

**BEXLEY, BROMLEY & GREENWICH LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023: 7PM  
CHISLEHURST GOLF CLUB**

Attendees: Farah Awan, Jo Cashell, Kris Cottier, Terence Evans, Helen Gregory, Ketan Jadeja, Ray Small, Faizel Randeree, Lesley Reid, Zoe Robinson, Krishna Sandhu, Jigna Teli, Mark Waine, Simon Watson, (Michelle Martins).

1.	<p><b>Welcome</b> Kris Cottier, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of Bexley, Bromley &amp; Greenwich LOC and commented that it was good to have a face-to-face meeting.</p>
2.	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Lisa Donaldson, Danielle Ellis, Charles Greenwood and Abi Page.</p>
3.	<p><b>Minutes of BBG LOC AGM held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022</b> The Minutes were proposed by Simon Watson, seconded by Faizel Randeree and unanimously agreed.</p>
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> None.</p>
5.	<p><b>Chairman’s Report for 2022/2023</b> The Chairman gave his report (full copy re-produced below):</p> <p><i>Welcome all to the 2023 AGM.</i></p> <p><i>On behalf of the BBG LOC, I would like to thank all members for their ongoing support over the past year. The LOC continues to help our local contractors and practitioners by providing relevant information and guidance, via email, telephone and the BBG LOC website. As we move further from the pandemic, we are aware the covid challenges have not fully gone away, and we urge all members to contact the LOC if they need any help or support. I would also like to thank JCL Consulting for all their support.</i></p> <p><i>I would like to thank all committee members for their hard work over the last year. You can find further details of the current committee on the recently revamped BBG LOC website. The committee continues to represent all areas within its membership: independents, multiples and locum practitioners, optometrists and dispensing opticians who provide general optical service (GOS) eye-care. We publicised the dates of future LOC meetings 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></p> <p><i>The LOC has met 4 times since last year’s AGM and members continue to be actively involved in various strategic, national, pan-London, South East London initiatives and within the Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich areas.</i></p> <p><i>The LOC continues to engage with our ophthalmological colleagues to develop locally enhanced services for the benefit of our patients. Our commissioned and active pathways are MECS &amp; MECS OCT &amp; MECS topography, pre &amp; post-Cataract, Glaucoma filtering, Paediatric Scheme - post community screening, Single Point of Access, and e-RS referrals. Commissioned but not launched; HCQ and learning disabilities; pilot schemes; Glaucoma refinement and OHT community monitoring. Schemes in discussion; Community Health Screening and Domi-MECS. Schemes on the horizon; Independent Prescribing Optometry Service (IPOS). A full report has been provided by Primary Ophthalmic Solutions, but we would like to thank all MECS providers for their invaluable work over the last 12 months in making the</i></p>

	<p><i>local enhanced services in South East London a resounding success. The LOC and the POS Directors continue to work tirelessly to ensure that practitioners get the best outcome possible and there are some more exciting developments to come!</i></p> <p><i>Thank you all for participating in this year's AGM. I hope you find the evening to be both interesting and informative.</i></p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Annual Accounts for 2022/2023</b> Mark Waine, Treasurer, presented the LOC Annual Accounts for 2022/2023, which had been independently examined. It was confirmed that copies had been circulated prior to the meeting. His report is replicated below:</p> <p><i>As many of you know, this is my 15th and final AGM report as treasurer.</i></p> <p><i>I would like to thank all the BBGLOC committee members, both past and present, for the honour of being Treasurer.</i></p> <p><i>I would also like to particularly thank those non-members who have helped me so much over the years, David Lacey, Charles Greenwood and of course, the inimitable Michelle Martins.</i></p> <p><i>Unfortunately, you haven't got rid of me yet, I hope to remain on the Committee as I've got a couple of things that I would like to complete and achieve, hopefully for the benefit of all attending here today.</i></p> <p>The Accounts were proposed by Mark Waine, seconded by Faizel Randeree, and unanimously agreed.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Appointment of Accounts Examiners</b> The Treasurer proposed that Simpson Wreford LLP be the accountants for 2023-24 subject to approval from the new Treasurer.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Primary Ophthalmic Solutions Activity Report</b> It was confirmed that the POS report had been circulated prior to the AGM. Attendees were invited to raise any questions or make any comments. The Chairman advised that the extended triage service had filtered out several hundred referrals which would have previously ended up in secondary care. The company were thanked for negotiating a rise in tariffs for the services included in the MECS contract.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> Farah Awan, CPD Lead, thanked members for supporting the LOC's CPD events and advised that there would be more to follow.</p> <p>The Chairman then thanked everyone for attending the BBG LOC AGM.</p>

Meeting closed: 7.15pm

**Post-Meeting Note: Following the meeting, it was agreed, by the LOC Officers, that a gift would be bought for Mark Waine as a thank you for his many years of service as LOC Treasurer.**