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WGDPHC Report to LDC

WGDPHC meeting 10th July 2015

DDRB uplift should be in everyone's pay schedule on 1st August.

Dental activity review – letters have been going out to practitioners letting them know how many patients they've seen for more than one course of treatment within 28 days – Apparently only about 4 practices in Wales will be investigated.

Wales are wanting to do their own exercise looking at the number of fluoride treatments done in each practice – recommended to put F1 application as well as sensitive cementum (or instead of) to increase numbers.

Grey areas of NHS regulations. – still no list of grey areas but Lisa Howells is going to meet with Paul Gray of BSA to discuss the grey areas next week. It was decided to try and get a representative from WGDPHC in on the meeting if possible.

HIW – 120 inspections to date and 28 immediate assurances. When an immediate assurance letter went out in N Wales the letter was sent to the practice and to the health board and it also said cc GDC- but apparently it doesn't go to the GDC it is there as a threat that it might go to the GDC! Apparently a lady from the GDC sits in on meetings with HIW and wants GDC to be informed of everything – however the GDC don't share any information back with HIW (eg if a dentist is struck off) so HIW at the moment aren't sharing with GDC – unless they feel they need to. There was concern raised that single handed practices come under a lot more scrutiny than larger practices because they all get a one day inspection and this leads to inequality?

The QAS this year will want to know weight limits of your dental chairs.

There has recently been a case in Gwent where a dentist was taken to a screening panel for doing 3 times the average number on inlays. The dentist has to undergo some retraining. Gwent LDC felt that this was restricting a dentist's clinical freedom. I think the general feeling was with prudent healthcare high numbers of inlays may not be very prudent, but that going straight to a screening panel was very heavy handed and a simple meeting with the dentist to express concerns would have been adequate.

We discussed the GDC plans to accept COPDEND plans for requirements for CPD providers – and the new requirements were felt to be quite onerous. It was felt that bad courses tended to disappear because they were bad due to natural selection so the new rules would just make CPD providers lives

more difficult. That was the end of the discussion!

The BDA are going to advertise soon for two jobs – Welsh Director – 3 days a week and Welsh policy officer – full time.

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