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Report from WGDPC meeting 20.1.12

1) Chair of WGDPC is still Gareth Lloyd and his associate Tom Greg takes over as vice chair.

2) A presentation on the vocational training matching system from Dr Jon Cowpe – Director of Post-Graduate Dental Education in Wales

He started by describing the process :- stage 1 application and preference sheet  
Stage 2 assessment at 1 of 5 centres (Leeds, Bristol, London, Bolton, Birmingham) –this included communication, clinical skills, leadership skills, professionalism etc

Stage 3 Ranking and offers

Stage 4 local distribution of places

At present it has reached stage 3 and students have been made offers

So far 1190 applied, 1076 were interviewed, 926 places available to date.

EU applicants – 63 successful (123 applied)

Overseas – 4 successful (45 applied)

In Wales there are 70 DF1 places – 32 places to Cardiff students

3 places to Irish students

35 to English students

On the 927 offers – 45 % got 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 65% got 2<sup>nd</sup> choice and 85% got 1-10 choice  
He then suggested that those students who didn't get a place may consider becoming an SHO, getting a DF2 place, going private, working in Australia/New Zealand or EU, or working as a therapist or hygienist.

It all sounded like it had gone as smooth as clockwork until Jeff Wilson pointed out that 20 Cardiff students hadn't got offers which is 30% of the students! And the students had reported the Bristol selection process as having being shambolic.

3) David Thomas to start a phased return to work from this week

4) Body piercing consultation – general consensus was HIW should be involved.

5) Computer installation costs - £900 grant available for 1<sup>st</sup> transmission (old grant but still available)

6) Pilots – Kids pilots still have to fulfil adult UDA's and LHB want clawback if UDA's not completed, so kids pilots look like taking a financial hit unless something can be done. The problem seems to be that WAG are organising the pilots but the LHB's are in control of the contracts.

7) Remuneration Committee – DOH want 4% efficiency saving but contracts likely to have a 0.5% uplift.

8) Cwm Taff sent a letter to all ortho/PDS/ private dentists in their area asking for a voluntary 0.01% contribution and it has been very successful and has raised over £3000 to date.

9) Orthodontic issues raised as all areas seem to be moving towards centralised referral centres – There was a general disgruntled feeling that GDP's aren't paid to do an orthodontic assessment and don't receive UOA's and to do the aesthetic component of IOTN we should be standardised.

10) Talk on BDA 'Values' project. – Basically they're trying to re-brand the BDA to make it more relevant to its members and wanted suggestions on how they intend to do it.