



LANCASHIRE &
MORECAMBE BAY LOC

Minutes of Meeting held 18th September 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) • Neil Pearson (NP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Broadhurst (MB) • Philip Harper (PHa) • Drew Thompson (DT) • Asma Adam (AA) • Sajeel Abrar (SA) • David Barras (DB) • David Gleave (DG)
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Ryan (MR) • Usman Rasul 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohammed Bhuta (MBh)
Guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Cuthbert (RC) - ICB Clinical Lead for QiO • Tom Mackley (TMa) - LEHN Chair • Kath Gulson (KG) - LPN Chair • Paula Burrows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed Shield • Sam Peters • Ben Heaney • Shameem Mohamed • Zubair Patel
Notes:	Item	
	MB announced tonight will be his last meeting as he has decided to step down from the LOC after many years of service.	
1.	Declarations of Conflict of Interest	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EO advised he has recently been appointed Clinical Lead with Primary Eyecare Services. • All members to check & return Col forms recently circulated by JS. 	
2.	Pharmacy First Update – KG	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All local pharmacies are completely reliant on footfall for funding, they do not have a patient list like GP surgeries. Still working to 2018 contract & finances which means a 30% reduction in income. 95% of Pharmacy income comes from NHS contract. • Across L&SC alone 34million items are dispensed per year with 11k patients seen per month since the launch of Pharmacy First in Feb 2024 – deflecting workload away from general practice. • Medicine supply chain shortages mean pharmacist are spending up to 12hrs per week trying to obtain some medicines. If they say they can't get it they really can't and need to ask the prescriber for an alternative. This is a global market issue. • Minor ailments – Px presents to GP surgery and receptionist refers to local participating Pharmacy via EMIS without the need for the Px to see a GP. • Hypertension case finding service – for adults 40 years old or over, who do not have a current diagnosis of hypertension. Will be offered a BP check when they visit a pharmacy – it is optional – results sent to GP practice electronically to put into Px record. • Communications will be sent out to all local pharmacists regarding the imminent roll out of the new Tier 1 Ophthalmology contract across L&SC. 	



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	<p>Q&A Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no list available for OOS medications as it changes all the time. For IP optoms who are told the drug is OOS, the advice is to contact a local pharmacy who can look online with the wholesaler and advise what is currently available. • Currently optometrists cannot refer patients to a pharmacy for a BP check, but they can signpost the patient to pharmacy. <p>The committee thanked KG for her time, and she left the meeting at 19.30.</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held 3rd July 2024 were approved by the group. Proposed by DG, Seconded by DT.</p> <p>Further discussion from the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin access hubs is a pilot. Currently only GP practices in this local area can access them. Clinicians should refer any suspicious skin lesions to the GP where there is a good chance the patient will be referred into one of these hubs. SA advises there is one of these hubs at the ISSA Medical Centre, Deepdale, Preston and another at Buckshaw Village Surgery in Chorley. • Clinicians at BTH now have access to laptops and digital referrals. PES have been told the endpoints so all emergency referrals will be able to go through opera. No movement on having to ring On-call Dr via switchboard. They are still working on a standardised list of which conditions they want seeing when which all staff will follow.
4.	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p><u>Chair's Report - September 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to fund 5 places for the Regional Optometry Conference – MJ, JS, DG & SB. TB & EO to see if time can be claimed through PES rather than LOC. TMA also planning to attend (non-LOC funded).
5.	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p><u>Secretary's Report - September 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJ & Angie Ashworth NHSE have an upcoming meeting to discuss how practices can submit documentation when applying for second pair authorisation. MJ will update the committee when there is a decision.
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Treasurer's Report - September 2024 (Redacted, available on request)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All agreed to fund 2 LOS lectures this year for a total cost of £700. • DB is giving a talk to the LOS, all agreed for him to talk about the LOC at the start to brief attendees on what we do. MB to help with information as needed.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All agreed to try and apply for another joint CPD grant from the central fund with Pennine Lancs. Agreed to hold it virtually to reduce costs and make it more accessible for practitioners who do not live local to Preston.
<p>7.</p>	<p>Discussion of other reports previously circulated</p> <p>PES report – TB</p> <p>ICB Clinical Lead for QiO report – RC</p> <p>LOCSU Report – MBh</p> <p>LEHN Report – TMa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMa is hoping to run another online event for contractors in Oct/Nov. BP & AF pilot – 12 practices in 4 areas have been shortlisted to participate in areas with biggest deprivation. Work is now being done to link them with a participating GP surgery and Pharmacy – more detail to follow. TMa is hoping to get some optometry representatives to meet with Steve Flynn (commissioner) to hear his view of the very complicated Tier 2 pathways and understand the problems they are facing. <p>Induction course report – SA & DB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both found the course very helpful and well run. Local map of ICB and local contacts would be helpful. <p>Fylde Coast Paediatric Report – DB</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Tier 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a crossover period. It is not yet understood whether surgical providers will be able to add patients on to Opera retrospectively if they have not onboarded by the 1/10/24. NHS111 will refer patients to the PES Hub where they will get a telemed appointment within 4hrs. If an in-practice appointment is needed, PES will ring local practices to find availability. All the funding will be passed onto the receiving practice. This is a low volume pathway. TB will circulate a contact list for surgical providers should practices need to request post op cataracts be added to Opera. EOI is going out to the mailing list tomorrow for another round of WOPEC Glaucoma OSCEs.
<p>9.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>BVH Operation Cancellations – DT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTH are trying to reduce the volume of on the day surgery cancellations due to blepharitis. 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. <p>CPD Grant from Central Fund – EO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Treasurer's report above.



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	<p><u>LOC Publicity</u> – DB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DT to create a poster to circulate round practices “What is the LOC? Everyone is welcome” <p><u>LOCSU Dry Eye Pathway</u> - DB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patients can be signposted to CUES from a GP or Pharmacy etc with dry eye symptoms they just cannot self-present with chronic dry eye symptoms.
10.	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• November - 13/11/24• Regional Optical Conference - 20/11/24• January - 15/01/25 (virtual only if needed)• March - 12/3/25• April - 30/04/25 - AGM, CPD & election of officers• June - 25/06/24
Adopted by committee	
Date: 13/11/2024	



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Action & Decision Log

Action No.	Date	Item	Lead	Status
34	21.6.23	Fleetwood PCN - Talk to Tracey Harrison re frequency of PCN meetings and LOC expectations and draft MOU. 18/09/24 - no contact – close action and reopen if an invoice is received.	MJ & SB	CLOSED
40	27.09.23	PH and AA to plan events for NEHW 2024	AA & PH	CLOSED
44	17.01.24	DT to speak to BVH and get definitive pathway e.g. list of conditions that must be rung first. MJ to do the same for UHMB 18/09/24 - Close action.	TB, DT & MJ	CLOSED
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.	EO, AA, DG	In Progress
50	20.03.24	JS & MB 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.	MBh	In Progress
51	03.07.24	Tier 2 working group – to include E.Lancs	MJ, JS, TB, DT, DG & TMa	
52	03.07.24	JS to send ICO information to AA and register change in detail.	JS	CLOSED
53	03.07.24	All committee members to do IT Security course on ELFH site and send certificate to JS	All	In Progress
54	03.07.24	NP to email K.Rimmer to raise concerns over Col with ISight choice conversations for cataract in West Lancs and ask practices to feedback any concerns to him.	NP	CLOSED



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55	03.07.2 4	AA to remind LTHT they cannot advise glaucoma patients to see their optician for an IOP check - completed	AA	CLOSED
56	03.07.2 4	EO to set up a savings account for excess funds.	EO	CLOSED
57	03.07.2 4	Working group to be set up to prioritise increasing signups to Easy Eyecare Pathway especially in Central Lancs.	DG, TMa, DB, TB, EO	CLOSED
58	03.07.2 4	DB to plan how much time per month he needs to spend on paed's pathway/meetings etc to present to committee at Sept 24 meeting for funding approval. TMa to see if there is any ICB funding available as well – covered in minutes above	DB/TMa	CLOSED
59	03.07.2 4	Create Top Tips for Paediatric Examinations document for website – covered in minutes above	DB & AA	In Progress
60	18.09.2 4	Liase with Inspiring Success and Pennine Lancs re hosting joint virtual CPD event.	EO	
61	18.09.2 4	Contact list for each cataract surgical provider to be circulated round practices should they need to request patients be added to Opera	TB	
62	18.09.2 4	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	DT	
63	18.09.2 4	Create a poster to circulate round practices "What is the LOC? Everyone is welcome"	DT	