

ELC LOC AGM Minutes

Wednesday 18th June 2025, 7.15pm

Attendees: Danielle Ellis, Lily Greenwood, Charles Greenwood, Mojgan Hamrazian, Imran Maljee, Usman Maljee, Tas Momin, Kate Rowley, Hashim Suleman, Ahmed Vahed (Michelle Martins).

Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all to the ELCI LOC AGM.

Apologies

Shagufta Khan and Jayshree Vasani.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes for the ELC LOC AGM on 26th June 2024 were unanimously approved.

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report is re-produced below:

First and foremost, the LOC would like to thank all members for their hard work over the last 12 months. The LOC continue to try and help local contractors and practitioners by sharing all relevant information, via the LOC mailing list and website, and answering all queries and calls received. We urge all members to contact the LOC if they need any assistance or support. We are currently undertaking a communication project. This includes the development of a LOC website which will be available for all members and local stakeholders to access so watch this space!

I would also like to thank all committee members for their hard work over the last year. The committee continues to represent all areas within its membership. The LOC have met 5 times since last year's AGM and members have also been involved in various working groups across all three North-East London areas, including the London Ophthalmology and Eye Care Board and the NEL Primary Care Collaborative Sub-Committee. The dates of future LOC meetings are publicised on the LOC website. Please let JCL Consulting know, in advance, if you would like to attend or if you would like to request a copy of the Minutes from the previous LOC meeting.

I am pleased to announce that Primary Eyecare (ELC) were successful in the procurement to provide MECS, cataract refinement, and glaucoma repeat measures across the whole of the NEL area. This was a very competitive tender, and the company faced stiff competition to secure this contract. After a lot of hard work behind the scenes, the new service was launched in April. The service now covers the whole of North-East London. Although in its early stages, the service is going very well, and more details will be shared in the upcoming report. We hope that an IP service may be introduced in the future. There have been some issues raised regarding the PharmOutcomes platform and not being able to access the patient's previous history. This is being looked at by the company.

We would like to assure you that the LOC and the PEC Directors continue to work tirelessly to ensure that practitioners get the best outcome possible.

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Lastly, I would like to thank Paul Chapman-Hatchett for providing tonight's CPD session and thank you all for joining us for this AGM and CPD Event.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's gave her report and covered the following points:

Between 1st April 2024- 31st March 2025 the LOC have received £12,706 in income and spent £45,970.00. The income is obtained from the volume of NHS sight tests done in the area and the levy currently stands at 0.25% with an additional 0.5% being paid directly to LOCSU. I'm pleased to confirm that the levy paid to LOCSU is being reduced by 20% to 0.4%.

This year the funds have been spent on supporting the community services and the training and development of our members. We have also paid for meeting and seminar attendance, along with maintaining the LOC website and accountancy fees.

The LOC has maintained a policy of keeping a reasonable reserve in case of an increase of costs whilst trying to reduce costs for members. This was introduced in September 2023 and has helped to reduce our bank balance. It's been a good strategy, and I see this continuing for some time in the future.

I'd like to thank all the Committee members for their hard work and support this year and for sending in their claims on time!

Primary Eyecare (ELC) Ltd (PEC ELC) Report

It was confirmed that the PEC ELC Report had been circulated, and the main points are replicated below:

Primary Eyecare (East London & City), trading as North-East London Community Eyecare, has continued to run services across the region. MECS services have been provided in City & Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets, and Waltham Forest. Cataract refinement has been provided in City & Hackney, with Glaucoma Repeat Measures being provided in City & Hackney and Tower Hamlets. Over the four areas, approximately 800-900 patients are seen per month, and the onward referral rate is very low at under 10% for routine referrals.

Accounts are being finalised and will be circulated shortly but are expected to show a similar position to 2023/24.

Looking forward, we are pleased to have been successful in the procurement to provide MECS, cataract refinement, and glaucoma repeat measures across the whole NEL footprint. This is a contract worth over £7 million over 7 years (contractually a 5-year contract plus 2-year extension option). The service commenced in April and has got off to a smooth start with over 1700 patients seen in the first month. Any patient 5 years and over can access the service in any participating practices across the region if they have an NEL ICB GP.

Practices do need to supply a limited range of medications to patients in certain circumstances which is something we were unable to negotiate out of the contract, but we are working on some protocols to limit the impact on practices.

Fees payable for the different elements of the service is listed below:

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MECS (incl. f/up and meds) - £56 (£15 for virtual)

Repeat IOP - £25

Repeat fields - £30

Repeat fields & IOP - £40

"Full" glaucoma - £50

Cataract "external patient" - £40

Cataract "internal patient" - £25

Directors: Bhupinder Battu, David Hewlett. Jignasa Joshi, Leslie Sackwild. Leslie has now retired, and we would like to thank him for all his hard work and wish him well for the future. Ahmed Vahed has been appointed to replace Leslie, representing East London & City LOC.

Questions were invited. No questions were raised.

LOCSU Report: Danielle Ellis

Danielle thanked the committee for the invitation to attend the ELC LOC AGM and confirmed that a copy of her slides would be circulated to all present. She began by summarising what LOCSU does including running bitesize training, Leadership and Induction courses and podcasts as well as developing pathways and case studies. There has also been work on the Model Constitution and Danielle advised that she has a presentation which she is happy to give at LOC meetings. She then outlined the national hot topics for 2025/2026 including digital connectivity, Single Point of Access, CVD prevention, sight testing in Special Schools and Glaucoma care. She continued by explaining that the LOCSU Strategy for 2025/2026 is to enhance LOC operations, enabling LOC influence and empowering LOC strategy development. It was confirmed that the next LOC Induction Course starts in September. Danielle thanked the LOC for all their hard work.

The Chairman thanked Danielle for her report.

Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the ELC LOC AGM.

Meeting closed: 7.50pm

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