

**BEXLEY, BROMLEY & GREENWICH LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**  
**MAIN POINTS OF DISCUSSION**

**GOS Matters**

It was reported that the GOS payment queries appeared to be decreasing. A question was raised as to whether overpayments were being claimed back by Capita as this, and a lack of statements, will make preparing VAT returns and end of year accounts problematic. It was agreed that the LOC would request a statement from LOCSU with regards to underpayments and also overpayments (including and when/if overpayments can be written off).

**London Eye Health Network (LEHN)**

The Administrative Secretary reported that he and the Chairman had attended the recent LEHN (South East London) meeting which included representatives from the local hospitals; LOCs and CCGs. Although there are no action points from the meeting, it was a positive event and the ultimate plans for LEHN SEL is for services to be extended across all six areas with patients being seen cross-border.

**Commissioning**

Bexley: It was confirmed that practices will have to invoice SBS, in future, for community services and that Contractors should have received a letter regarding this. The Administrative Secretary agreed to request a copy of the letter.

Bromley: The Administrative Secretary reported that Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) would like to move quickly to implement the pilot Community Ophthalmic Service (which will comprise of MECS, direct cataract referral and glaucoma repeat measures). It was confirmed that, from April, any Bromley practice should be able to participate in the pilot providing it meets the requirements.

Greenwich: It was reported that there has been an extensive re-shuffle at the CCG.

**CET & Training**

It was suggested that the LOC could run another Peer-a-thon in November 2017.

**Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next LOC meeting would be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6.45pm at The Royal Blackheath Golf Club.

All optical professionals are welcome to attend the BBG LOC meetings provided that they practice in one of the three areas covered by the LOC.