

# ***Morgannwg Local Dental Committee***

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy  
on Tuesday 29th January, 2013.***

## ***Members Present.***

Rhian Paul in the chair, Roger Pratley, Mark Harris, Pam Norman, Helen John, Ewart Johnstone, Lesley Hicks, Dave Jones, Mike Spencer-Harty, Anwen Hopkins, Tony Fodor, Stephen Gould.

## ***In Attendance.***

Phil Majoe, Sian Jones, Rhian Jones, Alison Walker.

## ***Apologies for Absence.***

Dave Westcott, John Anderson, Rob Jones, Rob Elliott, Richard Herbert, Celia Topping, Bill Walters, Chris Wills-Wood, Janet Megins, Richard Jones, Karl Bishop, James Davies, David Davies.

***13/01 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th November, 2012*** were accepted.

## ***13/02 Matters Arising.***

12/59 1. As there had been no update on the seniority payments judicial review the contribution of £50 had not been sent.

12/59 2. Bridgend locality had contacted their local trading standards; we had contacted Bridgend, NPT and Swansea Trading Standards about tooth whitening, urging them to police the regulations. NPT had responded that they would act on receipt of complaints.

12/59 3. ABMU had objected to the child pilot practice in Swansea being stopped half way through their contract as it was doing very well. No more information available as yet.

## ***13/03 Correspondence.***

The Secretary had received a response from The GDC regarding the Clinical Dental Technicians advertisement. The GDC were not going to take the matter any further. It was decided to write again and attach the advertisement to the letter.

All other correspondence to be discussed under relevant agenda items.

## ***13/04 Parkway Clinic.***

All GDPs in ABMU had been sent tender SLA, the current contract being held by Parkway. The contract is for 2033 children for three years, there is currently a backlog of 200/300 children awaiting treatment.

Parkway had expressed an interest in the contract along with one other. There has been no time line mentioned re the tendering process. There was no mention of a Paediatrician having to be present in the tender document.

Hywel Dda is continuing as normal with referrals at present as they hold a separate contract with Parkway. Parkway to report back at next meeting regarding any developments.

### **13/05 Secretary's Report.**

There were still some ongoing performance issues which seem to be getting smaller and with resolution in sight.

### **13/06 Chair's Report.**

1. Clinical Governance Group Meeting, this is to launch in April. They have a website which, if they would consider posting model policies which are fit for purpose would be extremely helpful to GDPs. The Chair to suggest this to Hugh Bennett.
2. Community Health Council will be sending mystery patients into practices at the end of the year. The purpose is to report back on the décor, staff etc. This to be taken to Liaison Group meeting as GDPs need to be aware of criteria.
3. Ombudsman - there have been reports of patients taking complaints to the Ombudsman and the Ombudsman advising practices to refund the patients their money. This to be raised in Liaison Group meeting.
4. Special Care Dentistry MCN, the CDS do not seem to be referring children back to GDS after treatment. There has been no reason given for this.
5. Restorative MCN, there will be an endodontic DWSI pilot in the Resource Centre, Port Talbot in April 2013. This will be for re treatments over two visits.
6. The pro forma referral form for Restorative Dentistry is to be launched, felt to be a user friendly form.
7. There is now a Clinical Technologist in post in Murrison Hospital, can make F/F dentures with no prescription from a Dentist.

### **13/07 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.**

The account balance stood at £8078.52 – current account.

The balance of the account had improved as officials are attending fewer meetings.

The British Dental Guild now hadn't been paid for two years.

### **13/08 Delegates' Reports.**

#### **Orthodontic MCN**

Report had been emailed to all members previously

1. The total number of patients on waiting list had increased, GDP's want to know how long the patients will be waiting for treatment not how many people are on it.
2. The LHB have said all Orthodontic contracts will go out to tender at the end of each five year period.

#### **DSSPG**

1. The development of Restorative DWSI was felt to be crucial in reducing waiting lists at the Hospital.

2. The Deanery wants to make the Resource Centre at Port Talbot into a DF1 and DF2 centre. There is enough funding available for all but one post.

### **OOH and Access**

1. The proposals for access were felt to be quite reasonable.
2. LHB to write to all GDPs to get their opinion on whether they would prefer to continue in their own practices or use a central site. It was felt it would be useful to also get the dental nurses opinions.
3. The use of two sites across the area was also mentioned, with NPT Hospital not being one of them as it was felt to be unsuitable.

### **GDFC**

Report had been emailed to all members previously.

1. Concerns about LDCs as statutory bodies in England. The new arrangements do not take account of this and this has serious consequences initially on LDC funding if no arrangements are in place to collect levies.
2. Concern was raised re the future of associates in England. Felt this was also relevant to Wales and needs to be monitored by officials as proposals for a new contract were developed.

### **13/09 Occupational Health.**

1. £100,000 had been distributed between health authorities. With £20,000 coming to ABMU for Hep B inoculations. Some GDPs had reported they had been told there were no funds available.
2. More work needs to be done on the setting up of occupational health for dentists and their staff. This to be an ongoing agenda item at the Liaison Group meeting.

### **13/10 Implications to Providers of 24 hour Retirement.**

This had been emailed to all members previously.

1. This paper to be uploaded to LDC website.
2. There had been no response given to LHB as yet whether this is thought to be a major or minor change.
3. After further discussion it was felt to be a minor change and only major on the sale of a practice.
4. It was felt to be useful to find out how many practices are working below £22.50 per UDA.

### **13/11 Review of LDC Constitution prior to BGM.**

Any amendments to be agreed at LDC and notified to BGM.

1. CDS currently not represented by LDC and LDC numbers from each Locality (Table 1, page 3) to be changed to reflect this.
2. The committee is no longer recognised by Bridgend, NPT and Swansea LHBs and all references to this need to be changed to the Bridgend, NPT and Swansea localities of ABMU HB.

### **13/12 Arrangements for BGM 22nd April, 2013.**

BGM to be held Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 at Morrision Postgraduate Centre. David Thomas, CDO Wales, to be invited to attend to discuss the future of dentistry in Wales.

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

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013 the BDA will be holding a Benevolent Fund Ball and Postgraduate Course at The Village Hotel in Cardiff. Pam Norman requested LDC to email details to colleagues.

### **13/14 Dates of Meetings for 2013.**

26<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2013  
23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2013

### **13/15 Date and Time of next meeting.**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at The Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.