

Morgannwg Local Dental Committee

Secretary's Report 20th November, 2012

Considerable correspondence has resulted in communicating with members on a number of issues since the last meeting. The issues not dealt with in this report will be discussed at the meeting.

Tony Fodor, as you are aware, sent me an advertisement relating to Clinical Dental Technicians which was circulated to all and there was a consensus feeling that we should contact the GDC about the misleading aspects of the advertisement and a similarly misleading website. Despite contacting the GDC with our concerns in early November at the time of writing I still have had no response. A further interesting aspect of this is that if one wants to contact the GDC on such an issue then it has to be submitted as a complaint on a proforma electronic page, which will not be transmitted unless all the boxes are completed. Many boxes were irrelevant to the way I wanted to submit and it took some time to modify the form of words we intended to submit in a simple email to fit the design of the proforma – a point I will raise when we eventually get a response.

The presentation of the Pilot schemes took place at the Postgraduate Centre at Morriston Hospital on Monday, 22nd October 2012 and there was also input from D2S. The meeting was very well attended and the teams of Paul Ridgewell (Eastside) and Richard Jones and Huw Hopkins (Belgrave) presented accounts of the progress of their pilots. There was considerable discussion at the end of the presentation and feedback from colleagues was that it was generally agreed to be a very useful exercise. Subsequently we have been informed that the children's pilot will be terminated on 31st March but Belgrave has been invited to convert to the Adult pilot after that date.

The LDC/LHB Liaison group meeting scheduled for 17th October was postponed and has been rescheduled to 21st November.

I will be away from 29th November until 29th December but will be available on email and will be able to distribute emails etc. during that period.

Roger Pratley
Secretary