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Minutes of Meeting held 13th November 2024

Brockhole Visitor Centre, Preston PR5 0AG (Junction 32 M6/M55)

Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Jackson (MJ) - Chair • Jennifer Smith (JS) - Secretary • Edward Ovenden (EO) - Treasurer • Tim Bagot (TB) • Sarah Bentley (SB) • Michelle Cole (MC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip Harper (PHa) • Drew Thompson (DT) • Sajeel Abrar (SA) • David Barras (DB) • David Gleave (DG) • Neil Pearson (NP)
Guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Cuthbert (RC) - ICB Clinical Lead for QiO • Tom Mackley (TMa) - LEHN Chair • Mohammed Bhuta (MB) - LOCSU • Martin Yarrow • Hannah Ward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Hilton • Susan Hilton • Ben Heaney • Sahal Patel • Yaseen Shah
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Moon • Mike Moon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asma Adam (AA) • Khakan Malik
Notes:	Item	
1.	Declarations of Conflict of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members to check & return Col forms previously circulated by JS. • 	
2.	Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the meeting held 18 th September 2024 were approved by the group. Proposed by DB, Seconded by MC. Further discussion from the group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All happy with the more concise minutes. JS will keep recordings until minutes have been approved in case any queries, then delete. • MB confirmed that minutes do not need to be signed by the committee so going forwards this will change to adopted by committee. • Pre cataract and choice – We cannot be asked to offer choice including waiting times etc as part of the GOS fee. How can true choice be offered? This will be a work in progress to revisit following the meeting with Steve Flynn at the ICB. • NP raised that ISight are not onboarded to Opera yet – TB to provide information on this. He is concerned that ISight are rejecting referrals over the phone and that this is not trackable when people are taking messages on paper or perhaps receiving these calls when they are out of practice. 	
3.	Chair's Report <u>Chair's Report – November 2024</u>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further discussion. <p>Secretary's Report Secretary's Report - November 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still waiting for information from ICB re Naevus monitoring pathway in Central Lancs. K. Rimmer is discussing contracts with CHEC. Sight Loss Support Pathway Working Group mentioned at today's LEHN meeting, suggest DG joins this as our LV Lead, no objections. <p>Treasurer's Report Treasurer's Report - November 2024 (redacted, available on request)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space available to attend Regional Optical Conference (ROC) on 20th November. Anyone wanting to attend to contact EO otherwise the money will be allocated to the NOC funds for 2025.
<p>4.</p>	<p>LEHN Report – TMa</p> <p><u>Cardiovascular Disease - Blood Pressure & Pulse Measuring in Optical Practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pathway is mapped out. Waiting for National Signoff from Pharmacy Payments Team before able to proceed any further. Need to liase with LMC who are currently working to rule only. Hopeful that preventing heart attack and stroke comes under this – TMa has meeting with them next week to discuss. Once these barriers have been overcome, the pathway and processes will be circulated, and training organised for Dec/Jan all being well. Still hoping to go live end of January 2025. <p><u>Sight Testing in Special Schools</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHS England have now shared details on procurement and a draft specification with the ICB. Still needs to be approved by Parliament, will be a nationally set fee like GOS, need to make sure the service is viable for an expected lower fee of £85 per episode. Anyone interested in providing the service needs to engage with the PIN (Prior Information Notice) using the links below: <p>CF Notice NHS Sight Testing and Dental Checks in Special Educational Settings - Contracts Finder FTS Notice NHS Sight Testing and Dental Checks in Special Educational Settings - Find a Tender <u>Sight Loss Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter to go out to highlight services available, where to find information, who's who etc



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider CPD event next year on LV • Suggested PES could send out comms as part of new Tier 1 LV service on referral endpoints and options available on Opera.
<p>5.</p>	<p>LOCSU Report – MB</p> <p>LOCSU report – November 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPD Webinar on Reflective Exercise was recorded – MB to share the link.
<p>6.</p>	<p>Tier 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulwood Hall now fully onboarded to Opera. • Information will be coming out soon to all IP practitioners about Whatsapp group and FP10 pads. • Month 1 figures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CUES - 3103 episodes, 81% managed in primary care, 19% referred on (referral target is 20% or under) ○ Post op cataract - 527 episodes (this should start to increase as the old pathways are switched off) ○ GERS - 57 episodes ○ GRR - 21 episodes ○ Low Vision - 77 episodes (practices have been waiting for kits so numbers expected to increase). ○ Easy Eyecare - ~ 12 episodes (aiming for 30-40 per month) • Easy Eyecare – activity mainly from optical practices so far due to low numbers of providers. Still need better coverage on the Fylde Coast but elsewhere there are now enough practices onboard to be able to drive more activity through GP practices. TMA has meeting with PCNs coming up to present and encourage referrals into the service. TMA to ensure GPs do not refer in those who are not due for GOS test – suggest “have you had a sight test in the last 2years” and/or “do you have any concerns with your eyes or vision” rather than “go and book a sight test”. • Glaucoma WOPEC OSCEs tonight and 11th December at Specsavers, Preston, still places available on the December session. TB advises he has been waiting for practices to onboard to GERS. He will wait until January then contact the Trusts to discuss deflection back to the GERS pathway for any referrals that have circumvented the pathway. LHTT do not triage glaucoma referrals so therefore do not reflect any back into GERS (opportunity here). • GERS practitioners can reject referral back to provider with insufficient information e.g. if IOPs or field plots not attached. • Some evidence that ISPs and Trusts are telling patients where to go for post op cataract checks rather than back to referrer or to the patient's choice. OPR no’s to be sent to TB to investigate.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusion over post cat endpoints on Opera when referring back for problems. Some only listed as 'Second Eye Surgery'. Concerns raised by practitioners about urgent referrals going to the right place or being overlooked. TB to look into possibly renaming to avoid confusion. • RC asks if any unused LV aid stock from old pathways could be donated to International Aid to send over to Moldova rather than discarded. • Committee thanks TB, EO & PES for their hard work and successful roll out of Tier 1 so far.
7.	<p>Update Action & Decision Log</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS to update, no other actions raised
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LPRES (Lancashire Person Record Exchange Service) - TMa has added primary care optometry onto the agenda for this (access to clinic letters and medications, more information than on the SCR). • Company called Sight Call Optical Services – contacting people not due for tests or eligible for domi tests and being pushy to book tests implying they are from the NHS. A patient has complained to a local practice. RC asks all concerns of this nature must be reported to the Local Area Team for investigation and patients and families should be encouraged to complain directly to the ICB complaints team.
9.	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Optical Conference - 20/11/24 • January - 15/01/25 (virtual incl needs analysis review – 7pm start) • March - 12/3/25 • April - 30/04/25 - AGM, CPD & election of officers • June - 25/06/24
<p>Adopted by committee Date:15/01/2025</p>	



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Action & Decision Log

Action No.	Date	Item	Lead	Status
47	20.03.24	Create a pack to be used at schools' careers events 18/09/24 - EO advises in progress they are still trying to source props etc. Hope to close at Sept 24 meeting. 13/11/24 - No update, leave on action list.	EO, AA, DG	In Progress
50	20.03.24	JS to ask LOCSU for support getting Trusts to pay HESP fees timely 18/09/24 - MBh looking into it, carry on to next meeting – not present. 13/11/24 - JS to email MBh again and also discuss with LTHT correct procedure and escalation details to share round mailing list and post on website. Look at doing the same for BTH, UHMB, ELHT, MREH	MBh	In Progress
51	03.07.24	Tier 2 working group – to include E.Lancs 13/11/24 - Arranging meeting with Steve Flynn, should be able to update at January meeting.	MJ, JS, TB, DT, DG & TMa	In Progress
53	03.07.24	All committee members to do IT Security course on ELFH site and send certificate to JS 13/11/24 - EO to reshare link with all committee	All	In Progress
59	03.07.24	Create Top Tips for Paediatric Examinations document for website 13/11/24 - Still waiting for response from Trusts.	DB & AA	In Progress
60	18.09.24	Liase with Inspiring Success and Pennine Lancs re hosting joint virtual CPD event. 13/11/24 - All arranged for 27/11/24 virtually	EO	CLOSED



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61	18.09.24	Contact list for each cataract surgical provider to be circulated round practices should they need to request patients be added to Opera 13/11/24 - List has been circulated round mailing list and is on the website as well. Still missing details for Fulwood Hall & ELHT.	TB	In Progress
62	18.09.24	Comms to be sent out to the mailing list asking practitioners to talk to patients about treating their blepharitis at the time of referral and the importance of doing this daily until the surgery date. DT to draft and send to JS for circulation 13/11/24 - sent out to mailing list	DT	CLOSED
63	18.09.24	Create a poster to circulate round practices "What is the LOC? Everyone is welcome" 13/11/24 - In progress, committee photo being taken after tonight's meeting.	DT	In Progress
64	13.11.24	Find out if ISight are onboarded to Opera and discuss with them appropriate traceable ways of rejecting referrals using this platform. Also ensure they are using Opera for post cat referrals to practices.	TB	
65	13.11.24	Newsletter on low vision support services to go out to mailing list highlighting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> importance of providing information to patients early on especially those not being referred e.g dry AMD referrals can be sent to ECLOs and third sector on Opera for support Who's who and role descriptions e.g ECLO 	PH	
66	13.11.24	Link for LOCSU Reflective Exercise Webinar to be shared for wider circulation	MB/JS	
67	13.11.24	Send OPR numbers to TB for post cat px's who weren't sent to their chosen provider by ISPs/Trusts	JS/SB	
68	13.11.24	Concern raised over wording of endpoints for Post cat referrals rather than second eye surgery on Opera. TB to look into separate endpoints or possibly renaming to avoid confusion.	TB	
69	13.11.24	Encourage LV practices to send any unusable LV kit to International Aid	DG	
70	13.11.24	Review Needs Analysis Survey to include skills, interests then send out to committee prior to January meeting.	MB/JS/MJ	