

## **Newsletter Jan 2017**

Welcome to our first letter of 2017. Thank you to those who attended our 2-part AGM. Following the November committee meeting I can confirm that I will remain as chairman with Peter McElduff as vice-chair. Liz Mears remains as secretary, and Geoff Peacock will work with Pat Edworthy to transfer the position of treasurer next year. The full committee and their contact details are available to see on the website. There is potentially a busy year ahead with opportunities for extra clinical service such as MECs, and further involvement in public health programmes

### *New Cataract referral form*

The new enhanced referral form for patients registered with a Suffolk GP was distributed slightly earlier than planned so we have a much larger trial than expected. The paper version is the forerunner of an electronic version currently under development. The new form is available for download from our website.

### *Cataract Accreditation 2017*

This year we will spread the West and East events out a little more. On the 8<sup>th</sup> February, the West consultants will support us in an event at the Bury St Edmunds rugby club. The evening will include your chance to share feedback on the new form, short talks from Mr Hanspal and Mr Hussain along with an update on new services being offered by the West Suffolk eye clinic. We are looking at early June for the East cataract meeting, I will confirm a date as soon as possible. It will be most likely at the Holiday Inn, London Road, Ipswich.

### *Post cataract forms from Ipswich Hospital*

As you may already have discovered Ipswich hospital have been sending out a different form to facilitate their collection of data for the national cataract audit. Evolutio will accept this instead of the original post-op reporting form. To clarify post the form back to Ipswich hospital and fax back to Evolutio submitting your invoice as you do currently.

CET

West Suffolk Cataract accreditation 8<sup>th</sup> February at Bury St Edmunds Rugby club. 1  
Interactive point for Optometrists only.

**Inter-professional referrals; Joint educational meeting for Optometrists, Pharmacists & GPs**

Wednesday, 22 March, 2017 19:00-21:15  
Holiday Inn, London Road, Ipswich IP2 0UA

4 CET points have been applied for including peer discussion. Spaces are limited, so please contact Liz to book your place: [liz.mears79@ntlworld.com](mailto:liz.mears79@ntlworld.com)

There will be more CET to follow which will be more inclusive towards DOs and CLOs.

*Ipswich Hospital and Children with special needs*

Dawn Avery, the head Orthoptist at Ipswich, is interested to hear from any practitioner interested in looking after children with special needs that should be discharged from the hospital's care. These will be patients within our core skill set and the hospital, Dawn and Mr Kostakis are very happy to provide support in building your confidence in this field if there is a need and for on-going advice. This is a great opportunity to build relationships and look after the refractive care of patients in the community. If you would like to find out more please email [liz.mears79@ntlworld.com](mailto:liz.mears79@ntlworld.com)

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