

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since my last report I have attended the following meetings -

- Domiciliary Task and Finish group
- LDC/LHB Liaison group
- Oral surgery sub group
- Dental Clinical Governance group
- Orthodontic Managed Clinical Network
- Design to Smile Steering Group.

There continues to be a frank and open dialogue between providers and commissioners along with National Public Health Service Wales at group level for all of the above and reports for the majority of these meetings will be provided by other committee members. The health board has arranged a series of educational sessions in order to provide general dental practitioners the opportunity to understand and input into the deliberations of each of these groups and I would urge you to attend if possible.

In the notes below you will find the major points of the DCGG and D2S meetings.

Key Issues from the Dental Clinical Governance Group meeting-

1. HTMO1-05>

England Department of Health is currently looking at re-evaluating guidance in respect of HTMO1-05 and it is likely that Wales will do the same. The current position of ABMU remains unchanged but that position might change in light of the review.

2. DENTAL GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK>

The governance framework focussing on GDS is nearing completion but will now be a Welsh Government all-Wales initiative. The final draft will probably be available at the end of February 2012.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF CLINICAL GOVERNANCE INDICATORS>

It is recognised that dentistry is poor in developing clinical outcome measures and that there is a need to embed standards and outcome measures in service dentistry as part of a forward work plan.

4. ACCESS>

Patient access for GDS is a priority for 2012 but the emphasis is on the appropriate use of current resources rather than on new funding.

Key issues from the Design to Smile steering group meeting-

1. PARKWAY>

The LHB have proposed the allocation of £2,000 of non recurrent funding from the dentistry under spend in order for D2S to establish links with Parkway.

2. D2S IN BRIDGEND>

From the 1st April 2012 Bridgend D2S is joining ABMU (previously CDS along with D2S was administered by Cardiff and Vale Health Board) which is another example of the continued drive towards uniformity of all service provision across the three localities which now form ABMU.