

Morgannwg Local Dental Committee

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 26th March, 2013.***

Members Present.

Rhian Paul in the chair, Roger Pratley, Mark Harris, Mike Spencer- Harty, James Davies, Anwen Hopkins, Lesley Hicks, David Jones, Tony Fodor, Bill Walters, Stephen Gould.

In Attendance.

Hilary Metcalfe, Allison Walker, Jeremy Roberts-James (Dyfed Powys LDC Secretary).

Apologies for Absence.

Chris Wills Wood, Helen John, Pam Norman, Richard Herbert, Richard Jones, Hugh Bennett, Barrie David, David Lloyd, Rob Elliott, Karl Bishop, David Davies. James Bater, Rhian Jones, Celia Topping, John Anderson, Phil Majoe, Sian Jones.

13/16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd January, 2013 were accepted.

13/17 Matters Arising.

13/09 The issue of funding re Occupational Health to be raised at next WGDPC meeting.

13/08 GDPC 1, LDCs in England have now been recognised as statutory bodies.
2, Future of Associates in England needs to be carefully monitored.

13/18 Correspondence.

Email from Helen John re new oral anticoagulants was discussed, Andy Bevan has highlighted this to Hugh Bennett. They are looking into producing new guidelines for GDPs. To be raised in next Clinical Governance Meeting.

All other correspondence emailed previously and to be discussed under relevant agenda items.

13/19 Secretary's Report.

Report had been emailed to all members previously.

OOH

There had been a very good response from GDPs and nurses regarding the survey sent out to gauge support for using a central site for OOH. A lot of responses were dependant on full details of remuneration etc being made available.

The OOH rota has now been compiled until the end of May, it is very likely this will continue past this date.

It was felt the main cause for complaint from patients accessing the current OOH service was the telephone. There were complaints of no signal in certain areas, the time the phone was being switched on and off and patients were leaving messages which weren't being answered.

The secretary had visited the resource Centre in Baglan with Rhian Bond to survey the facilities. There are no CSSD facilities available at present, an anti room could be made available for OOH

CSSD, although this room has no sinks. There were a few other issues raised: provision for left handed dentists, nurses indemnity, also patients would become familiar with the location and times of OOH sessions and the problem of them just turning up would have to be addressed.

Rhian Bond had contacted a local GDP surgery and asked if a list could be compiled of all equipment, materials etc that would be needed to run an OOH session. This had been done.

13/20 Chair's Report.

Report had been emailed to all members previously.

19/03/13 DSSPG

There was criticism of GDPs at this meeting from Oral Surgery - complained that some referrals were inappropriate. It was felt to be unfair to tarnish all GDPs with same brush with regard to this issue. Some dentists were inexperienced at extractions and lacked support from more senior colleagues in the practice - this then is a training issue and clearly needs to be addressed.

Training for GDPs in IOTN has still not been arranged.

13/21 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

The account balances stood at:-

Current	£7128.72
Deposit	£2536.12

The LDC Annual Conference fees to be paid: funds are looking far more healthy than six months ago.

13/22 Delegates' Reports.

Reports on OoH and Access had been included in the Secretary's Report and a report on the last DSSPG meeting had been included under the Chair's Report - there was no further discussion on these matters.

No other subgroups had met since the last LDC meeting.

13/23 Handling of Complaints by Localities

Concern was raised regarding the handling of complaints by localities. It was felt unfair that a dentist being asked by a Locality to see a patient who wished to have a second opinion regarding their treatment and then find that they were then having a complaint made against them by the patient. GDPs have to have a written complaints procedure in place but it appears that Localities do not have this. The issue of patients charges for the second dentist also needs to be looked at. This issue to be taken to next LDC/LHB Liaison Group meeting. To take to the next Liaison Group meeting.

13/24 National Oral Health Action Plan

This item to be moved to next LDC meeting in May, for discussion by new committee. Response has to be in place by October 2013.

13/25 CDO Website and Public Health Wales Website

This item was put on agenda to remind members it is available to all for information.

It was felt it would be useful if PHW were to work on a list of policies and procedures fit for purpose which GDPs could amend to their own practices accordingly. Felt this should be available Wales wide and reviewed annually.

13/26 Review of LDC Constitution prior to BGM.

The constitution has been checked against the new English version. It was felt the committee should be increased to twenty five members with proportionate numbers from the three localities, and room needs to be made for some new young associates on the committee.

It was felt that a DPA attending meetings would be extremely useful to the committee for advice and updates. The Secretary to speak to PHW to arrange.

13/27 LDC Election Results 2013

To be emailed to all members.

13/28 Arrangements for BGM 22nd April, 2013.

Notices and agenda of BGM to be mailed next week.

David Thomas, CDO Wales, to attend and give a short talk on the future of NHS dentistry in Wales. The BGM will then commence at 8.00 p.m.

13/29 Any Other Business.

John Collis Restorative Consultant in Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, is to retire and is not going to be replaced. Therefore the Restorative Dentistry Department is losing .5 of a restorative consultant, 20% of its consultant capacity. LDC to write to ABMU HB raising concerns as to what effect this is going to have.

13/30 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 7pm at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.