

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 22nd July, 2014.***

Members Present.

Rhiain Paul in the chair, Anwen Hopkins, Ewart Johnstone, James Davies, Dave Jones, James Bater, Tesni Metcalf, Mike Spencer-Harty, Richard Herbert, Lesley Hicks, Helen John, Pam Norman, Allison Walker.

In Attendance.

Chris Wills Wood, Rob Elliott, Rhian Jones, Paul Fraser.

Apologies for Absence.

Roger Pratley, Mark Harris, Bill Walters, David Davies, Bill Walters, Huw Hopkins, Steve Gould, Tony Fodor, Janet Megins, Mary Wilson, Tom Bysouth, Karl Bishop, Barrie David, Gayathri Kini.

14/40 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th May 2014

Minutes accepted with Helen John's apologies added.

14/41 Matters Arising.

14/36 - Occupational Health –During a meeting the Chair had with Darren Griffiths, the new Strategic Director for Dentistry, Occupational Health for GDS was discussed. The new director gave assurances that this important duty of care to its dental workforce would be looked at as a matter of urgency.

The committee reported continuing problems and some GDP's billed for the service whilst others not.

To be kept on the liaison agenda.

Richard Herbert reminded the Committee that following a recent incident it was important to remind GDP's that a Needle stick policy and protocol should be current and up to date in all surgeries. He suggested that the LDC seek out the recommended policy and include it on the website for GDP's to access. The Chair noted that this should be discussed from the Clinical Governance aspect and the Chair will contact Karl Bishop re this issue.

14/28 - Lesley Hicks informed the committee of certain changes that were now on Orthodontic referral forms. The Chair asked Lesley if she could find out if this was a typing error or whether referral criteria had changed. Lesley will inform the Chair when she has investigated the change.

14/30 - 14/22 In Hours Access - a review of the service will to be held. The LHB has requested the views from all practices taking part. So far only two out of twelve had replied, The LHB need to have good feedback and asked the LDC to request as many responses as possible. Final responses needed by 31st July. The CDO looking at ways of improving the problems raised regarding patient charges.

14/35 - Oral Surgery Referrals - Rhian Jones updated the committee on the issues raised in the last meeting. Rhian has contacted Rhian Bond at the LHB who will deal with amendments recommended. This will need to be followed up at the liaison meeting. Further discussion regarding the Oral Surgery referral forms is needed in a Clinical Governance capacity and the Chair will discuss with Karl Bishop. Rhian Jones suggested that in dealing with potentially overweight patients, that GDP's make it clear to those who do not know their weight and height, that it will result in a longer wait for treatment if their BMI is greater than 30, as they will be placed on the HDS waiting list.

14/42 Secretary's Report.

As Secretary not present no report presented.

14/43 Chair's Report.

This had been emailed to all members previously. Chair discussed her recent meeting with the Darren Griffiths and highlighted the most pressing issues for his attention.

These included lack of occupational health support for GDP's, referral form problems and problems with LHB initiatives such as In hours access which fail to take early criticisms on board. There is a need to restructure the Strategy meetings to ensure that GDP's are at the forefront of consideration rather than an afterthought as at present. DG accepted that the meeting was too heavily biased towards secondary care. LHB/LDC liaison meetings are to be improved to better reflect and act on LDC issues gathered from GDP workforce. Karl Bishop to attend liaison meetings to help deliver this and then will be more representative at strategy meetings.

A paper on Rapid Referral systems had been sent out to all Committee members and will form a useful reference in future when improving referral forms and systems.

A recent appointment was made for a pilot Endodontic DES in the Restorative Dept and depending on its success and continued funding, will hopefully become a permanent post in the future.

14/44 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

In the absence of the treasurer there was no report. Bank balances in the region of £17500.00.

14/45 Delegates' Reports.

Parkway

No contract has been signed. The child GA waiting list has come down considerably. Pam Norman explained that this reduction in activity is seasonal and not due to any particular reason.

D2S

The LDC 'Pilot' for Fluoride Varnishing in GDP surgeries is soon to start at Llynfi Surgery in Maesteg and in other localities as a D2S initiative to include GDP's surgeries in D2S. Some schools in deprived areas not in the D2s Scheme. A review of all 5 year olds taking place in 2015.

Postgraduate Department, DFT Training Report. Richard Herbert.

1. New DF1's from September will be required to register with HIW. They can practice private dentistry once the application has been completed. They do not have to wait for the certificate.
2. This year will see the smallest number of DF1s UK wide without a post, although in England this was at the expense of a cut in DF1 salary.
3. Most DF1s, on completion of their full training do not have a full time job to go to. Part time sessions the norm.
4. A working group is now looking at satisfactory completion of training and will be more extensive and resemble the ARCP process currently used in specialist training.

BDA

Stuart Geddes, Wales Director is retiring. Dick Birkin is to take over as Interim Director for a period on one year, initially sharing duties with Stuart Geddes. During and after this first year a review of the BDA Wales Office will take place.

WGDPC Report–Anwen Hopkins.

1. CDO reported the Welsh pilots will finish in May 2015 and it is strongly felt that Wales will then follow England in 2016.
2. GDC/ ARF will have a reported 64% increase when the contract uplift is 1.4%.
3. It was felt ARF should be on a sliding scale on entry to dentistry as newly qualified dentists will be leaving university with significant debts. Dental nurses and senior part time dentists should also receive some concession.
4. A Bariatric service was now in place in Gwent, ABMU are working on a model.

14/46 Oral Surgery Referrals

Discussed in matters arising. Progress to be reviewed at next meeting.

14/47 In-hours Access

Discussed earlier in the agenda. Progress to be reviewed at next meeting.

14/48 Consultation on Future of Service

Important document emailed to all committee members and requires comment and replies to questions asked. The CDO wants to know what GDP's think. Please send any comments to the Secretary as the LDC has an important role to play.

14/49 GDC ARF Consultation

There was a broad discussion and the committee was in agreement that the LDC should lodge a formal response.

14/50 Any Other Business.

1. Several committee members were concerned with DCP's and the setting up of 'dental parlours' in our localities. The GDC reporting does not seem to be having any deterrent effect. These parlours continue to offer cut price bleaching etc. The Direct Access to DCP's was discussed and the LDC will need to obtain clear guidance to see what can be done to support GDP's working in areas where these new establishments are opening for business. This is to be kept on the Agenda.
2. The Chair discussed the widening of communications possibly through social networking sites. It was felt this would be of benefit to GDPs who do not come to meetings. It would be a very useful tool to circulate links to BDA etc. To be discussed further at next meeting.

14/51 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 16th September, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.