

**BEXLEY, BROMLEY & GREENWICH LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016
THE FARNBOROUGH ROOM, BROMLEY COURT HOTEL**

Attendees: Farah Awan, Michelle Butler, Colin Collett, Kris Cottier, Lakh Dollay, Lisa Donaldson, April Elliott, Sharon Elsby, Terence Evans, Charles Greenwood, Helen Gregory, Zarina Hadadi, Hiten Hirani, Gordon Ilett, Al Kassam, Gill Kelleher, Richard Knight, David Lacey, Claire Langley, Joan Llewellyn, Sachin Patel, Mehul Patel, Jasmine Prentice, Faizel Randeree, Gus Sidhu, Ray Small, Jigna Teli, Nikita Thomas, Mark Wayne, Marie Weremtschuk (Michelle Martins).

<p>1.</p>	<p>Welcome: Gordon Ilett, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of Bexley, Bromley & Greenwich LOC.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Jo Cashell, Abi Page and Ravi Sohal.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Minutes of BBG LOC AGM held on 12th May 2015: The Minutes were proposed by Ray Small, seconded by Colin Collett and unanimously agreed.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Activity Report for 2015/2016:- Gordon Ilett, Chairman, presented the LOC Activity Report for the previous 12 months. Key matters and developments were highlighted, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This was the first of a three year term for the current 12 elected LOC members. The LOC met six times during the last year and members were also involved in various external meetings. – Capita/GOS payments: The LOC are aware of the issues being experienced by some practices. Please let the LOC know if payment problems are not being resolved. LOCSU are actively in consultation with Capita on a regular basis. – Update on Bexley: All community services are now being commissioned through Kings. There has been frustratingly little progress in this area but the LOC continue to try to engage with secondary care. It appears that Kings is moving out of Sevenoaks Hospital and Darent Valley Hospital although the LOC have not received official notification. The Chairman asked all present to advise the LOC if they receive any further information. – Update on Bromley: There has been more positive progress in this area. Bromley CCG’s Commissioning Manager, Jennifer Luong, is very keen on pushing Ophthalmic community services and the Chairman thanked Sharon Elsby for all her work in engaging with Bromley practices, encouraging them to participate in the services. – Update on Greenwich: The Chairman thanked Lisa Donaldson and Abi Page for all their work on the successful Children’s Vision Screening Service in Greenwich. – The LOC are aware of some issues with regards to claims for small frame supplements. This has been cascaded to a national level. Practices were asked to let the LOC know if they experience problems.

	<p>– The Chairman thanked Kris Cottier for his continued work in organising the LOC’s CET events.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Richard Knight, Head of Policy, LOCSU Richard Knight thanked the LOC for the invitation to speak at the AGM. He begun by discussing the challenges for community optometry and discussed the benefits to practice of developing community services and offering other healthcare services. He gave an overview of LOCSU’s Breakthrough Strategy and outlined its targets which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to increase the number of CCGs commissioning MECS from 30% to 60% by March 2017. - to increase this figure to 80% by March 2018. - to double the number of episodes in community services by March 2017. <p>He then emphasised how community services can be best protected if surrounding areas are offering the same services. LOCSU’s strategy’s benefits were discussed and Richard finished by explaining that, to fund this, LOCSU propose to revert its levy to 0.5%. A question was raised regarding the Scottish community service model and why its success could not be replicated in England.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Annual Accounts for 2015/2016:- Mark Waine, Treasurer, presented the LOC Annual Accounts for 2015/2016, which had been independently examined. Copies were circulated to those present. He confirmed that the LOC had a surplus of approximately £27,000. He confirmed that the statutory levy currently stood at 1.25% which is the lowest it has been for many years. In view of the LOC’s substantial balance the Treasurer recommended that the additional payment to LOCSU (in relation to their raise in levy) be taken from the LOC’s balance rather than next year’s statutory levy payments. This, and the adoption of the accounts, were proposed by Ray Small, seconded by Lisa Donaldson and agreed unanimously.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Appointment of Accounts Examiners:- It was proposed by Ray Small that Simpson Wreford be appointed to examine the Annual Accounts for 2016/2017. This was seconded by Lisa Donaldson and unanimously agreed.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>A Report from Directors of Primary Eyecare (BBG) Ltd:- Gordon Ilett, Director, explained that the Company had been set up to act as a facilitation method to commission local community services. There has been little activity at present as there are currently no community schemes being commissioned through a single provider. There is a possibility that, in the future, the Company may work with other LOC Companies if a cross-border community service is commissioned.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Any Other Business:-</p> <p>9.1 It was confirmed that this year’s National Eye Health Week is 19th – 25th September. Support and resources is available from the LOC and LOCSU.</p> <p>9.2 The Chairman formally thanked David Lacey, retired Administrative Secretary, for all his hard work and support over many years. He confirmed that JCL Consulting has taken over the administrative support for the LOC.</p> <p>9.3 David Lacey thanked the Chairman for his kind words. He reminded all present that observers are always welcome at LOC meetings. He wished performers and contractors all the best for the future.</p> <p>9.4 The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and thanked Sophie Jones, Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, for agreeing to deliver the</p>

Margaret Packman Memorial Lecture at this year's AGM.
