1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ms Sarah Aspinall, Ms Dawn Saville, Mr David O Sullivan, Mr Elliot Bateman, Ms Jane Savage

In attendance: Mrs Sali Davis (Optometry Wales), Mr Ceri Probert Mr Ceri Probert (Observer), Mr David O Sullivan (Cardiff and the Vale Health Board) and Mr Tim Palmer (Cwm Taff Health Board) and Mr James Morris (Observer)

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2016

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

   (a) CHIEF OPTOMETRIC ADVISER (COA) UPDATE

It was reported that Dr Barbara Ryan had now left her post as COA for Wales and OW had been advised that the interviews for her replacement had not yet yielded a candidate that was suitable and that OW would be working with Welsh Government to look for potential suitable applicants.

   (b) ELECTRONIC PATIENT RECORD (EPR) AND IT

This was discussed with a progress update provided by the OW Board Director Ian Jones (whose practices are part of the pilot sites chosen by National Welsh Informatics Services (NWIS). It was reported that there had been some big issues surrounding functionality and access with the pilot sites and a fully functioning EPR at present felt like an unachievable goal (especially with a ministerial deadline of April 2017). It was reported that an IT Task and Finish Group in Welsh Government had been setup to look at this but it was felt that budget and funding were always going to be issues. It was noted that progress on the e-GOS payment system had also stalled.
(c) SEWROC TREASURER
The Chair asked the committee to consider who from within the committee might be able to take up the post as Treasurer in March (when Colin O Leary would be standing down from the committee). A brief role description had been circulated and the Chairman had urged those interested to get in touch.

(c) CHAIR REPORT
The Chairman provided a verbal update which covered his attendance at the Cardiff and Vale eyecare related meetings (see update in section g of the minutes).

(d) TREASURER REPORT
The Treasurer advised that there was no update.

(e) OW REPORT
The CEO of OW advised that there was no update available and that the next OptWal Limited Board meeting would take place at the end of January. It was noted that OW are currently waiting to hear back from Welsh Government about 3 bids for funding submitted to the Efficiency Through Technology Fund.

(f) WOC REPORT
A report was not available as WOC had not yet met in 2017.

(g) HEALTH BOARD UPDATES
CWM TAFF
TP provided a verbal report covering the following:

- The new Medisoft cataract reporting software was ready to be used as from January 2017 and community optometry were fully briefed about its roll out and required participation
- The newly appointed glaucoma consultant had asked for a community optometry audit into equipment in the community with a view to establishing a shared care ODTC type service similar to the ones in operation in AB HB. This was seen as an extremely positive piece of progress and although questionnaire responses from the profession had been slow in being collated it was hoped that a second request for the information would provide more responses.
- The OA had been working to develop an out of hours pathway into optometry and an algorithm had been approved. It was noted that getting a sense of the volume of calls that were directed to primary care optometry would be useful
- It was noted that at the next Cwm Taff ECG meeting, the SEWROC representatives would discuss with the HB the decision to treat second
eye cataract surgeries as a separate clinical episode thus increasing waiting times for the patient.

**CARDIFF AND THE VALE**
CM provided a verbal update covering the following:

- Roger Mcpherson would be piloting their now signed off cataract pathway in Cardiff and the Vale and it was reported by some Cardiff and the Vale optometrists that they were seeing more post cataract patients although there was still reports of some confusion about use of old and new forms.
- Concerns were raised about the testing equipment being used in the Heath’s HES department with Vas being checked on poor equipment and concerns around eye casualty staff speaking inappropriately to referring optometrists. This would be raised at the next C and V meeting.

**AB HB**
It was reported that there had been no further meetings of the AB HB ECGs to report.

**SWEF**
SD advised that DS was currently considering topics for the next SWEF although it was likely that it might be prudent to hold the next SWEF after Easter.

**Action:** SD to chase DS for an update

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Confirmed date of the next meeting was Monday 9th January 2017

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