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Dear Rhain,

Thank you for inviting me to the Local Dental Committee meeting on Tuesday the 24th September. I am pleased to accept your invitation.

There are several questions I would like to ask the LDC when we meet on the 24th September and perhaps it would be helpful if I were to outline these questions to you first.

As you know, I am the Chairman of the Managed Clinical Network (MCN) in Special Care Dentistry (SCD) for ABMU and Hywel Dda Health Boards. Part of the MCN's work involves the development of pathways in SCD including the Hospital Dental Services, Community Dental Services and General Dental Services (GDS).

Having worked in the GDS in the past I am aware that a significant amount of SCD is provided by GDP's. To organise referral pathways it would be useful to establish what SCD is being provided in the GDS and where. Would it be possible for the LDC to ask its members whether they currently provide any SCD, for example, domiciliary dental care, conscious sedation or have facilities for SCD such as better access for wheelchair patients?

It would also be helpful to know whether any GDP's would be interested in developing an existing interest in SCD and the management of special care patients? Would anyone be interested in developing their skills in SCD as a "Dentist with Enhanced Skills" and taking appropriate referrals for their area of interest?

It is clearly important to ensure that GDP's receive appropriate recognition and remuneration for any SCD they provide and the LDC's comments on these considerations would be most helpful.

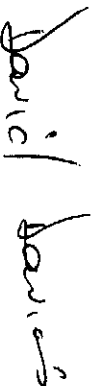
It may be possible to develop a clinical attachment in SCD with the CDS or possibly the HDS and expressions of interest in this area would be helpful.

Would any GDP's or Dental Care Professionals be interested in attending training in SCD? If so what sort of training or course content would they be interested in?

Finally, if possible I would like to get some idea as to how well known existing referral pathways in SCD are amongst GDPs. Would the LDC be prepared to allow a questionnaire to be distributed amongst GDP's to check their awareness and also ask for suggestions for improvement?

I would be grateful if you could distribute this letter amongst the LDC members before we meet on the 24th September. If you have any additional suggestions please let me know?

Regards,



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