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Biennial General Meeting of GDPs, 20th April, 2015.

Secretary's Report

The LDC has met on twelve occasions since the last BGM and there have once again been numerous subcommittee meetings and representatives have attended regular meetings with HB representatives and representatives of the Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea Localities and the Shared Services Partnership at the bi-monthly LDC/LHB Liaison Group. The Chair has raised a number of points of concern about our relationship with the ABMU HB administration in her report and I will not duplicate these concerns here.

The LDC has once again decided against sending delegates to the Annual Conference of Local Dental Committees in both 2013 and 2014 because in part of the costs involved, but also the fact that the agendas at both these meetings were particularly English oriented and through our representation on the GDPC we can be kept up to date with happenings in England. We did not send a representative to the LDC Officials' Day of 2013 for the same reason but sent two representatives to the Officials' Day in December 2014 because it was becoming evident that a new contract would be further delayed in both England and Wales and there was a Special LDC Conference called for the afternoon of that day to debate the motion *'This conference believes that the GDC has failed in its role as the regulator for Dentistry and demands a reformation of the GDC that will protect patients and re-establish the support of the dental profession'*. This motion was carried unanimously and is now GDPC policy. New prototype pilots are now being designed in both England and Wales, starting in England in March 2015 and running for 2 years - hopefully we will be able to inform more fully on the evening of the BGM. One thing is certain, no new contract will be in place for at least two to three years, possibly even more than that.

Attendance at LDC meetings has been very encouraging and more younger colleagues are now attending and have put themselves forward for election to the committee. We regularly now get a full meeting room and have to search around for extra chairs. Remember that any provider or performer can attend LDC meetings. We are limited for space at our current venue and so if any non-members wish to attend please email me so that I can ensure sufficient space and seating are available. If we need to abandon our current venue and look for a larger room to accommodate more and more colleagues then that would be fantastic and very welcome.

Since our last BGM in April 2013 we have carried out considerable work on redesigning the LDC website, an exercise instigated by the Chair. There were initial costs but we think we have improved things and I am

now able to edit it myself which is certainly advantageous for us since things can be edited and updated without delay. Suggestions for further development are welcome, particularly on the use of social media which I steer away from on a personal level, although all suggestions (and guidance) are welcome.

In order to better inform members and attendees at LDC meetings, the Chair instigated presentations and questions prior to the LDC meetings. The following interesting and informative presentations took place and the LDC would like to thank colleagues for their contributions.

July 2013 Mandy Silva, Dental Health Manager.

‘Update on the Designed to Smile Programme’.

September 2013 and November 2014 David Davies, Clinical Services Manager in the CDS and Specialist in Special Dental Care’.

‘Special Care Dentistry’. ‘Patient movement from the CDS to GDS’

November 2013 Margaret Lake, Head of Staff Health and Wellbeing, ABMU HB.

‘Occupational Health and Wellbeing. An Outline Model for a future Service’.

January 2014 Karl Bishop, Consultant in Restorative Dentistry and Associate Medical Director (Dentistry), ABMU HB.

‘An Update on Performance Management’.

March 2014 David Thomas, CDO Wales.

‘Development of Dentistry in Wales’.

May 2014 Jeremy Knox. Consultant Orthodontist and Senior Consultant Morryston Hospital.

‘Orthodontic MCN’.

September 2014 Andy Bevan, Dental Practice Advisor, ABMU HB.

‘The New Role of the Dental Practice Advisor’.

January 2015 Simon Hodder, Consultant in Maxillo Facial Surgery and Head and Neck Oncology, Morryston Hospital.

‘USC Referrals’.

Finally my thanks to Sarah Davies, our Minutes Secretary, for her support during and between LDC meetings.

We look forward to seeing colleagues on the evening of 20th April at the BGM at 6.30 for 7.00 at the Postgraduate Department at Morryston Hospital.

Roger Pratley

Secretary, Morgannwg Local Dental Committee