

**BEXLEY, BROMLEY & GREENWICH LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2017.
THE KEITH PEACOCK SUITE, CHARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB**

Attendees: Nathalie Campbell, Joanna Cashell, Kris Cottier, Rosemary Davis, Lakh Dollay, Sharon Elsby, Charles Greenwood, Helen Gregory, Hiten Hirani, Gordon Ilett, Jadie Mitchess, Abigail Page, M Pankhania, David Parkins, Anisha Patel, Bhavina Patel, Mehul Patel, Paras Patel, Pritesh Patel, Jasmine Prentice, Faizel Randeree, Zoe Robinson, Gus Sidhu, Ravi Sohal, Ray Small, Deepak Taheem, Jigna Teli, Mark Waine, Richard Whittington, Jennifer Williams (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 Colin Collett and Lisa Donaldson.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Minutes of BBG LOC AGM held on 24th May 2016: The Minutes were proposed by Ray Small and unanimously agreed.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Activity Report for 2016/2017:- 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"> – 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. This has been impeded by changes in the front line team both at the PRU and QMH. Bexley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have agreed that the LOC can request to have practitioners added to the existing community services. If you would like to participate, please contact Charles Greenwood. – Update on Bromley: There has been more positive progress in this area. Bromley CCG's Commissioning Manager, Jennifer Luong, has been very active in pushing the Bromley MECS service. As well as MECS, Glaucoma Repeat Measures and Direct Cataract Referral, this pilot scheme also includes a triage service. The LOC would urge all Bromley practices to get involved. The LOC Company, Primary Eyecare (Bexley, Bromley & Greenwich) Ltd will hold the contract with Bromley CCG and will, in turn, sub-contract to participating practices. – Update on Greenwich: The Chairman thanked Lisa Donaldson, Abi Page and Jo Cashell for all their work on the Children's Vision Screening Service in Greenwich. – The Chairman thanked Committee members for all their hard work including engaging with the CCGs and HES.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Richard Whittington, Chief Operating Officer, LOCSU Richard Whittington explained the structure and role of LOCSU. He outlined their Breakthrough Strategy, launched last year, and reported that the number of CCGs commissioning MECS presently stood at 52% (the target being 60%). He explained that commissioning was changing, with the introduction of Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) at the end of 2016.</p>

	<p>LOCSU are now working with CCGs and STPs to get services commissioned across the larger STP areas. It's anticipated that as these services develop, Primary Eyecare Companies will also merge to mirror the STPs. Richard also reported that LOCSU are also looking the commissioning of step-down services (i.e. stable glaucoma monitoring) and are presently working on service specifications and IT systems.</p> <p>Richard continued by reporting that Katrina Venerus is presently working with Capita two days a week to help clear the backlog of payment queries and LOCSU will not withdraw this assistance until it is happy that Capita can deliver the correct level of service. He finished by reminding everyone that LOCSU provide a number of training courses and he urged members to utilise these.</p>
6.	<p>Annual Accounts for 2016/2017:- Mark Waine, Treasurer, presented the LOC Annual Accounts for 2016/2017, which had been independently examined. Copies were circulated to those present. He reported that the statutory levy currently stood at 1.25% which is the lowest it has been for many years. He confirmed that administrative costs had increased by approximately 12% which was reasonable considering the increased activity in the last year, especially in Bromley.</p>
7.	<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 Kris Cottier and unanimously agreed.</p>
8.	<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 up until April 2017 but there will be more to report next year with the start of the Bromley MECS, being contracted through the Company. There is a possibility that, in the future, the Company may work with other LOC Companies if a cross-border community service is commissioned across the six South-East London areas. It was confirmed that if this becomes a possibility, the LOC Companies will talk informally first and any formal decisions would then be made at the relevant LOC meetings.</p>
9.	<p>Any Other Business:-</p> <p>9.1 David Parkins congratulated Pritesh Patel on winning the draw for participants of his research project and awarded him his prize.</p> <p>9.2 Gordon Ilett thanked everyone for attending the BBG LOC AGM and thanked Mr Saurabh Goyal for giving this year's Margaret Packman Lecture.</p>