

## Joint WGDPC and Welsh Council Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> April 2015

New chair WGDPC elected = Katrina Clarke

New vice chair WGDPC = Tom Bysouth

New interim chair welsh council – Stuart Geddes

I have agreed to attend the LDC/ Regional Liaison Group.

Lisa Howells was present and updated on pretty much the same things as the BGM. The additional info was-

1, ring fenced budget for 15/16 but after that it depends on IMTP's (Integrated medium term plan – that the lhb have to provide) if the plan is good then the lhb gets a 3 year tick and will likely lose ringfencing to allow lhb's flexibility. If the plan is deemed not so good then the lhb will only get a one year tick and ringfencing will continue.

2, she urged to get onto cluster groups and ask the primary care lead for details of local clusters.

3, grey areas – 6 tubes of duraphat can be supplied on one prescription.

Dentistry is not mentioned in any political manifesto – very low priority and the bda considered making its own manifesto but didn't. the feeling was that it was important to do a dental manifesto before the welsh elections next year.

DDRB – uplift still not decided but 4% efficiency savings to come from 100% checks on pt exemptions. However wales will not be doing 100% checks as they feel that it will hit the most vulnerable in society who struggle to fill in the form correctly – but there will be more checks.

Cardiff Dental school – issue with registration of all dental graduated 2010 – 2014 – degree was not registerable with GDC due to administrative error – where the fault lies is unclear Cardiff blaming gdc and vice versa! All dentists will have to re-register and will have a commencement registration date on May 2015 and will have been officially deregistered. The ramifications are unclear – applying for jobs, new DRB checks? And there are still 10 people who have not been located – maybe working abroad and may end up working illegally.

Also there will be 10 fewer places for dental students next year 80 down to 70, but DCP's will go up from 12 to 20.

There was a lot of concern regarding our LHB recent performance. Support was offered – if we want it – the BDA are happy to write to the LHB and Dick will attend meetings if we want. They also suggested going to the ombudsman if our current approach to the chairman and auditors doesn't work. Eddie Crouch said that similar things had happened in England and one PCT had been forced to pay £300k for expenses to a dentist for removing a contract that had been awarded incorrectly. They also suggested making a complaint to the chair of the healthcare professional forum in our area.

As for dentists who had been forced to pay back money – the BDA will fight your corner if your indemnity company won't. – they even suggested that they might do this for non-members. So if anyone wants the BDA's support in recouping money then get in touch with Dick.

That's it

Anwen Hopkins