

## SOLIHULL LOC MEETING – MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022

held as a Zoom Meeting - start time - 6.30P.M.

Present: Spencer Parkes (Chair)  
Dan Sanders (Vice Chair)  
Sukhi Drake (Secretary)  
Simone Mason (Vice Secretary)  
Arooj Wahid  
Hitesh Parmar  
Kazim Haji  
Mandy Hart  
Brendan O’Doherty  
Salma Ali  
Osman Siddiq

### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations.

### 3. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 LOC meeting had a couple of amendments which were made by SD then signed off as a true record of the meeting.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

**Committee two-line bio and photo** – for the website for those who have not yet submitted anything.

**c.f. ACTION: SP/DS**

**(15. AOB)** – Solihull referral numbers (either fax or email) for Wet AMD.

MH has sent an update via What’s App of a fax machine number but also suggested that a test fax is sent to the fax machine found when she is there to check it is being received as the machine found has a different number to the one listed. After a discussion MH suggested that when updating the Website to leave the fax number off and just add the email address.

**ACTION: SM/RA**

Re CK contacting Grove Road Surgery, CK has sent an email, no response as yet so will try and hand deliver a letter to see if this makes a difference.

**ACTION: CK**

## **5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

DS attended the emergency HWMROC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the funding which has been made available from NHS England. DS reported that there seemed to be 2 camps with differing opinions of how to utilise the funds:

- 1: Get the money spent asap on various training courses.
- 2: No point training people on things that Optoms in the community may never get to use.

It was suggested to look for schemes that could be implemented immediately, such as Pathways, Core Competencies etc. The suggestion was to go back and look at local needs, so further discussion will be required. Ask the commissioners what is likely to be commissioned. CB will send a letter out.

Hitesh (CET rep) is also following the email trail but has not seen anything to report on as yet. It is hoped that everyone will get a chance to vote.

DS suggested, Foreign Body Removal training (SP has a contact), further training on children's pathway, Macular training, OCT analysis as possible uses for the funding.

SP attended an EeRS meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March, where SP reported that he is still being asked to be a CSO (Clinical Safety Officer) for the new ICS. SP is currently waiting for a reply from Nizz Sabir about what is happening around the rest of the country with regards to this. The follow up meeting due to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> March was subsequently cancelled and is rescheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> April. SP unable to attend as dates have moved from those pre-planned.

SP has a Provider meeting to attend on 5<sup>th</sup> April which he is also unable to attend but has sent apologies and requested feedback.

Regarding the Tri-Vice App -SP has volunteered his practice to pilot this and asked if there were any other practices interested. If so let him know via What's App.

SP mentioned that a date has now been set for this year's NOC which will be held in Leeds on 10/11<sup>th</sup> October.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

CK stated the balance currently stands at £45,382.

CK attended a virtual LOCSU Treasurer's meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March. A full report has not yet been received from the amalgamated meetings. Feedback from CK's meeting was that LOCSU are going to put together some guidelines for Treasurers using the PCSE Portal (i.e. basics for Treasurers).

They also recommended having a Vice-Treasurer on each LOC. Anyone interested please let CK know.

There was a discussion regarding private practices being on the LOC which is funded by NHS fees. This has caused some problems and LOCSU is looking at a way to allow private practices to be members by charging a separate fee. CK commented that it is OK to co-opt a private practice member onto the Committee in the meantime.

**7. ROC ACTIONS**

Already covered. Nothing to report since the emergency meeting.

**8. PES UPDATE**

Nothing to report.

**9. LOC NEEDS ANALYSIS**

SM led the Committee through this year's results after everyone submitting their completed forms. Part One of the document was completed with full Committee input and Part Two will be picked up at the next meeting. Carried forward.

**ACTION: SM**

SM will forward a Microsoft link produced by another LOC which makes reporting this analysis feedback easier.

**10. PCN Update**

Nothing to report

**11. REGIONAL FORUM UPDATE**

SP did not attend the latest meeting but has asked Nizz for a copy of the minutes and will report back once received if there is anything relevant to report on.

**12. HH Single Point Access-Referrals/Pathways/CUES**

DS will continue to chase Andrew Jackman to try and get a face-to-face meeting. SP due to see him at a meeting and will also try to organise a meeting.

**ACTION: DS/SP**

**13. DIABETIC SCREENING UPDATE**

Nothing to report.

**14. LOC Website & Communications**

The website is currently down whilst being reconfigured. SM sent a link via What's App which showed the new website which received very good feedback. SM to check meeting dates with RA as link showed some to be wrong.

**ACTION: SM**

**15. AOB**

HP reported that the speaker he had organised for the AGM has recently pulled out and asked for any alternative suggestions. He is in talks with Coopervision re Myopia Management and DS has a meeting with Essilor later this week who he will ask if interested. Any further suggestions please email to HP.

**ACTION: DS/HP**

DS asked if anyone has heard about Spire Parkway offering to put some CET evenings together with the LOC. He will let the LOC know as and when he hears something more.

## **16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9<sup>th</sup> May – Virtual

13<sup>th</sup> June – Crowne Plaza

11<sup>th</sup> July – Virtual

5<sup>th</sup> September – Virtual

21<sup>st</sup> September – AGM – Crowne Plaza

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Virtual

7<sup>th</sup> November Venue to be confirmed

5<sup>th</sup> December – Virtual

The meeting closed at 7.30pm. Length of meeting one hour.