

Apologies for Absence : Nizz Sabir

John told the committee he has spoken to Newmedica

Newmedica said they can see anything other than cancer under 18s and emergencies

The discussion which followed included queries regarding the following:

Cancer ? Lid lesions

wet ARMD

Pretty urgent but not same day? What do we do.

It was decided to get a representative from Newmedica to attend a future meeting so that clarification could be received directly. In the interest of fairness/transparency it was thought representatives of Spamedica and St Hugh's should also be invited (although probably on separate occasions)

In the discussion regarding wet ARMD Chaz pointed out there is a National RNIB wet mac form. Unfortunately it was thought this couldn't be used in this area as the HES no longer has fax machines.

North Lincs referral gateway was discussed and it was queried whether referrals to outside the HES should still be via the referral gateway or direct to supplier.

Fran to send gateway info and orthoptics contact how to refer to other providers in North Lincs.

Rob will pop info sent straight on website will inform the committee to check any concerns contact Rob.

CET was discussed in terms of what would be of benefit/appeal to local practitioners.

It was decided that an evening peer review on OCT is likely to be popular.

NHS Digital? Presently relevant it was though they should be invited to AGM

Chaz said he had been to an excellent OCCS presentation and also a GOC panel optometrist, which would be of benefit to local practitioners.

As Chaz had not been at last meeting Zoe's visit and her follow up conversation with Chaz was discussed. Nizz remains as chair and the committee moves on. minutes agreed of last meeting were rediscussed and agreed.

John read rewritten statement re Newmedica for approval.

Actions:

John to send email re practitioner interest, additional qualifications etc to gauge interest in possible schemes.

The committee agreed Sylvia (NECCG) and Fran (NCCG) should attend the initial meeting offered by Shaun Stacey on 29th of April.

A next meeting was unfortunately not agreed so will have to be done via WhatsApp.