Vote 1 – the meeting voted to approve the Business Plan;

Vote 2 – the meeting voted to approve the Chair's report

Treasurer's Report & Budget prepared by Jill Cheney

The accounts were prepared by Tennant Accountancy and are available on the website.

The LOC has had another busy year. This is reflected in the accounts with an increase in training/meeting expenses over the last year. This is set to continue over the coming year with the development of the new glaucoma screening pathway and post cataract assessment and also training to improve referrals into secondary care. The seminar was again very successful with sponsorship and ticket sales covering most of the costs. Monitoring of enhanced services will be done mainly by the CGPLs and funded by PEC services, however the LOC still have a role in the monitoring of services so some meeting and administrative cost will be borne by the LOC. The loan to the ROC company has now been repaid. It is suggested the expenses rate remain unchanged at the same rate since 2012, however we feel the cap on the daily rate should be changed to £500. As activity is expected to continue to be high the committee suggests the levy remain unchanged. This will be reviewed in 12 months.

Vote 3 – the meeting voted to approve accounts for 2018-19

Vote 4– the meeting voted to approve Treasurer's report

Vote 5 – the meeting voted to approve the budget

Vote 6 – the meeting voted to approve no change to the statutory levy

Vote 7– the meeting voted to approve no change to the LOCSU levy

Elections

Peter led the meeting through the election process; Gurraj acted as returning officer.

The current committee is 12, equal mix of contractors & performers + 2 co-opted

- * *Contractors* Prab, Peter, Bal, Hardip, Taha, Dharmesh
- * *Performers* Aemman, Paul, Jill, Parmjit, Amir
- *Co-Opted Members* Andy (DO), Gurraj
- * Standing for Contractor election Hardip, Haris Iqbal
- * Standing for performers election Gurdeep Bidesha, Hasan Akhtar, Aemman

The 2 contractors were voted for with a show of hands & Hardip & Haris were elected. With 2 places available & all Performers present having 2 votes, votes placed using the voting slip. Aemman (17) and Gurdeep (18 votes) were elected to the committee, Hasan received 8 votes.

AOB

'The secretary's chance' PBR briefed the meeting on some other matters, starting with giving thanks to colleagues on the committee, very much a team these days. We are proud that our LOC continues to lead the way in many areas. Finance - we try hard to manage our financial responsibilities and the fact that we show a small deficit this year reflects the fair balance we have in income and expenditure and that to achieve progress with new services requires commitment and some expense. Upcoming developments in brief include, in 2019 - Glaucoma enhanced referral scheme (October); Post-op cataract – Nuffield (September); New referral pathways & guidance (summer). In 2020-21 Paediatric service, Post-op cataract service, OHT monitoring. Training in 2019 will include MECS evening 9th July, Training to support new services, WEI clinical sessions, More WEI training, Peripheral retinal disorders, Nuffield workshop event, VR returns.

Lastly some part-funded places remain available for Professional Certificate in Glaucoma & we invite applications from practices that have not yet indicated their interest.

Prab closed the meeting.