



Optometry Wales

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPTOMETRY WALES EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE DOUBLTREE HOTEL, CHESTER ON THE 20TH NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT

Mr David Jenkins
Mr MNC Charlton
Mrs Lisa Gerson

Mr Andy Riley
Mr Shiraz Megji
Mr Tim Morgan

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Sali Davis (Optometry Wales Chief Executive), Jo Mullins (College of Optometrists) and Daniel Mcghee (SWWROC Councillor)

1. INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman introduced the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance. Apologies had been received from Ian Jones and Craig Mackenzie

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH SEPTEMBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 19TH September 2016 at Caspian Point were approved as a true and accurate record and signed off by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

SM and IJ were to forward details of DNA 'best practice examples'. SM to forward examples to SD

4. (a) WECS FUNDING AND HOSTING PLANS UPDATE

It was reported that there were no further updates regarding the continued positive relationship with the new host health board.

(b) PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE PAPER

The Board had received a copy of the advice note, drafted by the CEO that provided guidance to health boards regarding how the funded places might be best utilised, if at all. The paper would be discussed at the Board Away Day (taking place the following day) but the Board had not asked or suggested the need for any changes in its current format.

(c) GOC STANDARDS UPDATE

SD advised that the GOC had confirmed the date of 1st December 2016 for the first workshop to be held in Cardiff at the School of Optometry and Vision Sciences. It was hoped that the GOC would visit North Wales later in 2017 as had been originally agreed.

(d) DESW UPDATE

AR advised that a very productive and encouraging meeting had taken place with Andrew Crowder to discuss the possibility of submission of a joint bid via the Efficiency Through Technology (ETTF) funding currently available via Welsh Government that suggests a solution to the current lack of resource within DESW that prevents DESW patients from being diverted to primary care for further investigations following a poorly recorded grading at DESW. We also discussed the current issues within DESW relating to lack of accommodation for the screening service in North Wales, OW will be working with NWROC to suggest optometric practices who might be able to accommodate the service.

(f) PROPOSAL FOR OHT/SUSPECT GLAUCOMA PATIENTS

The Board were advised that Huw Bellamy had drafted a paper for OW relating to the above and this had been signed off by the Board with no additional suggestions and had been sent to the Clinical Lead for consideration and comment.

(h) PROPOSAL FOR NAEVUS MONITORING

This paper had been drafted and presented to the EHEW Advisory Group who were rightly concerned about the lack of advice provided by the College in this area. It was agreed, following advice from the College that, at this time, it was not prudent to pursue developing this proposal any further but the College had since agreed to consider drafting new guidance. There were concerns expressed about recent views expressed by the Clinical Lead for the EHEW service about the impact on the budget and the use of EHEW in these scenarios and this was being challenged by OW. ROCs were asked to be cautious about having WOPEC deliver training in this area until this issue was resolved.

(i) WELSH GOVERNMENT INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OPENING TIMES/SERVICES

Following a request from Welsh Government to try to build up a register of practice opening times and the services provided a position paper had been drafted by sD which had been signed off by the Board without further change that welcomed marketing opening times but was cautious about marketing EHEW services (given that some practices would not provide EHEW services after 6 pm for example due to having to dilate the patient etc etc. This would also be discussed with at the OW Board Away Day with the rest of the voting councillors.

5. Reports

To note, all reports had been circulated with the agenda and papers. This was a condensed board meeting due to the following day's schedule that included the Board Away Day

6. Any Other Business

- **LEVY PAPER – NWROC**
TM advised that, due to an oversight NWROC had not been paying the full levy payment to OW. This had meant that NWROC now owed OW approximately £23,000. The Board were advised that TM would be

taking advice from the NWROC and would report back with the outcome of their discussions and decision.

- LG thanked OW for organising the recent dinner, held for Barbara Ryan and congratulated OW on its organisation. The Board agreed that this had been a worthwhile event and had yielded some positive interactions with key civil servants and stakeholders.

Action	Contact	Completed
Forward DNA best practice examples	SM	

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting would be Monday March 6th and would have been preceded by the OW AGM and Council.

