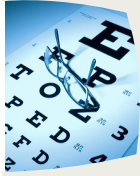




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Devon LOC

DEVON LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE

REPRESENTING OPTOMETRISTS AND DISPENSING
OPTICIANS IN DEVON

Chairs Introduction

I am pleased to say that we are now in our new office at Deer Park Business Centre, Kennford. We have settled in well and been welcomed by both the Local Pharmaceutical Committee and the Local Medical Committee.

I would like to welcome Jonathan Drew to the LOC who has been appointed as the Business Manager. Jonathan's role will be to improve communications between the LOC and its members and to raise the profile of optometry in Devon. If you would like to contact the LOC we now have a telephone number set up and Jonathan would be happy to

deal with any queries or concerns you may have.

I feel these are exciting times for Optometry with the changing landscape of the NHS. As some of you are aware CCGs will be statutory organisations as of 1st April 2013 and will manage all the enhanced contracts. The GOS contract will remain with the NHS National Commissioning Board.

I hope you will see many positive changes over the coming months with both the development of the LOC and with Optometry in Devon.

Finally, the LOC is there to represent you so please do let us have any thoughts and feedback on what we have been, or should be, doing.

Charles Bill
Chairman, Devon LOC



New home of the LOC,
Deer Park Business Centre

LOC Committee

Chair: Charles Bill
Vice Chair: Peter Noakes
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NHS Reforms

OPTOMETRY LOCAL PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

The group has now been established in Devon led by the PCT under the title of Local Eye Network (LEN). The purpose of this network is to develop eye care services with patient needs as the focus. Devon LOC are represented on this group, and will continue to demonstrate our willingness and ability to provide enhanced services in the region.

The LEN will be focused on providing clinical advice to commissioners and developing local momentum for change.

Clinical Commissioning Groups

As of 1st April 2013 there will be two statutory organisations in Devon responsible for the Commissioning of Healthcare Services. These are North, East and West (NEW) Devon CCG and South Devon and Torbay CCG. The CCGs will replace PCTs and take control of the budget. The CCG will be responsible for all Enhanced Service Contracts.

National Commissioning Board Area Team

The NHS CB's responsibilities lie in overseeing, supporting and joining together the commissioning services of local CCGs. Executing its functions, the NHSCB will aid CCGs in commissioning services by supporting the principles of 'outcomes' and patient centricity

The Area Team of the National Commissioning Board will be responsible for the contracting of all Primary Care Services (GOS Contracts).

Health and Well-being Boards (HWB)

HWBs have been established as forums where key leaders in the health and care system work together to improve the health and well-being of their local population and reduce health inequalities.

HWBs will be required to prepare Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, which are local assessments of current and future health and social care needs that could be met by Local Authorities, CCGs and National Commissioning Boards.

HWBs will produce a health and wellbeing strategy which will feed into CCG planning.

Healthwatch

Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) will be replaced by new bodies called Local Healthwatch (LHW), to be established by April 2013. Healthwatch will be the new consumer champion for both health and social care.

For further information on the changes in the NHS please contact Jonathan.



We would like to remind you that the LOC now has codes to access all of the training provided by LOCSU/WOPEC. This is the self taught part of the training and is free of charge and available on the following areas:

- Cataract
- Glaucoma
- PEARS
- Low Vision

We would encourage you to make use of this training especially if you are hoping to be involved in enhanced services in the future. To get your code and instructions please email Jonathan Drew

General Optical Services Contracts (GOS)



New regulations will come into effect on 1st April 2013 which will amend both the GOS contract regulations and the model GOS contract. In effect, all that will happen is that the term 'PCT' will be replaced with the term 'NHS National Commissioning Board'

Enhanced Services Contracts

Contracts or Service Level Agreements for current enhanced services will become the responsibility of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) from 1st April 2013

All new services implemented from 1st April 2013 will be known as Community Services rather than Enhanced Services.

Contact details

We are keen to ensure that we hold as many email addresses for our members as possible as this proves very useful in conveying information quickly and efficiently.

If you don't receive this Newsletter via email from the LOC please could you email your details to Jonathan Drew at the LOC (contact details overleaf)

Details required: Name, GOC number, Address, Email and Telephone number.



Dates for your diary

Devon Local Optical Committee Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 15th May 2013 at 6.30pm, Exeter Court Hotel, Kennford, Exeter. RSVP to Jonathan Drew

Transforming your workforce course—Skills for Health

Improve service delivery and performance—1 day course.

Thursday 11th April 2013, 10am-3pm, Lyngford House, Taunton. Please contact Jonathan Drew for more information and booking details.