

Chair's Report - LDC Meeting 16th September 2014

Annual leave has meant that the meetings attended were few and far between.

Clinical Governance meeting 22/7/14.

This meeting was well attended by all the interested groups. CDS have many cost issues relating to the delivery of care for bariatric patients as well as improving decontamination facilities to comply with WHTM-01-05. They also have a high DNA rate particularly for treatment which is an expensive resource issue with patients travelling long distances for treatment.

It was reported that about 30 GDP's had 'performance' investigations in ABMU.

It had to happen sometime....there is an audit on an audit!!! The antibiotic audit will be analysed to see how many GDP's participated and the success judged accordingly. The next subject for audit will be 'Patient Satisfaction' and will be available when ready via the Post Grad Dept.

I requested a meeting to discuss referral forms and their improvement asap. I was assured that it will be discussed soon.

LDC/LHB Liaison Committee 13/8/14.

This meeting is now better attended and represented. Terms of reference were discussed and to be finalised at the next meeting following a few amendments.

No news on Occupational Health due to the summer holidays!! A working group is being set up at the WDC and our LDC is part of that group. I hope it does not stall our attempts and I am ever hopeful that it will be sorted as soon as possible.

The LHB reported continuing progress in the delivery of the LOHP. It is updated for each meeting as evidence of progress.

I enclose the paper presented to the meeting by the LHB re Out of Hours and In Hours Emergency access. It will be an agenda item and we need to have as much feedback as possible. The LHB are seeing for themselves now how difficult it is in terms of 'patient satisfaction' when manning phone calls from sometimes demanding patients.

The Ortho waiting list is also included for your perusal and comments please. The numbers continue to be very high and continue to cause serious concern.

Rob Davies will present a lecture on 'NHS Rules and Regs' on the 6th October at Morriston.

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