

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 22nd September, 2015.***

Members Present.

Keith Silvester in the chair, Roger Pratley, Mark Harris, Anwen Hopkins, Dharmini Martin, Rhian Paul, Mike Spencer Harty, Ewart Johnstone, James Davies, Richard Jones, Tesni Metcalf, Simon Bond, Helen John, David Jones, Allison Walker, Huw Hopkins, Lesley Hicks, Stephen Gould.

In Attendance.

Phil and Sian Majoe, Pam Norman, Richard Herbert, Paul Frazer, Chris Wills-Wood, Chris Woods, Mary Wilson, Gareth Davies, Mark Waters, Behrooze Khoshoorr, Prash Vasudevan.

Apologies for Absence.

James Bater, Rhian Jones, Barrie David, Karl Bishop, Gayathri Kini, David Davies.

15/54 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st July, 2015.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and correct record.

15/55 Matters Arising.

15/44 Contractual grey areas- WGDPC meeting next week, examples of grey areas had been forwarded to CDO for discussion.

15/56 Secretary's Report.

Emailed to members previously

9. DTU – despite being discussed at LDC/LHB Liaison meeting, there had been no mention of writing to all GDPs to inform them referrals of patients with high dental needs would no longer be accepted.

15/57 Chair's Report.

QAS letter had been sent to GDPs, it would be live from 23rd September until 24th November 2015.

D2S- the chair had attended a meeting, it appeared to be a large group, and there were now 220 settings with a £600,000 budget.

Clinical Governance Meeting – this had been cancelled today at short notice due to lack of attendees. The next meeting was due to be held in December, the chair to write to Lindsay Davies to ask if this could be brought forward and to confirm the number of attendees needed to hold a meeting.

15/58 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

Deposit Account now stood at £28587.39

1. a £3000 donation to the dentist support group was agreed.
2. British Dental Guild contribution had not been made for seven years it was agreed to pay this year.
3. Seniority payments for over 55's are still payable in Wales, although they have to be claimed individually from HB. A guide to be added to LDC website.

15/59 Delegates' Reports.

Orthodontics

MCN meeting had been cancelled last week due to restructuring of HB management, a new date to be confirmed.

15/60 Local Commissioning - Update

It was felt that after nearly a year this issue still hadn't been resolved satisfactorily and Mike Hedges would now carry forward to the Minister.

A letter to be written to Andrew Davies, in response to his letter, to voice concern that the issue had not been resolved and was in fact quite dismissive of the situation.

15/61 Occupational Health - Update

Health declaration forms had been emailed to all practices that had shown an interest, to issue to their clinical staff. A few had reported not receiving anything, Secretary to take to LDC/LHB Liaison Group Meeting.

15/62 In Hours Access - Update

The tender process had been successful, although there had been a very poor response in Neath Port Talbot with only 2 practices showing an interest. The in hours access sessions were to be reviewed in one year, as it was envisaged the proposed changes to OOH sessions would have an impact on the service.

15/63 Out of Hours Service - Proposed Revision of Service

A copy of the new model discussion paper had been emailed to members previously.

1. The main complaints received about the current service are about the mobile telephone. It was felt no attempt had been made to improve the telephone service.
2. The statistics on use of the service do not show what has been reported as a drop off in week day usage.
3. The proposed surgery is in fact a bariatric surgery and therefore may not be suitable for OOH sessions. Also left handed dentists need to be catered for.
4. It was felt NPT hospital was far more suitable as a site due to its opening hours, security access etc.
5. The dental team should not be made responsible for the security or cleaning of the building.
6. It was generally felt the rate of pay for the dental nurses was inadequate.

7. A fixed site may lead to more complaints regarding access for patients who live on the outskirts of ABMU.

Any further comments to be emailed to the Secretary ASAP as a meeting to be arranged with Lindsay Davies within the next two weeks.

15/64 Resource Centre Referrals - High Needs Patients

High needs patients can no longer be referred to PTRC.

Dental Training Units will need to provide a range of treatments options on adults and children to meet the requirements of satisfactory completion of Dental Foundation Training (SCDFT). If training is not completed within 12 months training will need to be extended. This will result in WG funding from the following year being used to extend the training. As a result less places would be available for National Recruitment.

SCDFT will increase the workload on Educational Supervisors (trainers) and TPDs. As a result ABMU will need to increase the ES staffing levels at PTRC to ensure that appropriate levels of training supervision and assessment are in place for September 2016 when SCDFT will commence.

The delivery of in hours access at the DTU was discussed and the proposed delivery of eight access appointments per day was considered not to be compatible with the new requirements of SCDFT. The Deanery are responsible to Welsh Government and can only allocate funding to training placements that can deliver appropriate ES support and patient mix.

Further discussion with the LHB would be required.

15/65 Exception Reports.

A GDP expressed concern as their practice had received a red flag on 0.1% non clinical data set. On further investigation by GDP this related to five patients in a whole year. It was felt this was an error on the reporting and should not have flagged red. Chris Wills-Wood to look into.

15/66 Any Other Business.

South Wales BDA an evening with Dr Ashad Ali to be held Friday 20th November. Flyers to be distributed.

15/67 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 17th November 2015 at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.