

# ***Morgannwg Local Dental Committee***

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy  
on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012.***

## ***Members Present.***

Dave Westcott in the chair, Roger Pratley, Ewart Johnstone, Stephen Gould, Anwen Hopkins, Janet Megins, Pam Norman, Bill Walters, Lesley Hicks, Mark Harris, David Jones, James Davies, Tony Fodor, Richard Herbert.

## ***In Attendance.***

Rhian Jones, Alison Walker, Gareth Davies, Sian Jones and Phil Majoe from Parkway.

## ***Apologies for Absence.***

John Anderson, Chris Wills-Wood, Mike Spencer-Harty, Karl Bishop, Hugh Bennett, Helen John, Rhian Paul, Barrie David, Rob Jones and Rob Elliott.

***12/01 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2011*** were accepted.

## ***12/02 Matters Arising.***

11/63, The secretary spoke with the GDP regarding the flyer, the GDP understood the LDC concerns but felt he had done nothing wrong. The secretary was happy with the response and in line with a number of communications he had received from LDC members felt that the matter was concluded.

11/66 The Secretary had forwarded all the suggestions received regarding one off dental funding proposals to Catherine Roberts.

## ***12/03 Correspondence.***

All relevant correspondence had been emailed to all members previously.

## ***12/04 Secretary's Report.***

The Secretary's Report had been emailed to all members previously.

1. The LDC website was now search engine registered.
2. The Secretary asked for thoughts on removal of patient record cards from practices by anti fraud personnel. It was felt a protocol was needed, this to be taken to Clinical Governance Group for further discussion.

## ***12/05 Chairman's Report.***

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

## ***Dental Study Day***

The Dental Education/study days organised by LHB had received a poor response. Despite investing £32,000 in these sessions only 9% of GDPs had responded. It was felt this could be due

the letters only being sent to Providers and not all performers, and the timing at the contract year end was not felt to be helpful to GDPs.

As a result of poor response the sessions were cut to two, being held on one day. The LDC to suggest they be involved in the planning of these session annually.

## **HTM 01-05**

DOH England is currently looking at re-evaluating guidance in respect of HTM01-05 and it is likely Wales is to follow. AMBU position remains the same at present.

## **Access**

Patients access is a priority for 2012, the emphasis is on improving efficiency rather than on extra funding.

## **Primary Care Funding**

WG funding to be ring fenced for three years after 2012.

## **12/06 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.**

The current account balance stood at £5355.26

In an executive meeting held two weeks ago it was decided the levy had to be raised by £5000 per year to meet expected expenditure. This will probably be on next schedule and is expected to be an increase of approx 17%.

## **12/07 Delegates' Reports.**

### **Oral Surgery MCN meeting 14/12/11**

Report emailed to all members previously.

1. OMFS department in the process of designing new referral forms with printed referral criteria. To come to LDC for discussion prior to final draft being completed.
2. Consultants to see all referrals and pass through MCN to Specialist practices, DWSI's etc.
3. Parkway clinic, Huw Bennett/Maria Morgan carrying out a review.
4. Parkway feel the conversion rate can be quantified but for the treatments requested some patients would need repeat sedation visits as opposed to one GA visit. Multiple visits will not be cost effective.
5. No date set as yet for the ending of NHS paediatric GA sessions at Parkway.

### **LDC/LHB Liaison Group Meeting**

Report emailed to all members previously.

1. The idea of setting up an area information portal was discussed, the medics already have this. The HB had asked LDC for ideas on what they would like included. An email with suggestions to be forwarded to members to add any ideas. Suggestions already made include: GDS regulations, NICE guidelines, HTM01-05 updates, referral guidelines.
2. A patient information leaflet is being produced to provide general information in respect of patient charges, emergency treatment, etc by the HB. The Secretary had emailed a draft to members previously and had received a good response with sensible suggestions. This had been forwarded to Rhian Bond and there has been no response. This to be taken to next LDC/LHB meeting.

## **Orthodontics**

The LOC met in December 2011, report emailed to all members previously.

1. Following discussions between LOC and MCN it was agreed to trial the new system from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012, once approval had been gained from the dental strategy group.
2. GDPs should benefit from a simplified referral system, with a straightforward referral form with chance to highlight urgent cases.
3. This system will enable the accurate publishing of waiting list data and therefore hopefully eliminate multiple referrals clogging up the system.
4. ABMU happy to pilot new system.

## **Domiciliary Care Task and Finish Group.**

Meetings took place in December and January and a report was emailed to members previously.

1. ABMU have agreed to set up a referral hub, patients can be referred in by GPs, GDP, CDS, care homes etc.
2. Concern was raised that patients requiring emergency domiciliary treatment would be kept waiting while going through the referral process.
3. In Bridgend there are no enhanced UDAs for domiciliary visits, felt this should be made uniform across the area.
4. Concern was raised that social services will inundate the referral system.
5. It was suggested a list needs to be compiled of all GDPs currently providing domiciliary care and those who would be interested in doing so in the future.
6. Concern was raised that a considerable amount of UDA contract value is taken up by multiple screening in care homes.
7. A final draft of the referral pathway should be available soon, hopefully in time to go online early in the new financial year.

## **WGDPC**

Report emailed to all members previously.

1. Chair of WGDPC is Gareth Lloyd, his associate Tom Greg takes over as vice chair.
2. David Thomas CDO to start a phased return to work in January.
3. Computer installation costs- £900 grant available for 1<sup>st</sup> transmission. The LDC have no knowledge of this, to take to next LDC/LHB Liaison Group Meeting.
4. Children's pilots still have to fulfil adult UDAs and LHB want clawback if UDAs not completed.
5. Remuneration Committee- DOH want 4% efficiency saving but contracts likely to have 0.5% uplift.
6. Orthodontic issue raised as all areas seem to be moving towards centralised referral centres.

## **Dental Foundation Training**

Report emailed to all members previously.

1. Placements- 65% got 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, 97% got top 20 choice.
2. Cardiff Dental School- 19 interviewed but currently don't have a place it was felt 2 had not responded, 12 ranked schemes outside Wales higher and 5 ranked Wales higher.
3. Allegations about Bristol process will be looked at by review process and issues addressed.
4. Post Grad department has met on three occasions with 5<sup>th</sup> years to brief them on process as information becomes available- advised to rank all 74 schemes and told schemes around dental schools would be highly competitive.

5. All DF1 places in Wales filled for 2012.
6. WG have agreed to match three additional places and found funding for three more places.
7. Two dental training units in Porth and Baglan have resulted in increase of numbers from 65 in 2006 to 75 for august 2012 which is three years ahead of target.
8. There were 86 trainer applicants for 64 trainer places, there had been 79 DFT2 requests for application for 35 DFT2 posts.

### **GDPC Report**

Inaugural meeting of the GDPC Triennium 2012-2014  
Report emailed to all members.

### **12/08 Out of Hours Review**

1. It was felt accurate data is needed from HB regarding the amount of patients accessing this service and the cost this incurs. GDPs have to fill a log of patients seen and treatment so this should be attainable.
2. Weekend sessions are very busy as opposed to weeknights, is this due to daily access sessions or patients convenience.
3. LDC requested meeting with Rhian Bond to discuss review, James Davies to attend.
4. The issue of no pharmacist available after 4pm on Sundays was raised.
5. Fixed site- HTM01-05 issues raised- nurses would have to be familiar with decontamination area at site.
6. A number of performers would like to participate in rota but the issue of consent from practice owner was raised.

Any comments to be emailed to secretary to take to next meeting.

### **12/09 Any Other Business.**

1. The issue of pastoral care for a retired dentist was raised. The Secretary to contact relevant bodies regarding support for retired dentists.
2. A practice in Bridgend locality had been contacted by HB regarding taking part in a pilot for patients of high dental need to be referred into the Dental Training unit at Baglan.
3. A Bridgend GDP had been contacted by HB regarding a letter sent out eighteen months ago. The letter was regarding carrying over UDAs from one year to the next. The GDP has no recollection of the letter.

### **12/10 Date and Time of next meeting and proposed Meeting Dates for 2012.**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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