

## Report of WGDPC meeting 18.4.2013 by Anwen Hopkins

David Thomas the CDO was in attendance.

National Oral Health Plan – A local oral health plan is to be developed by the LHB's and the CDO is keen for the LDC's to be included in its construction. The CDO will be visiting all LHB's in May and June so if we have any issues with our LHB then we should let him know. – I think that we should get him to push the LHB into organising Occupational Health services for us Powys and Cwm taff both have full support and there is £18k available for use in our area.

Epidemiology – the CDO is very pleased with the results of the 5 year old study – a 6% decrease in DMF and no increase in inequality which is apparently the first time this has ever happened. A design to smile resource CD is going to be distributed to all practices.

Pilots – the quality and outcome pilot is now assessing risk – red/amber/green and the CDO is looking at how to get PCR to make the pilot work. He did say that the pilot was looking a lot like the English pilot.

1000+lives – poor uptake by dentists despite being paid to do it.

DDRb – 1.5% uplift in contract values which will be given in June but backdated to April. (this is supposed to be a 1% payrise for GDP's and 0.5% for increased expenses.

Patient charges – the increase in patient charges is to be used by the LHB's for dentistry.

HTM0105 – Welsh edition will more than likely copy the English edition. Still only expected to be essential practice as no money for capital investment. A complete review of htm0105 has been promised.

New regs on sharps – v. grey document because it is scattered with 'where practical' so thoughts are it shouldn't affect us too much.

DRO inspections - The dental practice advisors are carrying out DRS inspections until October then a new system based on the QAS system will be set up.

Seniority payments are to continue in Wales until the end of this contract but will then cease.

Following the article that I brought up during the last LDC meeting about the average UDA rate across England and Wales being £26.02 I asked the BDA for the average UDA rates in Wales to see how we compare. Stuart Geddes provided this table.

UDA rates across Wales at 31/3/2013

	UDA range	Average	comments
Powys	21.01-27.45	23.91	
Hywel-dda	20.41 – 33.83	25.20	
Cardiff	18.90 – 31.03	23.60	
ABMU	21.11 – 35.03		New 22.50
Cwm-taff	22.40 – 30.50		New 22.40
Aneurin bevan	19.72 – 40.18	24.91	
Betsi	19.59 – 34.90	23.93	

I tried to ask the CDO why our average UDA rates were lower than those in England – he suggested that the London rates always skew the average. I suggested that Welsh dentists were subsidising the patient charges and if these were in line with England then so would our UDA rates – he didn't disagree but said that the last minister had refused to raise patient charges even though she's been asked to.

I have now asked Stuart Geddes to find out the average UDA rates in the English PCT's to see if the London argument is valid – no harm in asking?!

VT training may start in September next year.

Not much seems to be happening around the other LDC's