NOTES: Local Dental Committee/Local Health Board Liaison Group Meeting

HELD ON: Wednesday 16th April 2014.

AT: Neath Port Talbot Locality Office, Llandarcy.



Present: Diana Griffiths, CHC

Sarah D'Antonio, NPT Locality Office

Rhiain Paul, LDC Chair

Richard Williams, Swansea Locality Office

Roger Pratley, LDC

Lindsay Davies, NPT Locality Office Huw Bennett, Public Health Wales

Lisa Weaver, SSP Ros Davies, CDS

Mary Wilson, Public Health Wales

Teresa Stonehouse, NPT Locality Office

Apologies Rhian Bond Zoe Wallace Karl Bishop David Davies Sarah Griffiths

	DISCUSSION	ACTION	LEAD	DATE
Apologies	As noted above			
Notes of last meeting – 12 th February 2014	The minutes were agreed to be an accurate account of the meeting.			

3. Matters Arising	The new In-Hours Access sessions commenced on 1 st April. Kim Dunn will present a full report to the next meeting.	Kim Dunn	
	Following issues and a judicial review around Band 2 payments for being accompanied by a full examination, it is clear that guidance on interpretation of the Regulations is required.		
	Agreed that the future dental education day should be based around the new COMPASS system and issues arising from the April 2014 NHS Dental Services update. E.g. patients giving NI numbers to support claims.		
4. Dentistry Updates	LDC The LDC would like to be involved with checking progress of the Oral Health Action Plan. Lindsay Davies advised that the CDO is meeting with ABMU on 23 rd may to discuss this.		
	Following a number of staff changes across ABMU, dentists are unsure about who to contact for what. Lindsay will prepare a directory and e-mail this to Roger.	Lindsay Davies	
	CHC Diana queried as to an increase in patients charges from 1 st April. Confirmed that they are now as follows: Band 1 - £13 Band 2 - £42 Band 3 - £180.90		
	Changes to the Out Of Hours service will be delayed until		

the new In Hours Access provision has been assessed. Roger would like to analyse complaints and statistics relating to the current Out Of Hours service.

Shared Services Partnership

Lisa advised that DF1s will start on 1st September from 2014 onwards. (Historically, they have started in early August.)

Reminders have been sent to dentists, asking that they return CPD declarations by 30th April.

Public Health Wales

Huw advised that Dental Practice Advisers will transfer to LHBs following a ministerial decision. This should happen by the autumn.

HIW will take on the regulation of private and NHS dentistry and will provide the practice inspection programme for all Primary Care.

Mary Wilson has completed a health needs assessment for the prison population. The dental suite at HM Prison Swansea is in need of refurbishment.

There has been a 98% national return for the QAS.

Huw advised of an oral cancer health promotion initiative for November. This will link in with 1000 Lives. It is hoped that this will involve Postgrad, LDC, LHBs and CDS.

CDS

Ros Davies asked about the progress of a questionnaire re Special Care Dentistry. Rhiain Paul advised that the LDC had reviewed a first draft and offered some

	suggestions for questions, but had not received any update since. CDS are looking to start an Educational Clinical Attachment Scheme. Secured 6 months funding for drug and alcohol patients. Expanding conscious sedation. Have smoking cessation training in June. Expanding mouth care programme – 1000 Lives.		
7. Occupational Health	Rhiain asked about progress with Occupational Health for dentists. Lindsay will speak to Margaret Lake.	Lindsay Davies	
8. Referral Form Data Collection	LDC requested that they have access to data collected by orthodontists, Parkway, etc. This will help identify where there are inappropriate referrals, if forms are incorrectly completed, etc.		
9. Standards for people with sensory loss	The LDC had considered the recommendations. It would prove expensive to have hearing loops fitted in all reception areas.		
10. Breach Notices	A dentist who received a breach notice for not being open at said opening times over Christmas had contacted the LHB and could not get an answer on the telephone.		
11. Any Other Business	New oral surgery and max fax referral guidelines and forms will be with dentists shortly.		
12. Date and time of next meeting	12pm Wednesday 11 th June at NPT Hospital Boardroom		