



***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy  
on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.***

***Members Present.***

Rhiain Paul in the chair, Roger Pratley, Tom Bysouth, Mike Spencer-Harty, David Jones, Huw Hopkins, Anwen Hopkins, Lesley Hicks, Helen John, Stephen Gould, Gayathri Kini, Tony Fodor, Ewart Johnstone, Tesni Metcalf, Richard Herbert, Ioan Owen.

***In Attendance.***

David Davies, Specialist in Special Care Dentistry, ABMUHB CDS.

***Apologies for Absence.***

Mark Harris, Bill Walters, Rob Elliott, James Bater, John Anderson, Mark Harris, Pam Norman, Janet Megins, James Davies, Rhian Jones, Sian Jones, Phil Majoe, Barrie David, Celia Topping, Karl Bishop.

***13/55 Special Care Dentistry - David Davies***

A presentation was given by David Davies who wanted know the extent to which special care dentistry was presently perceived by the committee as being carried out within GDS. He is anxious to forge a closer working relationship with GDP's and enquired if it was felt that GDPs would be interested in developing a more active role in providing care for disabled, vulnerable and child patients in their surgeries. A letter explaining this had been emailed to all members previously. It was decided David Davies would draft a questionnaire to ascertain the level of interest. The strategic development committee are keen for young child patients to 'register' with local dentists to encourage primary care to play a greater role. David has agreed to email the secretary with the questionnaire to take to the next liaison meeting with the LHB.

The chair thanked David for his presentation and his efforts to promote SCD to the wider primary care group.

***13/56 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2013*** were accepted.

***13/57 Matters Arising.***

13/47 OOH - still no progress.

13/39 In hours access sessions being worked on as a priority.

It was reported some GDPs had been removed from OOH rota with no notice and as yet there was no cover over the Christmas holiday 2013.

It was decided to contact the GDPs currently on the rota to see who is prepared to remove themselves from rota. It was felt the vast majority of patients using these sessions were not dental emergencies but patients who couldn't get in to their dentist during the day due to work commitments etc. It was felt the triage of these patients was not being carried out effectively.

To take to LDC/LHB Liaison group meeting.

### 13/51 Orthodontics

1. Should read, MCN meetings discussing contract tendering and renewal of contracts early if KPIs had been met.
3. Patients who were referred prior to the new referral forms will be written to by localities and asked if they wish to remain on waiting list for treatment.
4. Item to be removed from minutes.

### **13/58 Secretary's Report.**

1. There had been a number of performance issues, some ongoing.
2. Internal audit looking very closely at Band 3 treatments been claimed as completed in one day. More than 20 cases in one year will be investigated; there had been 3 of these cases to date. Software problems has been used as an excuse, advice given was to make comprehensive notes and keep all lab bills.
3. Waiting list at Morriston Hospital, patients have complained of telephoning to see where they are on waiting list to be told no referral had been received. It appears there is a 3 month back log of referrals waiting to go on computer system. Patients will be given appointments in relation to date on original referral.

### **13/59 Chair's Report.**

There had been no meetings as all had been cancelled, Clinical Governance meeting to be held today had been cancelled with 2 hours notice.

Notes on the Operative Dentistry Working Group meeting held 18/07/2013 had been emailed to all members previously.

### **13/60 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.**

In the absence of the Treasurer the balances stood at:-

Current Account:	£6748.19
Deposit Account:	to be confirmed

### **13/61 Delegates' Reports.**

#### **Dental Foundation Training**

1. WG will fund up to 74 places next year and will depend on the amount of graduates coming out of Cardiff who require DF1 places.
2. Training application window for 2014 now closed.
3. Interviews will be held in November and placements offered in January 2014.
4. Restorative department in Morriston will not be able to support new graduate training post. There is concern this is not going ahead and is to be taken to LDC/LHB Liaison Group. As Parkway and Cambria have offered placements for 2 days each in minor oral surgery training a fifth rotation needs to be found.

### **13/62 Draft ABMU Oral Health Action Plan**

A draft copy was emailed to all members for consideration.

There is a tight timetable for response. The draft should have been received in August and comments expected from the LDC by 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013. There will be a meeting next Thursday between 5-7 at The Resource Centre Port Talbot to discuss the document where all GDPs are welcome. The discussion highlighted the following topics.

1. The proposal to recruit a Clinical Dental Technologist was discussed and some members felt that this appointment could be considered a direct threat to dentists. The issue of referrals being passed on to a lesser qualified person was questioned. The loss of a consultant, John Collis, in Bridgend who was not going to be replaced was felt to be a retrograde step for patient care in ABMU.
2. Oral care for adults in Hospital is included in the plan but no mention of oral care in, nursing/care homes?
3. No remuneration for prevention. Funding needs to be made available.
4. Governance scorecard, LDC would need to be consulted on the development and design of this performance measuring system.
5. Hep B/TB vaccines. There is a need to have a fully operational occupational health service in place to fulfil the duty of care for staff and GDC regulations.
6. No mention of water fluoridation?
7. NICE guidelines often difficult to actually apply and are guidelines which are to be used at the discretion of the clinician. Some GDPs and patients still continuing with six monthly attendance.
8. What assurances are there that GDP's who become DES's will not be overwhelmed with patients. Will they be penalised if they sell their practice on to a GDP who is not a DES?

Any further suggestions/feedback to be emailed to the Secretary ASAP, a draft response will then be formulated and distributed.

### **13/63 LDC Website**

The website is near completion and will be ready by the next meeting.

### **13/65 Any Other Business.**

Ewart Johnson informed the committee of the 1000 lives quality improvement guide which should be in every surgery. GDP's have to request a copy and he said that it is an advantage to get involved and the LHB are encouraging GDP involvement in the 1000 lives initiative.

### **13/65 Date and Time of next meeting.**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7pm at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.