

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Since my last report I have attended the following meetings –

- Oral Surgery Subgroup
- Restorative Dentistry Subgroup
- Domiciliary Subgroup
- Orthodontics MCN

These groups are tasked with ensuring that the patient pathway of care in ABMU is efficient, safe and equitable and so far the work carried out in an effort to achieve these goals has centered around the determination of demand, capacity and waiting times

As far as the Restorative group meeting was concerned the Chairman, who is James Owen, tabled a new set of guidelines for referral into Restorative secondary care along with a proforma which it is envisaged will be used for all restorative referrals. These papers are enclosed as attachments to this report and I would be grateful for any input from members.

I have also attended a meeting of the Welsh Dental Committee where those matters which we are aware of locally are expanded on into a national context and conversely those topics which have a national nascence can be discussed in connection with local application. The minutes of the last meeting have yet to be approved so I will give a verbal report at the meeting if requested.

A colleague has provided me with an advertisement for services provided by a local dental practice and attached to it the following question, "Is this going too far?" Some of us might feel that the prospect of a decade of deleveraging by the indebted public will mean ten years of reduced private sector demand and ten years of weak growth for those dependent on discretionary consumer spending. This might be the case but I feel that we all need to remember that we do not become taller by pointing out that others are shorter and that all advertising should be honest and fair.