

LDC/LHB LIAISON MEETING Wednesday 14 December 2011

- Apologies were given for the delay in commissioning of additional services due to financial issues. An assurance was given by Catherine Roberts that everything is now back on track and documents will soon be circulated to GDP's relating to the tendering of these additional services.
- Educational/study days have been organised by the LHB for the beginning of February and March. Details will be circulated to all GDP's with the opportunity to earn UDA's and CPD hours.(The value of the UDA's had yet to be finalised in monetary terms) e.g. The LHB are keen to engage with GDP's in respect of referrals i.e. where, to whom and when, to try and make referrals more efficient in all disciplines.
- Christmas arrangements are being finalised in respect of emergency cover. Parkway are also open for emergencies and it was suggested that this information should be circulated to GDP's.
- CDS now transferred from Cardiff and the Vale to ABMU for provision for Bridgend CDS. Information will be sent out regarding referrals by LHB.
- It was noted that there were no postgraduate courses being provided for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults by the postgraduate dept. in Cardiff. LHB were going to inquire if it could be organised.
- A detailed review of out of hours services has been carried out and the result was that the cost for seeing a patient on a weekday was £90.97 per patient, compared to £44.12 at the weekend. The proposals were for an extended weekend, i.e. Friday to Monday and extending Bank holidays in the same way. Any emergencies arising mid week could then be accommodated by the access sessions already in place. The LHB would like any changes to take effect from 1 April 2012. They would like to change to a centralised booking system and triage service.
- A leaflet is being produced (as before) to provide general information for the public in respect of NHS charges, emergency treatment, etc by the now combined LHBs.
- The LHB will look into procuring a service to provide Legionella testing for dental surgeries which may result in a much reduced cost and could be part of the use for any spare ring fenced monies at the LHB.
- The idea of setting up an area information portal was discussed and the LHB were keen to look into this suggestion.
- Next meeting 15 February 2012