



Chair's Report

May 2014

Meetings attended on behalf of LDC

26/03/14 Designed to Smile Steering Group.

The group discussed all the set agenda items regarding the toothbrushing and fluoride varnish applications currently taking place in the schools which have signed up for the incentive.

There seems steady progress and will soon be evaluated again but this time for 4/5 year olds. This will show if the scheme is really having an effect on reducing tooth decay.

It was reported that in the CDS the expected return of kids with no special needs or special care requirements back to the GDS is not happening as easily as thought. There is reluctance on the part of the young patients who have to move to find a different dentist and also on the part of the CDS dentists who do not want to lose their young patients. Your chair made the point that this was disappointing and contrary to what was suggested to help relieve the CDS of children who have no need of a specialist service.

There is a public health promotion which will 'piggy back' annual campaigns such as 'national smile week' etc and there will hopefully be information sent out to GDP's about it in the near future.

Huw Hopkins attended the meeting and the committee asked for any ideas from him regarding publicity and encouraging babies and young children into the GDS. He suggested that as the C.D.O. had been to the LDC meeting recently a mention was made regarding Quality points. These points could account for a certain proportion of the contract money allocated in the future. It was suggested that we would ask for volunteers in the GDS, maybe one or two practices in each locality to carry out a pilot to apply varnish to a number of children's teeth. This will be an agenda item for the committee.

11/04/14 Dental Strategy Group.

The new Chairman, Darren Griffiths attended.

There is a resource gap of 35K for the Clinical Dental Technician proposed so it looks very unlikely at present that they will advertise the post!

There are capacity issues with the suggestion of a single point of access for referrals!

Several members of the committee were absent so there was no feedback and therefore no forward planning which is what the meeting is all about. David Drake, consultant Max Fax was present however and gave a full report on the conflict of interests that have occurred between primary and secondary care in his discipline. He requested a review be carried out to ascertain the volume of patients requiring GA for O/S, the best clinical setting for such a service and solutions to the present problems. Then worry about the funding! He suggested a Day Case centre in Morrision to cope with increasing demand.

Orthodontics. Still 5,000 plus patients on the secondary care waiting list. Demand is still high. Changes to the IOTN could be the answer. 2 year w/l in Primary care and 2 years plus in secondary care. Clinical Governance. This committee has not met since the last DSSPG. Public Health Wales will be in charge of QAS and HIW will be the regulatory body.

16/04/14 LHB/LDC Liaison Committee.

The minutes have been provided for the LDC and enclosed with other documents.

Rhian Paul.