

Morgannwg Local Dental Committee

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 22nd November, 2011.***

Members Present.

Dave Westcott in the chair, Roger Pratley, Rhian Paul, Anwen Hopkins, Mark Harris, Stephen Gould, James Davies, Mike Spencer-Harty, David Jones, Tony Fodor, Helen John, Tony Beak and Pam Norman.

In Attendance.

Allison Walker, Chris Wills Wood, Hugh Bennett and Rhian Jones.

Apologies for Absence.

Bill Walters, Karl Bishop, Richard Jones, Gareth Davies, Celia Topping, Rob Jones, Rob Elliott, Ewart Johnstone and Barrie David.

11/59 Minutes of the Meeting 22nd September, 2011 were accepted subject to the inclusion of Mike Spencer-Harty in the list of Members Present.

11/60 Matters Arising.

1. 11/48 1. 11/39 3 Legionella Assessment will probably be added to next years QAS. This is to be taken to Liaison Clinical Governance Group.
2. 11/53 1. GDC will only intervene in bleaching by non dental professionals if there is a complaint or harm to a patient.
3. 11/49 3. LHB carrying out a review of OOH service, to be discussed at next LHB/LDC Liaison Group Meeting.

11/61 Correspondence.

All relevant correspondence had been emailed to all members previously.

11/62 Secretary's Report.

1. A newsletter had been sent out in September.
2. The Secretary was currently involved in two cases with local GDPs. Both are of a contractual nature.

11/63 Chairman's Report.

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

The following meetings had been attended:-

Oral Surgery Subgroup

A report to be given later on in the agenda.

Restorative Dentistry Subgroup

The Chairman James Owens has tabled a new set of referral guidelines along with a new Performa for referrals into Restorative secondary care. These papers emailed to members previously and any comments to Chairman please.

Domiciliary Subgroup

A report to be given later on in the agenda.

Orthodontic MCN

A report to be given later on in the agenda.

The Chairman had received a flyer from a local dental practice which contained what might be construed as inappropriate advertising. After much discussion it was decided the Secretary would discuss the committee's concerns with the GDP.

11/64 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

The balance currently stood at £3286.14

The Treasurer felt that the levy would have to be increased as the income is not covering delegates' meeting expenses. Currently the income from levy is £25,000 and would need to rise to £30,000 to cover outgoings. Treasurer to investigate and report to next meeting.

The annual conference fees had now been paid but not BDG payment.

11/65 Delegates' Reports.

Orthodontic Report - Emailed to all members previously.

The LOC met on 11th October 2011

The LOC noted the LDC request that any new referral system should have:-

1. Clear referral guidelines.
2. The freedom for GDP's to choose where they refer.
3. A means to manage urgent cases.

It was felt rather than have a referral centre managed by LHB, they should develop a managed process that relied on accurate waiting list data provided by the referral practices. This process would:-

1. Quantify waiting list data in each practice.
2. Provide this information to GDPs and LHB on a regular basis.
3. Allow a process to manage long waiters.

The LOC proposed a centralised electronic waiting list data base for ABMU and Hywel Dda that would be updated regularly. This would eliminate multiple referrals and make dealing with urgent cases far easier.

The Orthodontic Managed Clinical Network met on the 18th October 2011.

Representatives were present from ABMU and Hywel Dda HBs, the LDC, LOC, Community and Hospital services.

The LOC proposed managed referral process was discussed and received a positive reception. The MCN asked Jeremy Knox to develop draft documents to be discussed within the MCN wider dissemination for discussion. The drafts will incorporate:-

1. Service description
2. Guidance for referrers
3. Referral form
4. Patient referral flowchart
5. Appeals Guidance
6. Appeals form

Once the drafts are finalised they will be distributed to the LDC for discussion.

Oral Surgery MCN - Meeting 28th September 2011.

The main objective of this meeting was to ascertain the capacity of oral surgery services across the locality.

CDS- improvements in equipment and plan for developing an SDO with availability for providing services under sedation were discussed. No figures were given specifically and the development of this service is a little way off yet.

Glangwilli Hospital- the two oral surgery rooms that have historically been used by OMFS are not fit for purpose since they are too small. This is due to the inability to get a crash cart to them as the doorway and communal corridors are too small. It was decided that further investigation and discussion with estates department is needed before deciding these rooms were completely unsuitable for use.

OMFS Morriston and PoW- further work was needed to provide more accurate figures re capacity.

Cambria Dental Practice- overview given of capacity for treatment of oral surgery patients. Also highlighted trends in NHS referrals over 2010/11 including the number of referrals received, which is greater than the capacity allows. Patients were being referred for more extractions per referral and therefore more appointments are needed per patient.

Parkway Clinic- well established practice, there is no possibility of the children's GA not being moved back to the hospital but there is no capacity for treating them in the hospital. Hugh Bennett alongside Parkway investigating how many GAs can be converted to treatment under sedation.

Domiciliary Dental Care Task and Finish Group - October 2011.

There are seven domiciliary contract holders in ABMU, and there are concerns re value for money as the LHB don't know what services are being provided by contract holders. Information is sparse and LHB does not know what treatments are being carried out in this setting. It was felt a referral pathway needs to be set up with specific referral criteria.

A questionnaire to be sent to all GDPs by HB regarding Domiciliary Care and Mark Harris would attempt to communicate with all providers of domiciliary services.

11/66 One-off Dental Funding Proposals

Document emailed to all members previously, although there is no official non recurrent funding as yet. The funding if made available will come from GDS budget. The LDC felt it was difficult to prioritise suggested initiatives as there are no figures available. Although they did feel any monies should be apportioned should be based on NHS commitment, number of contracted UDAs etc.

The Secretary requested emails from members with thoughts and suggestions on this matter.

11/67 Communication

A newsletter would be sent out promoting the website following further development along the lines already discussed.

11/68 Any Other Business.

1. QAS- Swansea all returns good.
2. The Secretary to confirm next years' meeting dates. Agreed to keep bi-monthly on a Tuesday.
3. Anwen Hopkins is to be Welsh GDPC representative for LDC again for a further triennium.
4. Roger Pratley to continue as GDPC representative for SW Wales.

11/69 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 31st January 2012 at 7pm at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.