

Morgannwg Local Dental Committee

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 29th May, 2012.***

Members Present.

Rhiain Paul in the chair, Roger Pratley, Pam Norman, Janet Megins, James Davies, Helen John, Lesley Hicks, Rob Elliott, Stephen Gould, David Jones, Mike Spencer-Harty, Richard Herbert, Mark Harris.

In Attendance.

Alison Walker.

Apologies for Absence.

Karl Bishop, Bill Walters, Chris Wills-Wood, Anwen Hopkins, Rhian Jones, Barrie David, Gareth Davies, Dave Westcott, John Anderson, Ewart Johnstone and Richard Jones.

12/23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th March, 2012 were accepted subject to Helen John being added to those who apologised for inability to attend.

12/24 Matters Arising.

12/15 1, Still no news regarding OOH.

12/18 Orthodontics, The new referral system has now been rolled out across ABMU. At the MCN meeting it was assumed the new orthodontic proforma referral letters were now in use, it seems that no one is using them as yet. This is due to the fact no start date was given when sent out to all GDPs. An updated letter needs to be circulated to inform GDPs to use new referral form ASAP. The following points were raised

- 1, If there are any UOA's in GDP contract, could they claim an ortho exam for assessing patient in order to fill in referral form.
- 2, The referral letter asks for any OPTs to be sent with letter, any relevant intra orals will suffice. This to be added to form.
- 3, Neat Teeth have an online referral system and will respond within 30 days.
- 4, DWSI's reporting only 50% of cases are being returned by hospital for treatment. Felt this system is unfair as the patient then has two assessments, waits twelve weeks to be seen and then six weeks for DWSI to receive a treatment plan.
This to be taken to next MCN meeting.

12/19 BBC had made a freedom of information act request to WAG, and were assured all HB monies were being spent appropriately.

12/20 2, Not set up as yet.

12/21 2, The Secretary would be attending in his WGDPC capacity should read GDPC, and he will not be attending.

12/25 Correspondence.

This item to be removed from future agenda as all correspondence is now emailed to all members and discussed under relevant items.

12/26 Secretary's Report.

There had been an error in the report emailed to all members as it was a duplicate of the report for meeting held in March 2012. The Secretary gave the following verbal report:

1. There was concern amongst officials regarding some performance issues with GDPs in the area. These issues had been highlighted on exception reports but the HB had failed to act on them. Exception reporting is seen as an important monitoring tool and if any GDPs treatments are flagged up they should contact the relevant Locality Office and explain the reason and not wait for the HB to get in touch. Two dentists had had performance panel reviews.
2. The letter of response from Win Griffiths regarding Ministerial Letter- Ring Fenced Primary care Budgets had been emailed to all members previously.
3. The issue of there being no protocol for the removal of patients records from practices would be an agenda item on the next Quality Assurance sub group meeting. Date to be confirmed.

12/27 Chairman's Report.

This had been emailed to all members previously

DSSPG meeting Monday 14th May.

1. The meeting was assured that all dental ring fenced money in ABMU was being spent appropriately.
2. A paper prepared by the domiciliary subgroup has now been passed onto the LHB for action.
3. There will be an announcement in the near future confirming that the LHB is going to use Bridgend Locality to lead and co-ordinate dentistry in ABMU.
4. Bridgend is definitely going to start a new round of commissioning before August and Swansea NPT is likely to follow suit.

D2S Meeting Thursday 24th May.

1. Lisa Howells has been appointed Deputy CDO and will take over the D2S portfolio.
2. There are approx 10,000 dental GA's carried out per year. A review of referral criteria and collaborative approach between GDP's, D2S, Parkway and CDS is being put forward as a method of reducing this figure.
3. D2S and CDS in Bridgend have been taken over by ABMU. There is no existing school screening and there are large gaps in provision. CDS are trying to set up meeting with GDPs in order to explain the role the CDS wants to play in the locality.

12/28 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

The current account balance stood at £1688.88.

The account would be in deficit once officials and representatives had received their meeting expenses.

12/29 Delegates' Reports.

GDP.

Report emailed to all members previously.

1. Meeting very much English based not very relevant to Wales.
2. No decision had been made re Seniority payments in Wales, in England there had been no new payments awarded to new applicants since April 2012.

WGDP.

Report emailed to all members previously

1. QAS next year will already have this year's information included and GDPs will have to update and amend accordingly.
2. Antimicrobial audit is being phased in starting with Cardiff.
3. Welsh pilots going well but problems in England.
4. There is a possibility GDPs may soon be able to refer patients to Cardiff Dental School again.

LDC/LHB Liaison Group.

Report emailed to all members previously

DTU referrals - more capacity had been made available. NPT GDPs currently accepting NHS patients were to be invited to join the pilot.

DF1.

1. Currently 130 deemed eligible - all don't have a place. Thirty DF1's awarded places have withdrawn. Some places may become available late in England although this will not happen in Wales.
2. In Wales there are 74 places plus 1 community place; this has been turned into a DF1 from a DF2.
3. There is concern of the danger of deskilling while waiting for a place, currently working with dental school to see if any 5th year clinic time could be made available.
4. Next year Cardiff will reduce from 73 to 63 for one year only. This will mean the loss of two trainers per scheme. They will then increase to 75 the following year.
5. Associate positions are proving difficult to find therefore a high number of completed DF1s are having to apply for DF2.

12/30 Any Other Business.

Legionella- it is possible to do one's own risk assessment although this is not advisable; the most reasonable price is around £250

12/31 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 24th July, 2012 at the Holiday inn Express, Llandarcy.