

Joint Welsh Council and WGDPC Meeting 25th October 2013

1. Presentation by Martin Fallowfield – Chair of BDA Principle Executive Committee(PEC)- on the state of the BDA finances and the implications of the new membership structure. He basically tried to justify what had happened during the transition to the new membership structure and explain how they got their figures so wrong.

Budget deficit 12/13 - £1.5million

Predicted deficit 13/14 – £0.7 million (although seemed quite optimistic on the numbers of new members to reach this figure!

BDA will be going into its overdraft this year but the bank is very understanding.

No forced redundancies.

Welsh Council doesn't want any heads to roll at PEC – BDA is in a mess but seems like there are plans to get through this mess and current PEC should get us out of it.

New elected PEC member is Tim Harker.

2. Welsh Pilots – going towards English version. And will be classed as REFORM to the contract not a new contract – this should get us away from 3 year limit to contracts.

3. HTM 0105 – Welsh version will remove essential elements so only best practice is to be aimed for.

4. Direct Access – not in Wales currently as HIW regs do not allow it in general practice – HIW can't register hygienists/therapists or inspect – need new legislation to amend – will be next summer before this is discussed in Wales.

5. HIW – to change from dentist registration to practice registration (but don't know when) and will include laser registration.

6. Dental Inspectors – Dental advisors not allowed to do practice inspections anymore as they don't have a certificate – but can do record card checks – inspections have been suspended. New system in place in April 2014.

7. Remuneration committee has requested 3.5% increase. WAG has put in evidence to review body and propose a pay freeze! They are hoping for 1-1.5%.

8. NHS direct in England closing at the end of financial year to be replaced with NHS-111 in England. – don't know what's going to happen in Wales?

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