



MST LOC Meeting held on 7th January 2025

Held at Worsley Park Marriott

Name	17/9	08/10	07/01				
Present:							
Andrew McGrail - Chairman	✓	✓	✓				
Mohammed Bhuta – Treasurer	✓	✓	✓				
Catherine Turnham – Secretary	✓	x	✓				
Tom Crowther	✓	✓	✓				
Helen Denton		✓	✓				
Patrick Gunn	✓	x	✓				
Michael Leeming	✓	✓	x				
Mashucul Mannan	✓	✓	✓				
Darshana Mehta		✓	✓				
Martin Saunders	✓	x	X				
Claire Thomas Carter	✓	✓	✓				
Nick Wallwork	✓	✓	✓				
In Attendance:							
Fionnuala Kidd – LOCSU	✓	✓	✓				
Sandie McBennett – Administrator	✓	✓	✓				

1	Welcome and Introduction
	AM welcomed all to the meeting, apologies received from Mike Leeming and Martin Saunders were accepted.
2	Declarations of Interest
	No declarations were noted.
3	Minutes of Meeting
	The minutes of 8 October 2024 were accepted as an accurate record of the meetings.
4	Actions Point Review
	Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MB would speak with Mash. 2. TC would continue to attend as Provider Board Rep – next meeting 5th February. 3. Update the shared meeting calendar. 4. Website update – several bios had been received and updated on the MST page.
5	Chair's Report
	<p>AM reported the Salford LV Service had gone live on 7th January. Thanks were noted for Mo, Nick and Martin for their contribution.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Newsletter would be helpful to compile updates and news items. Catherine would draft a newsletter in the near future. Waiting times would be included.</p> <p>Action: SMB to add Newsletter Items to the agenda as a standing item.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Bolton/Manchester Royal waiting times could be included in the Newsletter.</p>

	<p>Action: MB to give contact details of Rachel/Kara or Bolton LOC to Nick.</p> <p>AM, DM and MM attended the ROC meeting. It was a good networking meeting event. MM provided the report. The NOC would be held on 17/18th May 2025 in Birmingham. Workstreams would include, workforce, digital, commissioning, networking, guest speaker, regional showcase, challenges and the new LOC constitution.</p> <p>Action: Interested attendees to let Chair know if they would like to attend the NOC.</p> <p>1 Free ticket per LOC would be available.</p> <p>Committee members could claim £500 per person and for 2 days £810 per person to attend the event. Cost of ticket would be in addition to the above.</p> <p>The CVD Pilot launch had been well received, in December there were 539 in 1 month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bolton 182 - Wigan 105 - MCR 60 - Other areas between 30-55 – Salford did 12 and Trafford did 3. <p>The numbers were low for Salford and Trafford.</p> <p>As part of the practice engagement initiative, the practices in Salford and Trafford would be contacted to offer help and support, particularly to provide the CVD service.</p> <p>Action: Practice list (from PES) that had signed up to CVD would be shared with MB, ML, MM who would contact practices to offer support.</p> <p>The pilot would run for 12-18 months.</p> <p>A new cohort of Prof Cert Glaucoma had been planned at MREH. Expressions of interest emails would be sent out shortly.</p>
6	Finance Update
	<p>Mo Bhuta reported the balance at bank was £71k and a run rate of £4k per month was noted, this included £2k levy.</p> <p>Work on the forecast expenditure to</p> <p>MB would work on a dedicated spreadsheet for expense claims which would detail the nature of work completed; this would enable expenses to be tracked more accurately and forecast expenditure and setting the levy. This would ensure that funds were being spent on the workstreams that make a difference and would be valued by members.</p> <p>The committee agreed that Darshana Mehta would commence the LOCSU Induction Course.</p>
7	Secretary Report
	<p>Catherine Turnham had responded to practitioners regarding eligibility to deliver pre and post cat and the various services in the area. The website update would answer most of these questions in future.</p> <p>Planning for the MST LOC AGM had begun to consider the date of the meeting, the election and the new constitution. The end of the financial year would be in March and the AGM would be held 3 months after that.</p> <p>Action: CT would research venue and dates and confirm with committee.</p>
8	Salford Low Vision Scheme Update
	Covered earlier in the agenda.
9	CVD
	Covered earlier in the agenda.
10	CPD
	<p>PG, CT and MS had met to discuss CPD events.</p> <p>PG reported the group had met to discuss ideas for CPD events, exfoliation and pigment dispersal.</p> <p>A meeting would be held with PES at the end of January to iron out the issues with the GERs spec.</p> <p>FB removal was also discussed for a future event.</p> <p>GM East had recently delivered PwLD CPD that was well received.</p> <p>Agreed to offer CPD points to Optom and DO for the AGM.</p>

11	Website Refresh
	Action: AM and CT to meet to confirm the referral pathways.
12	Practice Engagement
	MB would meet with MM and ML.
13	GP Pharm Engagement
	Helen Denton/Claire and Nick had drafted a letter to be sent out to GPS and Pharmacists.
	Action: SMB to send out a refreshed email to GPs and Pharm to encourage take up.
14	AGM
	CT had begun research for the AGM venue.
	Action: Neural Ophthalmology would be considered.
10	LOCSU
	Fionnuala Kidd reported there would be a Communications Forum held on 21/22 January 2025. Treasurer Forum would meet on 13 th February 2025 in person in London.
11	AOB
	No matters were raised.
	Next Meeting
	The next meeting would be held on 7 th January 2025 on Teams.
	Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mo to speak with Mash offline regarding attending the meeting. 2. SMB to add Newsletter Items to the agenda as a standing item. 3. MB to give contact details of Rachel/Kara or Bolton LOC to Nick. 4. Interested attendees to let Chair know if they would like to attend the NOC. 5. Practice list (from PES) that had signed up to CVD would be shared with MB, ML, MM who would contact practices to offer support. 6. CT would research venue and dates and confirm with committee. 7. SMB to send out a refreshed email to GPs and Pharm to encourage take up. 8. AM and CT to meet to confirm the referral pathways. 9. Neural Ophthalmology would be considered.