

# ***Morgannwg Local Dental Committee***

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy  
on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.***

## ***Members Present.***

Dave Westcott in the chair, Roger Pratley, Janet Megins , Ewart Johnstone, Tony Fodor, Lesley Hicks, Rhian Paul, Anwen Hopkins, David Jones, Rob Elliott, Richard Herbert and Helen John.

## ***In Attendance.***

Gareth Davies, Alison Walker, Rhian Jones, Phil Majoe and Sian Jones from Parkway Clinic.

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

Chris Wills-Wood, Celia Topping, Mark Harris, Stephen Gould, James Davies, John Anderson, Pam Norman, Richard Jones, David Lloyd, Rob Jones.

***11/47 Minutes of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2011*** were accepted.

## ***11/48 Matters Arising.***

1. 11/39 3 Legionella Assessment is an essential requirement.
2. 11/40 Contractual Issues are a matter for the BDA not Defence Organisations.

## ***11/49 Correspondence.***

1. GDPC Bite size to be emailed to all members.
2. The LDC had not been informed that The Chief Executive of ABMU had left for WAG in May and a new Chief Executive is now in post.
3. The A&E consultant at Morriston Hospital has complained that dental patients are turning up at A&E expecting dental treatment after being directed there by NHS Direct when unable to access emergency dental treatment. OOH Group to meet in the near future, this issue will be discussed.
4. A corporate had contacted the Secretary regarding the statutory levy. If they lose a performer the levy is not reduced and still has to be met in full by the practice.
5. WAG has no intention in ending seniority payments in Wales.
6. The Secretary has spoken to Stuart Geddes regarding the lack of consultation by ABMU with LDC regarding the removal of The Parkway clinics paediatric GA contract. Stuart Geddes has written to HB expressing his concern and the fact that as there is still two years to run on this contract it is obviously not a safety issue.

The option of employing a paediatrician at Parkway was discussed as this may be a better financial option as opposed to referring all dental paediatric GA's to the hospital. To be raised at next Oral Surgery Sub- Group meeting.

### **11/50 Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary's report had been emailed to members previously and discussed under relevant agenda items.

As yet no one has volunteered to shadow the Secretary, although he is happy to carry on until the middle of 2012 and perhaps longer.

### **11/51 Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman's report had been emailed to members previously.

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 The Chairman was asked to represent an ABMU GDP in contractual arbitration with the locality.
2. 11<sup>th</sup> August 2011- attended the inaugural meeting of The Operative Dentistry Working Group.
3. 11<sup>th</sup> August 2011- A liaison Group meeting with ABMU locality dental lead was held in Bridgend, three topics were discussed.
  - a. establishing a common UDA value for GDPs in ABMU.
  - b. OOH and Access Service Review Group is about to be reconvened.
  - c. the inability of colleagues in Bridgend to employ the services of a specialist oral surgeon in Swansea despite an integrated ABMU. This anomaly is to be rectified.
4. 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011- attended the inaugural meeting of The domiciliary Dental Care Task and Finish Group. The aim is to develop a single integrated policy for provision of domiciliary care in ABMU.
5. 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011-attended the quarterly meeting of ABMU Dental clinical Governance Group.

### **11/52 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.**

In the absence of the Treasurer, the balance stood at £4314.57.

### **11/53 Delegates' Reports.**

**WGDPC Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011-** emailed to members previously.

1. Tooth whitening- EEU directive now states, procedure only to be carried out by dentists. First application must be carried out at chair side, maximum concentration 18% carbamide, not for under 18s or pregnant women.
2. UN environmental programme wants to reduce dental use of mercury.
3. UHW student fees likely to be £9000.
4. Seniority payments stopped as 31/03/11 in England, no plans to stop in Wales.
5. Statutory Levy has to be requested to continue on an annual basis or the collection of it will be stopped.
6. it was decided to ask for further ring fencing of the dental budget when it ends in 2012.
7. 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011 is the deadline for any associate that have incorporated to go back to self-employment or risk losing their pension entitlement.

**Clinical Governance Group**- emailed to members previously.

Rhian Bond now working for ABMU. ABMU could not take responsibility for Hywel Dda CG issues; however they can adopt ABMU policies.

1. HTM 01-05.
  - a. ABMU would consider implementation of essential requirements as a GDS contract requirement by April 2012
  - b. It was felt past submitted data by GDPs shows that essential requirement implementation would not be an issue.
  - c. ABMU were aware of the difficulties certain practices would have in achieving best practice, in relationship to building design and financial considerations.
2. Prescribing.
  - a. Performers issued with individual Rx pads
  - b. DF1 use the same pads as trainers.
  - c. ABMU looked at the SDCEP document and felt this was the appropriate document for practitioners to follow, emailed to members previously.
  - d. It was felt it would be difficult to audit a performer who works in multiple practices, as only one pad is issued.
3. Audit.
  - a. ABMU looking at returning audit as a directly stated contractual obligation.
  - b. Single handed practices not allowed to carry out audit by themselves.
  - c. Funding available for DCP audit, very important to use this funding or it will be lost.
  - d. The only way at present for HB to check audit is being carried out, would be to add it to QAS document as Post Graduate Department will not give this information out.
4. Postgraduate Education.
  - a. Three dental nurse training positions to become available at Baglan.
  - b. Huge changes in DF1 with centralization of the registration process.
5. Access and Waiting Times.
  - a. HDS currently 26 weeks
  - b. NPT currently hold a small waiting list for patients to access dental treatment, the issue of practices holding lists was discussed.
6. LHB run training events.
  - a. Ideas for training event, Dental Pilots, Protection of vulnerable adults, Oral surgery referral guidance.
  - b. No dates as yet TBA.

### **11/54 Orthodontic Referrals**

A second email with a revised referral form had been circulated. It was felt this was a better document although the choice of Orthodontist was missing.

The following points were raised:-

1. Centralisation of referrals may reduce the clogging up of the system by early and multiple referrals.
2. GDPs want to be able to choose where they refer their patient for treatment.
3. A well-managed central referral system would be welcomed to reduce waiting lists.
4. DWSI's concern would be that a professional would be involved in central referrals so they do not become de skilled by referrals.
5. What would be the cost of this system and where would the funding would come from?
6. If waiting list for a particular Orthodontist was long would another provider be offered to referring dentist and patient with a shorter waiting list?

The LDC are very aware that the attempts to organise central referral systems in Hywel Dda had failed, but feel that a well-organised system for Orthodontics might improve waiting times and access to treatment. It is happy to agree in principle to the careful development and close monitoring of such a system.

### **11/55 Exception Reports**

Document emailed to members previously.

1. A large practice exception report would not be broken down into individual performers.
2. Prescribing to be added to report.
3. It was felt training would be necessary for GDPs to understand reports.
4. Felt practices should be informed immediately if something flags up on exception report and not left to run.
5. The current draft to go to the LDC/LHB Liaison Group, Roger Pratley to carry forward.

### **11/56 Communication**

The website was now up and running, the following issues were discussed:-

1. The website needs to be used as a tool to carry information to all GDPs paying the levy.
2. The website needs to be added to search engine, to promote it and enable access.
3. The possibility of a small group to be set up who are willing to update on a regular basis was discussed. Current issues need updating i.e. audit.
4. A newsletter to be mailed to GDPs to inform them of pension issues the website to be promoted on this letter.

### **11/57 Any Other Business.**

1. Kier Beard has now left Bridgend locality office.
2. David Thomas will be away from post until January 2012 due to ill health.

### **11/58 Date and Time of next meeting.**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.