



***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 25th March, 2014.***

Members Present.

Rhiain Paul in the chair, Roger Pratley, Mark Harris, Stephen Gould, James Davies, Pam Norman, Tony Fodor, Lesley Hicks, Anwen Hopkins, Huw Hopkins, Tesni Metcalf, Mike Spencer-Harty, David Jones, James Bater, Helen John, Allison Walker, Rob Elliott.

In Attendance.

Barrie David, Phil Majoe, David Thomas CDO Wales, Chris Wills-Wood, Chris Woods, Paul Fraser, Mary Wilson (Public Health Wales), Dharmy Martin.

Apologies for Absence.

Bill Walters, David Davies, Ewart Johnstone, Janet Megins, Gayathri Kini, Rhian Jones, Richard Herbert, Karl Bishop

14/13 Update on Developments in Dentistry in Wales - Presentation by Dr David Thomas, Chief Dental Officer, Welsh Government.

Dr Thomas was welcomed by the Chair. He then gave a presentation covering the following areas:

Information sharing exercise

Oral Health Action Plan launched March 2013, each HB developed an Oral Health Plan. All available on Health Board websites. ABMU local plan very good.

Access to GDS, CDS, HDS all very good within this HB.
It is very important any issues get aired and questions asked.

Dentistry needs to be pushed high up the agenda of HB's.

Each HB has to discuss with LDC any issues concerning dentistry as it is a statutory body.

Welsh funding for dentistry is below the rest of the UK, although is still ring fenced until 2015.

IT Bid

A bid has been made for ¾ million pounds to link every dental practice to hospitals for ease of referrals.

NHS-Dental Services

There are to be changes in the reporting as of April 2014. All reports, Statements, Superannuation returns are to be viewed on the Dental Portal. Practices will no longer receive paper copies.

POL system is also being changed; training courses are to be held.

Patient benefit eligibility checks are being tightened; there has been a large number of complaints from patients being fined for signing and indicating exemption on FP17 incorrectly.

HTM 01-05 (Welsh version)

This has been revised recently, it largely follows England. Available to view online on CDO website.

UK Legislation- Government of Wales Bill

In time WG will be able to pass laws, we are dependent on England at present for legislation/acts.

D2S

D2S is going from strength to strength, although the Committee felt not enough information was available to GDPs. The D2S website had now been updated and includes an information tab for dental health professionals.

Delivering Better Oral Health Document

A new version is due to be published in May 2014, all practices to receive a hard copy.

Private Dentistry Regulations.

The regulations to have national standards. Will be replaced by Quality in Primary Care Bill 2018. Changes to the Private Dentistry regulations are planned to be consulted on in October 2014.

NHS Performers List

Regulations to be reviewed to ensure present loopholes are closed. These loopholes have been highlighted by a recent judicial review.

New Dental Contract

The system of UDAs will continue until the next Welsh election in 2015. It is largely dependent on GDPs in Wales to help shape the new contract; the pilot scheme has been very successful.

Any new contract will have to be based on existing resources, as there is no extra funding available. The current budget of £141million and has been in place since 2006. Six years ago there were 1000 dentists in Wales and in 2014 there are currently 1390.

Variation in UDA rate is a big issue in Wales and needs to be addressed. ABMU had done very well in addressing this issue.

Wales had the lowest fitness to practice investigations in the whole of UK.

Patient charges to be increased in April 2014. If patient's contribution in Wales was at the same level as England there would be an extra £3million in revenue.

HIW will be responsible for practice inspections for both NHS and Private dentistry from August 2014.

The CDO was thanked for his attendance. Members appreciated the presentation and for the opportunity for debate both during and following the presentation.

14/14 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th November, 2013 were accepted.

14/15 Matters Arising.

14/08 Occupational Health- no further information on this although HB had received the funds from WG. Needle stick injuries still to go to Morriston A&E and vaccination reimbursement to be sent to HB. To take to LDC/LHB Liaison meeting

14/10 Prudent Health Care- ongoing.

14/16 Secretary's Report.

There were still some ongoing performance issues, all other to be discussed under relevant agenda items.

14/17 Chair's Report.

This had been emailed to all members previously

Four breaches of contract notices had been issued in NPT and one in Bridgend, these related to OOH answer phone messages over the Christmas period. It was felt this was very heavy handed and would be raised at the Liaison Group. The breaches had now been removed.

14/18 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

The balances now stood at	Current Account	£7351.49
	Deposit Account	£10660.70

£920 had been paid to the annual LDC conference.

The bank account has now gone on line and payments would be made electronically in future.

14/19 Delegates' Reports.

Orthodontic MCN

Report had been emailed to all members previously.

1. Although data collection was being carried out this was not being fed back to Primary Care, to raise at next LDC/LHB Liaison Group Meeting.
2. It was felt suggestions that the use of Orthodontic therapists should be driving down the value of the UOA were both inaccurate and unfair.

Parkway

1. SLA still had not been signed.
2. Any referral forms sent to Parkway which had not been filled in completely and correctly would be sent back to GDP as they cannot be accepted.

14/20 Review of the National Advisory Structure

This had been emailed to all members previously. The LDC would respond to this and members were asked to email views to secretary for inclusion in the response.

14/21 Dental Protection Judicial Review

This had been emailed to all members previously. This judicial review was now subject to an appeal.

14/22 In Hours Access

1. SLA had been emailed to all members.
2. Members argued that point 10 was incorrect, there being no need to wait 2 months before a course of treatment can be carried out after a 1.2 UDA urgent treatment. This to be brought up at Liaison Group.
3. GDP does not have to see 4 patients within their access session, if patient's treatment is complex and time consuming a telephone call to DSC will be reduce number of patients to be seen.

14/23 Oral Surgery Referral Guidelines and Referral Form.

This had been emailed to all members previously.

It was felt that more work was needed on these forms before they went live.

14/24 Standards for People with Sensory Loss

This had been emailed to all members previously

This consultation to be raised at WGDPC as it was felt there would be financial implications for GDPs. This policy may be part of next year's QAS.

14/25 Dental contract Breaches and Remedial Notices.

This had been emailed to all members previously for information and had been added to the Latest News section of the LDC website..

14/26 Any Other Business.

Defibrillator- all practices had been offered funding to purchase historically, this was no longer available. Although not compulsory it is though advisable to have one.

Colgate had expressed an interest in sponsoring a meeting, the idea of an evening with various speakers was discussed. It was agreed as POL was changing it would be of benefit to invite Paul Whiteside to a meeting. The Secretary to look in to the possibility of CPD being available for the evening.

14/27 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 13th May 2014 at The Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.