

LOC Minutes 31/01/2013

In attendance

Peter Bainbridge	PB
Peter Hampson	PH
Martin Attewell	MA
Madi Bhuchar	MB
Koyas Ali	KA
Inderpal Bansal	IB
Jaspinderpal Bansal	JB
Nirinder Hunjan	NH
Majid Jawaid	MJ
Roger Meredith	RM
Sue Pearce	SP
Louise Sarjeant	LS
Wasim Sarwar	WS
Paul Sidhu	PS
Richard Stokes	RS
Divya Sudera	DS
David Wright	DW

Also in attendance Rosie Birhah (RB) Dudley's CET officer

Apologies

Helenmary Attewell

Minutes of previous meeting

SP proposed the minutes as correct, seconded by IB.

Matters Arising

IB any news on IOP refinement? PH received all OSCE results after xmas, though WOPEC haven't sent out all individual exam results, so will have to email them to people. Need to organise another exam date, maybe March. No news on the actual scheme and Liz Green due to be on leave for 5/6 weeks.

Chairman's Business

PB The regional optical committee met last week with Alan Tinger and Katrina Venerus from LOCSU to talk about forming a regional company. The consensus (Sandwell, Dudley, Birmingham, Solihull and Wolverhampton) was that we should. Then whether we should have Webstar run the admin/finance side of enhanced services. There will be another meeting with a Webstar rep to discuss.

PH concern Webstar expensive? RM are we commissioning Webstar or CCG? PB we go to CCGs with the complete package. PH PCTs have previously done admin, so we do admin, but charge PCT, rather than them employing people. Concern that already agreed £20 fee for IOPs with no admin, so CCGs could decide which admin options are more cost effective, but can negotiate future admin costs into schemes.

PB Attended a meeting hosted by Novartis aimed at getting together optoms, ophthalmologists, admin etc. Medical retina lead from SGH and glaucoma lead from BMEC, Mr Nessim, want to talk to LOC. In East Birmingham there is AMD and maculopathy monitoring by optometrists with OCTs, so potentially interesting.

Walsall

NH have had one meeting, and will have another to decide if accepting constitution and take a levy, then will need to organise EGM. Charles Barlow is giving advice and guidance. Still to decide about LOCSU contributions.

Secretary's Business

PH received an email from Debra Howls about NHS 111 implementation (non-emergency 999), she want to engage with us in line with national guidelines.

PB find out what the national guidelines are then she could do a presentation. May need to sit down in a small group first, then could do a talk at the AGM?

CET Officer

WS Rosie has done a lot of work for the CET day in Feb. Have 80 attendees confirmed and a waiting list! Will look at another day in September and try and get sponsorship.

Treasurer's Business

MA Accounts have been done, ready for AGM. Bank balance is healthy.

Date of Next Meeting

18th April @ 6:15pm

AGM 21st March 2013