

***Report of Welsh GDPC Meeting, Cardiff, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2016***

I attended the meeting in place of our usual representative Anwen Hopkins who was unable to attend. WGDPC allows replacements to voting members representing LDCs.

The newly appointed BDA Wales Director, Caroline Seddon was present at the meeting in addition to the interim Director Dick Birtles, who is overseeing Caroline's orientation.

Katrina Clarke in the Chair.

The CDO attended the meeting for a short time in order to inform and update the meeting on current developments.

The following were reported to and discussed at the meeting :

1. The CDO and Postgraduate Dental Dean will both retire at the end on March 2016. The CDO will act as interim Postgraduate Dean for a period of six months while the recruitment process for the new Postgraduate Dean takes place. The process of recruiting a new CDO is underway and it was felt that Lisa Howells would act up in the interim period.
2. 'C' letters are sent to GDPs when a high proportion of patients are seen within 28 days. Only 3 have been sent to Welsh GDPs whilst the UK wide total is 500 plus.
3. Cluster Groups around Wales are very GP oriented, although dentists are now being invited to Cluster Groups. A member reported attending a Cluster Group in N Wales and confirmed this, but indicated a potential major problem for GPs in that a high proportion of GPs in the 50 and 60 age groups wanted to retire, and there were no younger colleagues wanting to replace them. This was particularly the case with younger doctors not wanting to become partners. The time was fast approaching when GP practices could well be run by locums. This was confirmed by the WGMPC cross representative present at the meeting, who said it was likely to become an increasing problem across Wales.
4. Sedation Guidance for GDP is being updated at the moment. Three issues have been identified around training under supervision in an approved practice, CPD proposal that 12 hours of relevant CPD in a 5 year cycle, inspections probably carried out by HIW.
5. New Private Dentistry regulations will be out for consultation soon. These will include guidance on DCPs and practice based registration as opposed to individual registrations. It was confirmed that HIW does have a complaints procedure where dentists can complain about it. It was noted that no such procedure exists in the NHS
6. Draft Performers List Regulations are being prepared for consultation.

7. New remuneration prototypes are being developed, differently to England, based on capitation and deprivation weighting and KPIs, and a new patient charge model will be tested. Two practices will trial these prototypes.
8. The NOH Plan is to be refreshed.
9. Still some problems with NHS email which are being worked on.
10. The revised document, Delivering NHS Dental Services more effectively has now been published and is on the CDO's website.

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