



MST LOC Meeting held on 17th September 2024

Held at Worsley Park Marriott

Name	17/9	08/10					
Present:							
Andrew McGrail - Chairman	✓						
Mohammed Bhuta – Shadow Treasurer	✓						
Catherine Turnham – Secretary	✓						
Tom Crowther	✓						
Patrick Gunn	✓						
Michael Leeming	✓						
Mashucul Mannan	✓						
Darshana Mehta							
Martin Saunders	✓						
Claire Thomas Carter	✓						
Nick Wallwork	v						
In Attendance:							
Fionnuala Kidd – LOCSU	✓						
Sandie McBennett – Administrator	x						

1	Welcome and Introduction
2	Declarations of Interest
	No declarations were noted.
3	Election of Officers
	<p>The committee members present voted unanimously to elect the following officers:</p> <p>Chairman: Andy McGrail</p> <p>Vice Chairman: Tom Crowther</p> <p>Secretary: Catherine Turnham</p> <p>Treasurer: Mo Bhuta</p>
4	Casual Vacancy/Co-option
	<p>Following the resignation during 2024 of Jessica Man, Rochelle Bingham and Kev Liu; casual vacancies were open for co-option.</p> <p>The Committee wished to note their thanks to Jess, Rochelle and Kev for their work and commitment to MST.</p> <p>Darshana Mehta had expressed an interest in joining MST LOC. The Committee had met with Darshana and considered her extensive, relevant experience would be valuable to the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee proposed to co-opt Darshana to the MST LOC with immediate effect.</p> <p>The Committee noted the need for a further co-option for a Dispensing Optician.</p> <p>Action: MB to contact ABDO to find local DO candidates for consideration.</p>
5	Immediate Business
	<p>The Committee discussed and agreed the next actions following the AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assign committee members to key activities and local priorities of MST LOC - Identify gaps following Kev Liu resignation on committees and working groups

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Trafford Representative for GM Confed and OPB. <p>The Salford Low Vision service was discussed with a virtual meeting with the Salford Commissioner scheduled for the following Wednesday (25th Sept), focusing on service implications and negotiations necessary for the interest of Salford practitioners, alongside the need to review service specifications, inclusion criteria, and the proposed activity cap.</p>
6	Date of next meeting
	The next meeting would be held on 8 th October 2024 on Teams.
	<p>ACTIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact ABDO to find potential DO candidates for committee - MB 2. Send out poll on WhatsApp for assigning committee to key local priorities - AM 3. Attend virtual low vision meeting Wednesday 25th Sept - NW and MB