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Minutes of Meeting held 11th March 2026

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

Attendance	• Michael Jackson (MJ) - Chair • Jennifer Smith (JS) - Secretary • Edward Ovenden (EO) - Treasurer • Tim Bagot (TB) • Sarah Bentley (SB) • Philip Harper (PH) • Drew Thompson (DT) • Michelle Cole (MC) • Asma Adam (AA)
Guests	• Tom Mackley (TMA) - LEHN Chair • Ruth Cuthbert (RC) - ICB Clinical Lead for QiO • Weronika Karmelita • Richard Flynn (RF)
Apologies	• Mohammed Bhuta (MB) - LOCSU • Sajeel Abrar (SA) • Neil Pearson (NP) • David Gleave (DG)
Notes:	Item
1.	Declarations of Conflict of Interest • None declared
2.	Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the meeting held 14 th January 202 were approved by the group. Proposed by MC, Seconded by EO. Further discussion from the group: • SB advises system is working for her contractor (small independent – glasses vouchers), Specsavers Blackpool not accepting HESP vouchers currently due to arduous process, DT advises C. Beacham has spoken to Blackpool Specsavers contractor to make arrangements, Letter to HES stated that changes in process need to go through the LOC to contractors, shouldn't be making individual arrangements. DT advises most recent CL invoices have been paid but older invoices from 2025 still unpaid. MJ advises there has been an inadequate response to the LOC email to BTH but they are open to meeting to discuss further. MJ to arrange this. • Regional CPD sessions to be finalised and details sent to DT to create flyer to distribute at AGM • IP peer review meeting 12th May 26 @ Walton Fox Bamber Bridge • QR code to constituent survey to be printed to share at AGM • Cataracts not restricted by ICB, ISPs have gone over their agreed budget and now have to wait until new financial year for more funding, urgent cases can still be seen quickly but need to average 8 weeks for surgery. ICB will be releasing cataract commissioning statement in the next few months.
3.	Chair's Report



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NHS Sexual Safety Charter

- Will have to do as will be law but pushing for an extra tick box in QiO rather than huge piece of unfunded work. Will wait to hear from our national bodies
- RC reminds the committee that QiO that often practices just tick the boxes on QiO without completing the work which is then picked up at practice visits leading to long action plans to correct. Contractors should ensure all the QiO work has been done to the required standard.

Secretary's Report

[Secretary's Report – March 2026](#)

- Casual vacancy left by D.Barras resigning from committee until 2027 – this will hopefully be filled at the AGM.
- JS reminds the committee to look out for email with nomination form for role of Vice Chair and to consider standing, vote will be held by the committee following the AGM.
- Some interest recently for wopec osce's/courses. TB advises would be good to have some more practitioners accredited for GERS, JS to send out EOI and PES to also share with their list.
- CPD Grant Claims – information on AOP website, need to be on the performers list at the time of applying for the grant in order to claim for the previous year.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report – March 2026 – Redacted, available on request

- EO to amend the Year to 2026 on the expenses policy (says 2025 in error).

Optical Advisors Report

[Optical Advisors Report – March 2026](#)

- RC reminds all newly qualified optometrists to ensure they have their degree certificate before applying to the performers list and if they have lost it to request a new one prior to applying. Another common cause of rejection is not having an up to date and accurate CV.

Primary Eyecare Services Report

[PES Report – March 2026](#)



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	No further discussion Adoption of reports: Proposed by AA. Seconded by SB.
4.	LEHN Update - TMa <u>Glaucoma MCN</u> - LTHT group up and running, had one meeting and regular chats and case discussion. Hoping to expand it. - MBay started with 5 practitioners joining - BTH no engagement from Trust yet <u>ICB Reorganisation</u> - Being restructured again so all work on the 5 year plan will be paused until this has been done ~ 3months <u>Sight Testing in Special Schools</u> - Procurement was paused, has now restarted. Existing pilot is continuing so no gap in provision.
5.	Items for Discussion <u>AGM Final Plans – JS</u> 2 sessions around Low Vision – Glen Sheader living with sight loss, NVision CPD workshop - Online quiz for 1 point through LOCSU - PES short presentation about sight loss support and how to refer into this through Opera - Road safety team coming from the council to do a short presentation - Sight loss support services and Associated Optical to attend with stalls to chat to delegates - JS requests all the above finalised by the end of March ready for the notice to go out to the mailing list on time. <u>CVD Pilot Update – EO</u> - Pilot ends in March 26. Data will feed in with National data which LOCSU will review to create blueprint model for LOCs to take to commissioners. Looking like NHS will not be recommending recommissioning due to low hit rate of ~ 3%.



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	- Logistical issues in pilot, practice drop out or single figures in a month – difficulties incorporating in practice. - Other opportunities with LOCSU – Healthy living optical practices, alcohol, smoking, lifestyle. LOC lead would be good. EO proposes SA, fits well with his experience as Pharmacist as and when needed. - Due to ICB restructure may be higher chance of commission at neighbourhood level in area of higher deprivation - MJ tells the committee about Heart Eye company who use AI to assess CVD risk. Possibly funding available for a pilot. He will talk to Heart Eye and his contact at NHSE who funds projects like this.	
6.	AOB None received	
7.	Dates of next meetings 29th April 2026 – AGM & CPD - May 2026 – Needs Analysis Date TBC – virtual? 24th June 2026	
Adopted by committee		Date: 24/06/26



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Action & Decision Log

Action No.	Date	Item	Lead	Status
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. 12/03/25 - Letter sent & response received within 24hrs, MJ believes all payments are now up to date, however, still waiting for response re what happened, what the process is & how to stop it happening again. - MC has been collating sums owed from Central Lancs practices from LTHT. MJ to send similar letter to their director of finance to resolve. 25/06/25 - MJ to send details of amounts overdue to practices to financial leads at BTH & LTHT on 27/6/25. MJ to also meet with SB & MC to understand how the portals work and the pitfalls before arranging a meeting with the Trusts to discuss further. 24/09/25 - MJ to escalate this with the PCQG, ICB and LOCSU – seek guidance on what the LOC can advise practices to do. 12/11/25 - MJ to draft comms to go out to practices to update. 14/01/26 - JS, SB & DT drafted response to BTH with our proposal. K.Rimmer has now sent on to the finance team at BTH. DT confirms BTH confirmed to him they have received it and are looking into our requests. MJ & DT to draft a 1 page HESP form for Trust approval.	MJ	In Progress



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		11/03/26 - MJ to arrange meeting with BTH re HESP voucher payments		
82	12.03.25	CPD working group to start planning quarterly events 1 in each area. July-Sept, Oct-Dec, April-June AGM. TMa to support with GOC approval. 24/09/25 - TB to liase with UHMB to put on event around VM referrals. - AA & TMa to work on a glaucoma event at LTHT - DB & SB to liase with BTH to put on an event around new referral pathways/wet amd etc 12/11/25 - TB to confirm talk and dates with VR speakers and then look at venue availability. - DB to look into venue options e.g. Imperial Hotel, De Vere Hotel etc and get estimate of costs. Confirm topic, speakers, cpd points. - JS add EO to the LOCSU CPD group to look into VRICS poster for our events - CPD group to bring finalised LV plan for AGM to January LOC meeting for approval 14/01/26 - BTH emergency and BV are 2 proposed talks, DB to check in with BTH to see where they are up to with content as hoping to put on end of March 26. 11/03/26 - MBay - TB & MJ to look into event around VR pathways with LTHT & UHMB - BF&W - DT has taken over from DB. Found Dr happy to do talk. DT to finalise details, date, location, points. - Central - TMa sorted room, food, parking, slides prepared needs approval for points - WLancs – no plans yet - DT to create flyer to advertise all the events to print and hand out at AGM.	CPD working group	In progress
88	25.06.25	MJ to discuss IP clinical network role with Ceri Smith-Jaynes and draft MoU for the role 24/09/25 - No Update	MJ/DT	CLOSED



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		12/11/25 - No update. DT volunteered to look into this and speak to CSJ 14/01/26 - DT has spoken to CSJ but no other progress. MJ still to draft MoU 11/03/26 - arranged – closed action		
91	12.11.25	MJ to send road safety information to JS & PH to share with practices and for the newsletter. 14/01/26 - MJ has requested information but not heard back yet, will chase. 11/03/26 - Attending AGM to give short talk and stall – action closed	MJ	CLOSED
97	12.11.25	DT liase with MBh to draft constituents survey for AGM – present draft at January meeting for approval 14/01/26 - JS to send info provided by MBh to DT to work on. 11/03/26 - Survey has been sent out. QR code to be sorted to share at AGM on tables.	DT	CLOSED
98	12.11.25	JS to send poll out to committee for all to complete re preferred days and times in May for Strategy day working around MBh availability 14/01/26 - Waiting for MBh to send his availability through 11/03/26 - All committee members to respond to poll to finalise strategy day date.	JS	In progress
100	14.01.26	MJ to email K.Rimmer for clarity on ICB restrictions on ISPs productivity 11/03/26 -	MJ	CLOSED
101	14.01.26	EO to block payments to Aviar Host and see if bank can reimburse payment taken since account closed. 11/03/26 - JS has to sort as on her card. She will be contacting the bank on Friday	EO	CLOSED
102	14.01.26	TMa requests locality leads review patient resources section of contractors intranet to check accuracy in their area. He will send JS up to date sight loss directory for the website.	TMa, TB, MC, SB, NP, JS	CLOSED



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		11/03/26 - Committee to check they can access intranet and feedback to TMA so problems can be sorted before advertising wider.		
103	14.01.26	Locality leads to find out which practices have shared mailbox NHS.net accounts and request consent to share these with BTH for clinic letters, those that don't find out why and what support they need to get one. 11/03/26 - No updates	TB, SB, MC, NP	CLOSED
104	14.01.26	JS to update expense form with new hourly rate and circulate round committee 11/03/26 - Sent, to use from March invoices onwards	JS	CLOSED
105	14.01.26	EO to update expense and reimbursement policy to reflect new hourly rate and increase to day rate 11/03/26 - Done	EO	CLOSED
106	14.01.26	MJ to post items of AOB not discussed on MS Teams 11/03/26 - done	MJ	CLOSED
107	11.03.26	AA & TB to look at childrens vision screening/cyclo refraction service for LTHT	AA/TB	