

# ***Morgannwg Local Dental Committee***

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy  
on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2011.***

## ***Members Present.***

Dave Westcott in the chair, Roger Pratley, Janet Megins, Tony Fodor, Rhian Paul, Anwen Hopkins, Lesley Hicks, David Jones, Ewart Johnstone, Pam Norman, Mike Spencer-Harty, Stephen Gould, Tony Beake, Bill Walters, Mark Harris.

## ***In Attendance.***

Barrie David, Allison Walker, Rob Jones, Rhian Jones.

## ***Apologies for Absence.***

Richard Herbert, John Anderson, David Davies, Richard Jones, Hugh Bennett, Karl Bishop, Chris Wills-Wood.

***11/24 Minutes of the meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011*** were accepted.

## ***11/25 Matters Arising.***

No matters arising not on agenda.

## ***11/26 Correspondence.***

All relevant correspondence had been emailed to members and included in agenda.

## ***11/27 Secretary's Report.***

1. The Secretary had attended meetings regarding the loss of GA contract at Parkway clinic. This to be discussed under agenda item 11.
2. Alison Lockyer had resigned from GDC, to be discussed in another report.
3. Edwina Hart had been replaced at WAG, it was felt this would be a loss. Hopefully things will continue to progress under the new minister Lesley Griffiths.

## ***11/28 Chairman's Report.***

### **D2S.**

The Health Board sees D2S as the future of dentistry in this area, hoping it will reduce the need for dental treatment under GA. A six monthly newsletter is to be produced and also a Facebook page to be set up to target children and teenagers. A Practice Manager from a pilot practice in Swansea attended the meeting. It was felt a good idea to invite the GDPs taking part in the pilots to attend LDC meetings once up and running.

### **DSSPG**

1. Catherine Roberts has now been appointed as the dental lead at ABMU.
2. Howell Dda and ABMU will be working at a strategic level as one, although Clinical Governance will be handled separately.

3. D2S is now going to Bridgend: the CDS will soon manage Bridgend CDS.
4. The Oral Surgery Group inaugural meeting will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June.

### **LDC/LHB Liaison Group**

1. The OOH review is ongoing with Richard Williams chairing the group, the emergency data collected over the two weeks in April which were long Bank Holidays is being collected and analysed.
2. NPT GDPs had received a letter informing them of a change of telephone number for the OOH service, this letter should not have been circulated as yet.
3. Domiciliary Services- A sub committee has been set up to review this service with David Davies as the chair. Hugh Bennett to produce a report which is to include performance indicators. Quality and clinical governance is being looked at. The HB is working towards uniformity across its area. Bill Walters is to be invited to the next meeting.

### **HTM 01-05**

Hugh Bennett to produce a report for ABMU to outline exactly what WAG guidance is for the HB. Scotland has halted the call for vacuum autoclaves as there is no funding for GDPs.

### **Year End Policy**

Produced by Richard Williams had been received in Swansea but not Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot. This to be taken to next meeting.

### **Personalised Prescription Pads**

These are due to be issued to GDPs in July and will be regularly audited. Prescribing of antibiotics will be particularly looked at by individual performers not practices.

### **Parkway Clinic**

Sian Jones will now represent The Parkway Clinic at the Oral Surgery Managed Clinical Network meetings.

### ***11/29 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.***

In the absence of the Treasurer it was reported that the LDC had a total of £1403 in the accounts. Currently the monthly income from the Voluntary Levy is £1179. This is insufficient to maintain the LDC finances at a reasonable level – BDG rate is now £270 per session

The Treasurer had been in contact with BSC with the proposal that we should move to a Statutory Levy. This can be levied on Providers but the BSC advised that Performers need to have the opportunity to opt out and a letter would be sent to them giving them this opportunity. A letter from the LDC would also be sent out to explain this.

It was hoped that the Statutory Levy would be in place by July at the latest.

## **11/30 Delegates' Reports.**

### **Orthodontics.**

1. Two WAG documents have been published to improve the efficiency of provision of orthodontics.
2. Patients to be assessed once every 24 months to remove the problem of early referrals clogging the waiting lists.
3. The Local Orthodontic committee will represent DWSIs and Orthodontists and act as an advisory group to LDC.
4. Stephen Gould to represent DWSI and Orthodontists at The Managed Clinical Network Meetings.
5. The disparity between demand and availability of Orthodontic treatment is massive. Howell Dda has lost its hospital orthodontic service which has led to a huge influx of referrals to ABMU area.
6. The development of an electronic referral service was needed to monitor referrals and treatment carried out.
7. It was felt the removal of UOAs from inefficient contracts and giving these to DWSIs was a good idea but difficult to carry out.

### **WGDPC**

The meeting took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011, items discussed included:-

1. HIW, no news as yet on an increase in the £50 fee.
2. A legionella Policy is expected to be published, which would lead to each practice undertaking a risk assessment.
3. Task and Finish Group- pilots started 1<sup>st</sup> April no information as yet.
4. Health Boards all to receive Health Board resource guidance pack from David Thomas.
5. Remuneration Committee: a 0.5% uplift in contract value will be given to pay for staff salary increases.

### **GDPC**

1. A GDC chair needs to be appointed ASAP - should be elected to post by the council.
2. BDA - working on a new draft associate contract.
3. Pilots - oral health assessments under the new pilots (England) are taking up to 20 minutes.
4. A 0.5% uplift in pensions was reported.

### **11/31 LDC Members and Co-opted Members**

1. Janet Megins to retire as Vice Chair, although she will continue as a member for Bridgend. Rhian Paul to take over as Vice Chair.
2. Bill Walters to stay as a member for Neath, one more member is needed in Neath.
3. Co-opted members to stay.
4. Mark Harris to continue as Treasurer.
5. Dave Westcott and Roger Pratley to continue as Chairman and Secretary, although neither wish to be held to two years service. Rhian Paul happy to shadow the Chairman, any members interested in shadowing the Secretary to contact him to discuss.

### **11/32 Parkway Clinic**

The Secretary wrote to Paul Stauber regarding the removal of the contract for Paediatric Gas from Parkway Clinic. A copy of the letter and the response emailed to members previously. The committee not happy with the response received as it was felt it didn't answer the issues the Secretary raised.

All the data from Parkway was looked at in retrospect of the decision to end the contract. There were no safety issues regarding the service provided and Howell Dda GDPs are still able to refer there for Paediatric GA services on the NHS.

The Secretary to write another letter requesting a meeting as meeting is unhappy with response and lack of consultation with LDC. The Secretary to speak to CDO David Thomas.

### **11/33 Exception Reports**

There are a number of GDPs under scrutiny in ABMU, possibly as many as nine. The HB has now started looking at exception reports in two areas:-

1. Contract performance- gaming, inappropriate cross treating etc.
2. Clinical Governance- Clinical issues are usually apparent in practices flagged on exception reports.

This raises a number of issues:-

1. GDPs don't know what makes the outliers and what parameters are used in these reports.
2. What action if any can ABMU take against the providers concerned.
3. Every contract will be looked at very closely, practice audits, DRO reports, patient surveys, QAS all to be looked at.
4. Each locality will be expected to develop a dental governance framework.
5. It was felt the GDP should be the first point of contact and a chance to explain exceptions given.

The Brighton and Hove PCT document emailed to members regarding this issue was felt to be a reasonable document.

### **11/34 Central Referral Centres**

A link was attached to agenda email.

It is felt this would be useful to reduce backlog of referrals. It is felt the downside of this service would be administrators making decisions regarding care pathways and the LDC should carefully monitor any developments.

### **11/35 Any Other Business.**

There is an occupational health phone line available for GDPs and staff - this number to be put on website.

### **11/36 Date and Time of next meeting.**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7pm at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy