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Minutes of Meeting held 15th January 2025 on MS Teams

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) Philip Harper (PH) Sajeel Abrar (SA) David Barras (DB) David Gleave (DG) Neil Pearson (NP) Asma Adam (AA)
Guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth Cuthbert (RC) - ICB Clinical Lead for QiO Tom Mackley (TMa) - LEHN Chair Mohammed Bhuta (MB) - LOCSU Emma Hilton Vanessa Game Carl Harrison Paula Burrows
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drew Thompson (DT)
Notes:	Item
1.	Declarations of Conflict of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None declared
2.	Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the meeting held 13 th November 2024 were approved by the group. Proposed by EO, Seconded by DG. Further discussion from the group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JS reported that DT is currently working with Blackpool Teaching Hospital (BTH) to help them digitise their HESP payments but this is a slow process. The hope is that once online this process can be presented to other local Trusts. LOC Poster – JS updates that we do not have permission to use the Brockholes images so DT is looking to change it or take his own to use. DT was also looking into printing costs but is not present tonight to update. ISight still sending some post cat requests in paper form rather than on Opera. TB requests NHS numbers of these patients (or other PID) is sent to him from an NHS.net account so he can investigate further. Post cat end points – TB reports he & the PES central team are working to try and get separate endpoints for each provider for second eye referrals and complication referrals. Most are on but there remain a few who are yet to return the paperwork.
3.	Chair's Report <u>Chair's Report – January 2025</u>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further discussion. <p>Secretary's Report Secretary's Report – January 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further Discussion <p>Treasurer's Report Treasurer's Report – January 2025 – redacted (available on request)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial audit coming up soon Treasurer's forum – Ed to raise changes in NI and any effect on LOC <p>LOCSU Report LOCSU Report – January 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further discussion
4.	<p>LEHN Report – TMa</p> <p><u>Primary care 5 year plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nick Barkworth is writing the plan, Tom and LOCs providing ideas. Trying to make it sensible and deliverable. No money being offered to deliver it. Some ideas put forward are: translation services, interpreting, occupational health, access to shared records, IT & governance, workforce, eyecare support pathway, easy eyecare, special schools, homeless sight testing, health inequalities, referral optimisation TMa will share a draft as soon as he has it. <p><u>Cardiovascular Disease - Blood Pressure & Pulse Measuring in Optical Practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software is now sorted with Primary Eyecare Services Will be contacting those practices who previously EOI to confirm they still want to proceed and next steps. Hoping to go live mid February 2025. <p><u>Easy Eyecare</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A good number of practices involved still very poor coverage across Fylde coast though. Focus shifting to getting more activity now through those practices who are providing the service. Working group has now started getting in touch with PCNs at a place level where coverage is good to promote the service TB offered to see if PES can put on some training for front of house staff. <p><u>Health Inequalities</u></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be an opportunity to work with Cheshire & Mersey & Greater Manchester to do a big analysis of data from GOS focusing on health inequalities. A paper written by Robert Harper suggests GOS isn't as well delivered in the areas it is most needed. • Trying to do a huge data haul across the northwest and hopefully work with PES to look at GOS and also extended services based on patient postcodes rather than practice location.
5.	<p>Macular Society Update – Carl Harrison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Charity, 17,000 active members, 330 peer support groups across the 4 nations. • Provide information on macula conditions as well as lighting, equipment and looking after your eyes. • Free counselling service is unfortunately growing – telephone-based service offering up to six sessions (more provided if deemed necessary). Approx 6 week wait from initial referral/contact. Referrals can be made via website, phone or through Carl. Available to family members as well. • Insight from members is of those told they have dry AMD, no or limited information is provided by their optometrist at the sight test. They leave not knowing what the condition is and weren't signposted anywhere. They leave hurt, frustrated, anxious and worried only to be told it's going to get worse and there's nothing that can be done. Carl is trying to encourage all optometrists to provide every patient with information regarding sight loss charities local and national to put an end to patients having to suffer in silence. • Request for LOC support encouraging practices to give information leaflets to patients they see with macula disease.
6.	<p>Items for discussion</p> <p><u>NOC attendance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJ, EO wish to attend. PH & AA interested. JS not attending this year. <p><u>West Lancs Referrals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southport & Ormskirk HES aren't accepting referrals for 16- & 17-year-olds and iSight aren't accepting referrals for under 18's. NP advises will be raised at the Ophthalmology MDT meeting on 17th January to look for a solution. • There has also been issues with the emergency clinic at Southport rejecting referrals stating they are closed instead of making other arrangements. NP is going to discuss this with Katie Rimmer as Alder Hey and other tertiary providers had been mentioned as a possible option. <p><u>PES Tariff Uplift</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated children's service MBay – talks being had around fees. TB will report to LOC when confirmed, hoping for uplift from April 2024. • Tier 1 – talks will need to be held soon with the ICB re fees. The LOC should make their position clear on behalf of our contractors.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CUF (Cost uplift factor) relates to those who are on NHS agenda for change, which optometry is not (unlike GPs and Dentists). Some ICBs are willing to pay the CUF fee for optometry services others are not as they are not obligated to. PES will be asking L&SC ICB and will let us know their response. • SUS Date (secondary uses service data) - when the ICB first puts a patient onto their system they receive ~£140 per patient and this can be claimed for CUES, GRR & GERS patients. If SUS fees were claimed by the ICB for all these episodes then the services would effectively be FOC to the ICB (no guarantee it will continue). PES will be discussing this data with the ICB in the hope that some of this funding can be filtered down to practices as increased fees. • TM agrees our ICB primary care colleagues do very much see us as one of the four pillars of primary care but reminds the LOC that these services are commissioned through planned care with the biggest determinate being financial – which is not in a good place.
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p><u>Lancashire Optical Society (LOS) - MC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to dwindling numbers, retiring committee members, increased venue fees and a recent GOC audit the LOS is considering closing. • Considering possibly working with the LOC to put on low cost CPD events and create engagement of the LOC by working together. • All planned lectures for 2025 will be going ahead in February & March. • TB reports local Trusts are keen to do educational events and meet primary care practitioners, would be good to link with CPD in different areas. • DB suggests linking the LOS and CPD with local MCNs (Managed clinical networks) within local consultants & pathways. • CPD working group to pick this up to discuss and plan future events with LOS. EO to look at future costs. <p><u>CPD for AGM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS reminds the CPD working group that CPD needs to be arranged for the AGM in April. Peer review/interactive is preferable as draws a bigger crowd. Notice is sent out 42 days prior to the AGM so this needs to be a priority to get it approved in time. • Committee needs new CPD lead as MC has stepped into larger locality lead role. MC is still happy to provide support and guidance.
8.	<p>Needs Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to agenda running over and time constraints, committee agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss the needs analysis rather than rush through it. • Focus on committee roles & succession planning • What are people looking from us as their LOC and how do we find this out.



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9.	Dates of next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• February - 05/02/25 (virtual needs analysis review – 7pm start)• March - 12/3/25• April - 30/04/25 - AGM, CPD & election of officers• June - 25/06/24	
	Adopted by committee	Date: 12/03/2025



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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. 15/01/25 - Resources pack now complete, all ready for future events.	EO, AA, DG	CLOSED
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 15/01/25 - MJ is drafting a letter to the Director of Finance at BTH to address the issue.	MJ	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. 15/01/25 - Meeting has been held, TMa updates that he has since been advised nothing will change in the immediate future. Agreed to close action for now.	MJ, JS, TB, DT, DG & TMa	CLOSED
53	03.07.24	All committee members to do IT Security course on ELFH site and send certificate to AA. 13/11/24 - EO to reshare link with all committee 15/01/25 - AA to send another reminder to those still yet to complete.	AA	In Progress



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59	03.07.24	Create Top Tips for Paediatric Examinations document for website 13/11/24 - Still waiting for response from Trusts. 15/01/25 - Document is ready, DT has offered to help with the design. DB plans to send to head orthoptists at the Trusts before circulation.	DB & AA	In Progress
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. 15/01/25 - JS advises all on except ELHT. TB sending over	TB	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. 15/01/25 - DT not present to update.	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. 15/01/25 - TB requests px data sent to him to investigate further (using nhs.net account) - NP to send.	TB	CLOSED
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	CLOSED
66	13.11.24	Link for LOCSU Reflective Exercise Webinar to be shared for wider circulation	MB/JS	CLOSED



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67	13.11.2 4	Send OPR numbers to TB for post cat px's who weren't sent to their chosen provider by ISPs/Trusts 15/01/25 - MJ advises the ICB have been made aware of this but it still seems to be an issue with some providers.	JS/SB	In Progress
68	13.11.2 4	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. 15/01/25 - TB reports still a few outstanding.	TB	In Progress
69	13.11.2 4	Encourage LV practices to send any unusable LV kit to International Aid (that doesn't belong to the ICB)	RC	CLOSED
70	13.11.2 4	Review Needs Analysis Survey to include skills, interests then send out to committee prior to January meeting.	MB/JS/MJ	CLOSED
71	15.01.2 5	Work with Carl @ macula society to spread awareness of counselling and its other services and encourage practitioners to signpost all patients with macula disease to the third sector at time of diagnosis.	JS, EO, DG	
72	15.01.2 5	Work with West Lancs secondary care and ICB to resolve 16-17 referral pathway and rejection of emergency referrals by Southport HES.	NP	
73	15.01.2 5	LOC to send letter to ICB stating our position on Tier 1 fees and CUF on behalf of contractors	MJ	
74	15.01.2 5	CPD working group to meet with LOS to discuss and plan future events with LOS. EO to look at future costs.	CPD group	
75	15.01.2 5	CPD working group to appoint new lead to replace MC	CPD group	
76	15.01.2 5	CPD working group to plan CPD for AGM – MC, AA, RC, TB, EO, TM, DB	CPD group	