

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 20TH JULY 2012

Since our last meeting I have represented the LDC at the following –

1. Thursday 31st May 2012 – The operative dentistry sub-group.
2. Thursday 14th June 2012 - The Dental clinical governance group
3. Tuesday 19th June 2012- The Welsh dental committee.
4. Wednesday 20th June 2012- The LDC/LHB liaison meeting.

RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY-

I have enclosed the group action plan for restorative which covers the topics presently being addressed and includes the consideration of the need for restorative DWSIs. The focus for restorative DWSIs within primary care is centered on Endodontics along with the use of Clinical Technologists for removable prosthetics and the realisation that funding for these enhanced services might have to come from the primary care budget.

DENTAL CLINICAL GOVERNANCE GROUP-

Again I have enclosed the group action plan which considers having a broader DWSI involvement in the provision of enhanced primary care.

ABMU has provided a draft Dental Governance Framework which will be available for consultation in the near future and is designed to provide a framework of support for GDPs but at the same time we must recognise that as professionals we have set standards below which we should not fall and that the framework is a guide for compliance to these standards.

Occupational Health, its function and funding, is being dealt with via this group and I would like to take the opportunity to thank those committee members who responded to our requests for input on this topic.

As you can also see from the action plan the chair of the DCGG has written to the CDO in respect of our concerns over the removal of record cards from practices by relevant authorities.

WELSH DENTAL COMMITTEE

The minutes from this meeting are enclosed and contain a glimpse of a paper written by A. Gilmore about the preparedness or otherwise of new graduates for general practice. The initial findings suggest that Endodontics, MOS and removable prosthetics are areas of concern for the teaching hospitals.

LDC/ LHB LIAISON MEETING

This meeting will be covered by Rhian Paul who was in attendance along with Roger.

Other topics –

- A round of commissioning is under way and the letters to universally advertise this went out on the 30/5/12.
- The pilot using selected practices for referral of high need patients to the DTU is under way and appears to be effective.
- Protection and care of scripts and drugs in general dental practice has been under the spotlight and the Health Board has published advice which it is important for all GPs to take note of.
- There are “new” guidelines on the use of “NSAIDS” in the dental practice and we should all be aware of current advice on prescribing.

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Appendix 1

Operative Dentistry Working Group Action Plan					
Specialist Workforce and Gaps in Specialist Provision					
SDS Ref No	Recommendation	Key Development Area	Lead	Timescale	Status
6(1)	Specialist workforce is mapped across all the dental services in ABM and Hywel Dda, and regularly updated	2	PHW		HB co-ordinating. In draft – review at next meeting – 31/5/12
14	A scoping exercise is undertaken to assess the potential for Restorative/mono-specialty DwSI services within Primary Care so that Consultant services can best focus on patients with the most complex needs	2 2,4	JSO		Questionnaire circulated to referrers via RMC at Hywel Dda and Rhian Bond for ABMU. Development of DWSI status needs to be linked to PDS contractual arrangements.
	Linked to the above assess current level of demand on services		JSO/SW		BRC project group assessing demand on service. Summary paper will be circulated before next meeting.
7	It is recommended that every effort is made to support development of the new Specialty of Special Care Dentistry		MD/DD		Business case proposal for Special Care Dentistry Consultant . A task group lead by DD and MD have agreed to develop a comprehensive plan for CSD in the Health Board including creation of a Consultant post. MD and DD agreed on a common acceptance criteria between ABMU and HDda
9 (1,3)	It is recommended that there is a need to expand Consultant and Specialist levels in Paediatric Dentistry to support non CLP work and provide a closer working relationship within the Community with CDS and SCD	2,3	HB/MC		Business case proposal for Paediatric Consultant post being drafted by HB and MC. MC to meet with various stake holders and report back at the next meeting.
(2)	It is recommended that a Dental Therapist is employed to support the work of the current Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry and provide services out with the HDS	2	HB/MC		Included in Paeds business case referred to above.
10	It is recommended that the Health Board protects access to dental general anaesthetic provision for Special Care patients	3	JSO/SW		Weekly list reinstated. Backfill lists offered to reduce backlog. Waiting list now monitored and reported internally but

					not subject to RTT target pressure. Situation to be reviewed at next meeting
12	It is recommended that the funded vacancy for a Health Board employed dental laboratory technician is protected and potential for the development of Clinical Technologists investigated.	2	SW/KB/JO		Post has been filled Clinical Technologist role to be reviewed and business case developed.
Clinical Care Pathways and Referral Issues					
22	It is recommended that the Restorative specialty review the referral guidance and restate their priorities. There is an argument for a set of more user friendly referral and acceptance criteria being developed as part of introducing <i>stronger referral management</i>	3, 4	JSO/SW		Revised referral template and guidance accepted. General Dental Study Days took place early March to educate referrers. Guidelines now circulated via Rhian Bond. No current contact/lead for Hywel Dda. Possibility of Information Website discussed. Need to set up administrative process to implement referral and proforma data.
	One point of entry for management of all referrals to include process to return inappropriate referrals		SW/PW		Development of one referral entry for all dental specialties in development following move of waiting list team staff into new accommodation at Morryston by end of April 12.
24 (4)	It is recommended that scoping work is commenced into the development of evidence based clinical care pathways for the dental specialties		tbc		Work to be commenced later in 2012
Secondary Care Clinical Locations and Accommodation					
17	It is recommended that Restorative has dual centres at Morryston and the Port Talbot Resource Centre	3	KB/JSO/SW		Building work completion target 22 June. BRC project group set-up next meeting 23 April. Report back at next meeting.
19	It is recommended that Restorative has 7 designated chairs split between the PTRC and the future Phase 1b development	3	KB/SW		BRC project group aim to agree timetables for BRC and Morryston sites by end of April 12.
	It is recommended that the element of dental hygienist work that supports core Maxillofacial Unit activity be recognised as such and delivered in Morryston. More "routine" hygienist input		KB/JSO/SW		Linked to above

	could be delivered from a Primary Care or Community setting				
20	Consideration should be given to provision of a designated dental hygienist chair in the new Phase 1b build, rather than timetabling dental hygienist time across the Unit with all the inefficiency and tension that has the potential to cause. In addition, designated dental hygienist chair time could also be identified within PTRC and/or existing CDS clinics.				Existing session timetable for hygienists being reviewed by BRC project group. Access to core groups in Morriston to be protected.
21	It is recommended that, in the context of other recommendations, Clinical and General Management structures within the Surgical Specialties Directorate, as they relate to the Maxillofacial Unit and the Dental specialties, are kept under review (paragraphs 9.39)	4	SW/PW		Ongoing
	It is recommended that the Surgical services directorate undertake an exercise to update disclosure records throughout its establishment		SW		Arrangements in place – letter provided at February meeting for information.

Appendix 2

Action Points

ABMU LHB Clinical Governance Committee for Dentistry: Meeting 14th June 2012 3pm

Action Point	Agenda Item	Action	Lead	Deadline	Progress to Date
AP1	2(i) Education and Training of Dental Nurses across ABMU	Chair to approach DN leadership to see how this could be established with a view initially of providing a paper on the current position across the HB.	KB	Next Meeting	KB wrote to Jane Morris
AP2	2(ii) Development of DwSis	To ask for issue to be an agenda item at next DSSPG meet.	KB	Next meeting	KB wrote to PS 10 th July 2012
AP3	3(i) Dental Governance Framework for General Dental Services provided by the Local Health Boards	Members to feed any queries/comments to HB to finalise the document by Sept meeting the document can then be distributed wider	HB	Next meeting	NA
AP4	3(ii) LDC Issues	Chair to write to CDO on matter of record cards	KB	Next meeting	Kb wrote to CDO 10/7/2012
AP5	3(iii) Patient Information Leaflet Coagulation Defects	Chair to forward to Q&S Group.	KB	Next Meeting	
AP6	3(iv) CDS Infection Control	Chair to forward to Q&S Group	KB	Next Meeting	KB passed on doc to Anne Biffin.
AP7	3(v) Occupational Health Funding	CR to seek response for HR and to place as an agenda item for September meeting of	CR	Next meeting	

		DCGC			
AP8	Ap 4(3v). Access to CBCT Scans Cardiff and Vale	KB to speak with JK for an update	KB/JK	Next meeting	
AP9	Ap 6(4.i (AR1) Relationship with HD	KB to speak with Jill Paterson	KB	Next Meeting	KB emailed JP 10/7/12
AP10	Ap 114.vii(AP12) Adverse risk report	KB to work with SW on how 'dental data' can be extrapolated on a regular basis.	KB/S W	Next Meeting	
AP 11	5(vi)c WAG issues Specific target time 'RTT' for SCD patients' access to dental services at hospital	KB to discuss with PS	KB	Next meeting	KB wrote to PS. Standing Agenda Item at DSSPG meets
AP12	6(ii) Clinical Effectiveness ABMU Audit Plan	To discuss with EJ at next meeting.	KB EJ	Next meeting	
AP13	6(v) Information Portal	SC to email members with reminder for date for completion prior to September meeting	SC	Next Meeting	KB wrote to Lisa Howells 10 07 12
AP 14	8(i) AOB	KB to communicate with WG on possibility of looking at how Oral Health bundle could be enhanced in this area.			



Attendees:

Mr Karl Bishop	Chair
Mr Simon Hodder	Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Dental Strategy Group
Mr Will Mclaughlin	Cardiff and Vale Oral Health Advisory Group
Mr Nick Moran	Cmf Taf OHSG
Mrs Mary Dodd	GDC/Hywel Dda
Mr Warren Tolley	Powys Dental Services Advisory Group
Mr Paul Stockford	Bro Taf Local Dental Committee
Mr Dave Westcott	Morgannwg Local Dental Committee
Mr Mick Horton	North Wales Local Dental Committee
Mr Gareth Lloyd	Wales General Dental Practitioner Committee
Ms Kirstie Moons	Dental Care Professionals
Mr Stuart Geddes	British Dental Association Wales
Ms Sue Greening	British Dental Association Wales
Dr Ann Rockey	Cardiff Dental School
Mr Alan Gilmour	Cardiff School of Dentistry
Dr Satinder Chander	Specialist Registrar, Morriston Hospital

Welsh Government officials:

Mrs Lisa Howells	Clinical Cental Advisor
Mrs Liz Williams	Committee Secretariat

1. Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and noted that apologies had been received from Hugh Bennett, Mike Lewis, David Thomas (CDO), Paul Bartley, Mark Robotham and Jonathan Cowpe. The Chair also welcomed Paul Stockford, attending the meeting on behalf of Paul Bartley and Dr Satinder Chander, attending the meeting as an observer.
- 1.2 The Chair reminded the committee of the importance to circulate cleared minutes of the meetings throughout their feeder groups and local networks to help raise the profile of the committee and the issues being discussed.

2. Appointment of Vice Chair

- 2.1 The Chair congratulated Warren Tolley on his appointment as Vice Chair of WDC.

3. New Grads / DF1 Presentation

- 3.1 Alan Gilmour, Cardiff School of Dentistry presented to the meeting on New Grads/DF1 study which has recently been undertaken. The aim of the study was to investigate clinical and non clinical skills expected of a new graduate by DF1 trainers and investigate whether those expectations are currently being met. A short discussion followed the presentation with comments noted as follows:-
- Under graduate and post graduate education is continuous
 - Individuals need to know their limitations
 - Not all trainees will be trained in all areas
 - Guidance is not clear as to what should be learned at under graduate stage and what should be learned at post graduate stage
 - The need to match the needs of the NHS with education
- 3.2 Preliminary recommendations from the study are to:
- Make the transition from student to trainee more transparent
 - Improve communication with foundation trainers
 - Ensure that foundation training develops trainees in all core areas
 - Use and share data sets
 - Feedback to Dental Schools

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1 The Chair advised that the minutes from the previous meeting which had been circulated for comment and accepted as correct in advance of the meeting would now be placed on the Committee website.
- 4.2 Action Points 1/ 5 / 11 / 12 are complete: actions 3 / 4 / 6 / 7 / 8 / 9 will be covered under agenda items: Action point 2 - Gareth Lloyd advised that Emma Woolley has been appointed to act as the North Wales Dental Advisory Forum representative on WDC. Chair commented that there had been some confusion about Emma's attendance at the meetings. Gareth Lloyd will check representation/attendance and report at next meeting. It was also unclear whether Anup Karki (Aneurin Bevan) and Ian Jones (Dyfed Powys) were still representatives of their local oral health groups. Action points 10 / 13 were deferred to next meeting for Prof Mike Lewis to update.

AP1: Gareth Lloyd to check the North Wales representation and report at next meeting.

AP2: Sue Greening to confirm the position in Aneurin Bevan Health Board and report at next meeting.

AP3: Secretariat to write to Elfyn Samuel, Secretary of Hywel Dda LDC to seek an update in respect to Ian Jones.

AP4: Prof Mike Lewis to update on Referral and Acceptance criteria for Dental School and Hospital at October meeting.

AP5: Prof Mike Lewis to gain clarity on the graduate entry programme and update at October meeting.

5. Chair's Report

- 5.1 The Chair updated the Committee on the activities of NJPAC regarding the Law Commission Review of Professional Regulation and NCF as follows:
- 5.2 NJPAC – Marcus Longley, Professor of Applied Health Policy University Glamorgan has been commissioned by Health Boards to provide a summary of the evidence base that justifies substantial change in the configuration of services. Subsequently, he has produced a Case for Change document and the NHS has published a response. Health boards are engaging on the production of plans for service improvement with public consultation expected to commence at the end of July for Hywel Dda and BCU and end September for South Wales. Performance measures

had shown improvement in 17 areas with no change in 10 areas. Admission and re-admission rates for COPD, CHD and diabetes had fallen. To sustain improvements the Government has produced a Quality Delivery Plan and would follow this up with plans for workforce, finance and information. There will also be delivery plans covering stroke, cancer, cardiac, diabetes, primary care and unscheduled care, palliative care and oral health.

- 5.3 Law Commission Review of Professional Regulation – The Secretary of State for Health had commissioned the Law Commission to undertake the review in the interests of standardising and streamlining the regulatory bodies, an approach supported by the regulators. Once the review is complete, the Commission will produce a report and a draft bill for the UK Government.
- 5.4 National Clinical Forum – the role of the NCF is to provide a national, independent, clinical perspective on the service reconfiguration plans. The NCF will assist in creating common standards throughout Wales whilst allowing health boards to adapt plans to local circumstances. The NCF will have no power to compel health boards to follow its advice.

6. Report from the Chief Dental Officer

- 6.1 Lisa Howells updated the committee on behalf of the Chief Dental Officer.
- 6.2 Welsh Academic Board for Medicine and Dentistry – this is a new group which has been established as one of four key sub-groups reporting to the Strategic Education Development Group. The first meeting of the group was held in June 2012 and the aim of the group is to inform education quality in both specialist and postgraduate training and help with workforce planning. Dentists are well represented on the groups but work is needed to ensure effective DCP representation.
- 6.3 CDO Letters – Foam Sticks – there has been some confusion surrounding the issue of the first CDO letter regarding what sticks could be used and what sticks could not be used. Subsequently a second letter was issued instructing that the use of all foam sticks was banned across the whole of Wales.
- 6.4 Occupational Health Moneys – Welsh Government budget of £100k remains to be used in 2012/13. It is important that health boards use this money or it may not continue to be available. It was noted that the money can be used for other issues such as the flu vaccination and not just for the Hepatitis B vaccinations. Members noted it will be very useful to have additional support with needle stick injuries. Lisa Howells agreed to feedback to Chief Dental Officer.

AP6: Lisa Howells to feedback members comments on Occupation Health Moneys to the Chief Dental Officer

7. Forward Work Programme

- 7.1 The Chair stated that at present there are no major changes to be made to the Forward Work Programme. However as the National Oral Health Plan evolves, the Forward Work Programme will need to change to fit in with it and ensure the recommendations are carried out. The National Oral Health Plan will be issued as a consultation document shortly with final publication in the autumn. The Chair stated that the committee will need to keep working within the plan to ensure they meet the remit and that it also acts as a useful document when meeting with the Chief Executive Officer and the Minister. The Vice Chair has been tasked to review the Forward Work Programme on publication of the National Oral Health Plan.

AP7: Warren Tolley to review the Forward Work Programme on publication of the National Oral Health Plan.

8. Management of Oral Cancer

8.1 Simon Hodder presented on Oral Cancer – highlighting the main statistics as follows:

- In South Wales people who drink and smoke are 33 times more likely to develop oral cancer
- 496 cases of oral cancer per year in Wales (16.5 cases per 100,000 population)
- 45% mortality rate in the UK
- Approx. 3000 deaths per annum in the UK (more than cervical cancer)
- 80% of the population have never heard of oral cancer

8.2 A discussion followed the presentation highlighting the role and structures of the MCN in Wales. Members noted the National Clinical Audit Plan and the Cancer Plan will be key drivers to look in detail at how Head and Neck Cancer services in Wales compare with those in the rest of the UK, and to identify variation. The National Clinical Forum remit does not currently include cancer services, but the committee representative agreed to bring this to the attention of National Clinical Forum with a view to including it in any possible future work. Members generally approved of the GDC proposals to include oral cancers as part of recommended CPD for dental teams. Lisa Howells agreed to discuss with the Chief Dental Officer.

AP8: Lisa Howells to discuss GDC proposals to include oral cancers as part of the recommended CPD for dental teams with Chief Dental Officer and report at the next meeting.

9. Ortho Advisory Group

9.1 Terms of Reference and minutes of the first Ortho Advisory Group were circulated to the committee. This is an advisory group to the Chief Dental Officer who will report back issues/outcomes from the group to the Welsh Dental Committee. The Ortho Advisory Group will be a standing agenda item for the main Committee meetings, as will Special Care Dentistry and Oral Surgery Group.

10. Ring Fenced Dental Budgets

10.1 The Minister has sent a letter regarding Ring-Fenced Dental Budgets to all health boards confirming that dental budgets would remain ring fenced until at least the end of the 2014-15 financial year.

10.2 The Chair highlighted the importance for health boards to put plans in place to utilize their full budget allocation for Occupational Health funding. Plans can be discussed with the Chief Dental Officer at his meetings with individual health boards.

10.3 Chair also highlighted the importance of Community Dental Services (as per the Ministers letter) which states that the Welsh Government remain determined that vulnerable people will have access to appropriate dental care through delivery of comprehensive services. Health boards are responsible for providing or securing the provision of dental services and need to ensure the most vulnerable groups in our society have better access to care.

11. Special Care Dentistry

11.1 A review of the findings of the Special Care Dentistry Group has been accepted by the Minister. An implementation plan will now be put in place for implementation across Wales following the establishment of an SCD Implementation Group.

12. Updates

- 12.1 Lisa Howells updated the committee on the Dental Workforce Review - work on the review is progressing well. It is hoped a draft review will be available within the next few months.
- 12.2 1000 Lives plus - Anti Microbial Audit – the system has been issued to two practices within Cardiff and Vale. A few problems have been encountered which are being resolved. In time the Audit tool will be rolled out across all health boards. An Improving mouth care for adult patients in hospital Initiative was launched by the Minister in May. It must now be implemented across all health boards and Velindre Trust as part of the 1000 Lives Plus programme. Nick Moran asked whether there is any oral cancer training included within this scheme. Lisa Howells advised that nurses will be asked to assess an individual's ability to clean their own mouth and if they feel there are urgent problems within the individual's mouth they have access to a referral system within their respective health boards. The Committee were assured that dentistry will develop additional programmes as part of 1000 Lives Plus.
- 12.3 Ann Rockey advised that the Dental Nurse Review will be ready and available for discussion at the next Welsh Dental Committee meeting in October.

13. Papers / Consultations

- 13.1 The committee considered the list of current consultations and will provide a response to the following:
- Together for Mental Health - A Cross-Government Strategy for Mental Health and Wellbeing in Wales – 31st July 2012.
 - .Consultation on the draft document "Together Against Stroke" a national delivery plan for the NHS up to 2016 – 2nd August 2012.
 - UK Consultation on Front of Pack Nutrition Labelling – 6th August 2012.
 - Welsh Language Commission – Standards and the Welsh Language: What are your views – 16th August 2012
- AP9:** Lisa Howells and Sue Greening to co-ordinate a response to the Together for Mental Health Consultation.
- AP10:** Lisa Howells/Sue Greening to co-ordinate a response to the Together Against Stroke Consultation.
- AP11:** Chair to contact Barbara Chadwick, Prof. of Paediatric Dentistry, Dental Hospital to see if she will co-ordinate a response to the Front of Pack Nutrition Labelling Consultation on behalf of WDC.
- AP12:** Warren Tolley to co-ordinate a response to the Welsh Language Commission –Standards and the Welsh Language: What are your views?

14. Any Other Business

- 14.1 No other business issues were raised at the meeting.

15. Date of Next Meeting

- 15.1 Tuesday 23rd October 2012, 13.00 – 16.00, WG Offices, Cathays Park.