

Morgannwg Local Dental Committee

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 2nd August, 2011.***

Members Present.

Dave Westcott in the chair, Roger Pratley, Mark Harris, James Davies, Anwen Hopkins, Rhian Paul, Janet Megins, David Jones, Richard Herbert.

In Attendance.

Rob Elliott, Rob Jones, Rhian Jones, David Lloyd.

Apologies for Absence.

Bill Walters, Helen John, Stephen Gould, Karl Bishop, Richard Jones, Chris Wills Wood, Lesley Hicks, Pam Norman, Ewart Johnstone, John Anderson, Huw Bennett, Barrie David, Mike Spencer-Harty.

11/37 Minutes of the meeting 24th May, 2011 were accepted.

11/38 Matters Arising.

1. 11/28 DSSPG 2 The spelling of Hywel Dda HB corrected.
2. LDC/LHB Kim Dunn has returned from maternity leave at NPT locality office.
3. 11/32 Parkway Clinic, The secretary has spoken to David Thomas CDO and was informed WAG does not interfere in HB issues. The secretary then spoke to BDA who agreed the LDC should have been consulted over the Parkway contract being removed for paediatric GA sessions. Stuart Geddes to write to Paul Stauber on this matter.

11/39 Correspondence.

1. Contact value uplifts letter from WAG emailed to all members previously.
2. A report on the progress of the Dental Pilot in Swansea from the Practice Manager of the Belgrave Dental Practice was emailed to all members. The two practices in Swansea taking part in Pilots to be invited to LDC meeting in November to give a report on progress to the Committee.
3. A GDP from Bridgend wrote to David Thomas regarding funding for Legionella .CDO stated that no funding was presently available to enable practices to meet best practice requirements. The Secretary to get clarification if Legionella is essential or best practice.

11/40 Secretary's Report.

A number of issues have arisen which will be discussed under relevant agenda items.

The secretary had received a number of telephone calls regarding contractual issues, and it became clear that the defence organisations will not advise on contractual matters. The secretary will attempt to gain further clarification on this.

11/41 Chairman's Report.

D2S

Tooth brushing is now taking place in 115 schools in the area. Fissure sealant programme is to start in September with fluoride application by trained staff to follow shortly afterwards.

LDC/LHB Liaison Meeting

1. Following the retirement of a small specialist orthodontic practitioner in Swansea, these UOAs have now been awarded to Neat Teeth in Swansea.
2. Fourteen contracts in Bridgend had underperformed at year end because of illness and other constraints.
3. Neath Port Talbot had a number of UDAs available for recurrent funding, it was felt these UDAs should be offered across the ABMU area, based on a balanced scorecard as agreed with LDC and that these should be of average value. This had not been done but we have had assurances that this will be the case in future.
4. CDS- following the distribution of referral Performa there had been no inappropriate referrals and the number of referrals had decreased.
5. BSC had now facilitated the statutory levy.
6. A draft paper outlining the use of exception reporting was presented. A further meeting was requested to discuss this following consultation with LDC.
7. Domiciliary-The CDS was seen as pivotal in providing this service- Sub group set up to develop uniform approach to providing this service. Bill Walters domiciliary dentist in Neath to be asked to attend this meeting to be held on 18th August.
8. OOH - nothing to report.
9. LDC asked for practices receiving below average UDA values to be raised to the average value it was agreed to take this to DSSPG meeting.

DWSI Panel- Hywel Dda.

A meeting was held to discuss an application for DWSI status from a large practice in West Wales which already provides orthodontic treatment. Following the appraisal the application was denied as it was felt the orthodontic treatment was of a poor standard and supporting this practitioner was not viable. There was no Orthodontic Consultant in the area to provide support. The UOAs held by this practitioner were part of a GDS contract so therefore cannot be removed. This is now an ongoing matter of concern which it is hoped will be resolved through the Orthodontic MCN.

Oral Surgery Sub Group.

Members include Rhian Jones Oral Surgery Specialist, Richard Johnson Medical Director ABMU (Chairman) David Drake, Cleft Palate Specialist, Dave Westcott, Chairman LDC, Hugh Bennett, Consultant in Dental Public Health and Sian Jones, Parkway Clinic.

The role of the group is to:-

1. Develop a short and long term care strategy and to be a source of informed advice for HB.

2. Evaluate twelve months worth of data to give an idea of demand and look at redesigning service once all data collected..
3. Look at the reasons for referral for oral surgery.
4. Develop a central referral centre for oral surgery
5. Discuss the idea of creating DWSI status for those with a special interest in oral surgery.
6. It was felt that a matrix of care pathway should be available to all GDPs.

DSSPG

The inconsistency of UDA value was discussed, and the possibility of uplifting all on lower UDA values to an average across the locality. The average UDA values across the HB are:-

Swansea	£22.52
NPT	£25.17
Bridgend	£22.86

with £42.56 being the highest value in ABMU

A phased approach to the introduction of average value was agreed and this will be carried forward. All available recurrent UDAs would be offered to tender for existing ABMU GDPs.

Welsh Dental Committee

1. Anti microbial script data collection being piloted, it is hoped this would reduce waste and harm by identifiable prescribing. The importance of good note taking when prescribing was highlighted. ABMU HB to ask GDPs to carry out anti microbial prescribing audit in the near future.
2. Dental nurse sub group had been set up with Ann Rocky as chair, to look at current provision of dental nurse training.
3. CDO to visit all Health Boards to ensure all contracts are being managed efficiently.

Parkway

Dave Westcott was asked to attend the clinic for a meeting following the Oral Surgery Sub Group meeting. He was shown around the clinic and the issue of removal of Ga paediatric contract was discussed. In future only sedation will be available to children and although a general anaesthetic wouldn't be given, the same level of care is needed to sedate a child. Less treatment would be carried out in a session therefore making the service far less cost effective.

11/42 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

The balance of the current account stood at £5910.18

The statutory levy had started this month and the aim was to raise £25000 per year. This will be monitored to see if expenses will be covered.

11/43 Delegates' Reports.

VDP

1. Baglan will remain a one year scheme until at least 2014 due to financial constraints.
2. There will be a 17% cut in the Post Graduate department budget over three years.
3. There is a facility in Baglan for a potential clinical skills room.
4. There will be 74 places available this year and 75 next year.

11/44 Exception Reports

Documents for discussion had been emailed to members with the agenda.

The LDC is concerned that GDPs do not know what is being looked at and that a document should go out to all GPDs explaining exception reporting. It was felt if there is a performance issue it should be addressed immediately and not allowed to continue.

Some of the wording in the document caused concern e.g. risk should be changed to concern. There is more work needed on this document and the Brighton and Hove document was felt to be a very good model. This issue to be discussed further at the next meeting with all suggestions to be emailed to the Secretary prior to that.

11/45 Any Other Business.

1. GDPs are still able to provide home bleaching kits to patients.
2. The use of the LDC website should be encouraged and developed.
3. A letter of thanks to be sent to Janet Megins thanking her for all her hard work as Vice Chair of the LDC.

11/46 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 27th September at 7pm at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.