

**Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy  
on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.**

**Members Present.**

Keith Silvester in the chair, Roger Pratley, Anwen Hopkins, Rhian Paul, Ewart Johnstone, James Davies, James Bater, Mike Spencer-Harty, Allison Walker, Dave Jones, Simon Bond, Huw Hopkins, Dharmini Martin.

**In Attendance.**

Chris Wills-Wood, Pam Norman, Paul Frazer, Richard Woods, Chris Woods, Rachel Coles, Gareth Davies, Mark Waters.

**Apologies for Absence.**

Helen John, Sian and Phil Majoe, Mark Harris, Tesni Metcalf, Stephen Gould, Rhian Humphreys, Lowri Jones, Mary Wilson, Karl Bishop, Rhian Jones, David Davies, Barrie David.

**16/01 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.**

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

**16/02 Matters Arising.**

15/71 4, Private Dentistry Regulations still not published.

15/55 contractual grey areas, Delivering NHS Dental Services more effectively. A resource pack from WG had been published; this replaces the original April 2011 issue. To be discussed in full at the next meeting, a member commented it wasn't a very informative document.

**16/03 Secretary's Report.**

To be discussed under relevant agenda items.

A contract had come up for tender in Hywel Dda HB area, details to be uploaded to LDC website.

**16/04 Chair's Report.**

1. LDC/LHB Liaison Group meeting had been held 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015, to be discussed under other agenda items.
2. There had been more cancellations of meetings again at short notice. The chair had written formally to HB to ask why 3 out of 5 meetings had been cancelled and who had been unable to attend.
3. The Dental Strategy Group was to be reinstated, awaiting the appointment of the new Medical Director of Primary Care.

4. the Chair to write formally to Andrew Davies and Hilary Dover re the future tendering of any dental contract. Also to raise concern at the fact the HB felt the £250K involved was an insignificant amount of money.

#### **16/05 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.**

In the absence of the Treasurer the balances now stood at:-

Current account           £4267.44

Deposit account       £18,500.00

#### **16/06 Delegates' Reports.**

##### **LDC Officials Day 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Report emailed to all members previously, along with links to presentations which were both interesting and informative.

##### **Welsh GDPC 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016**

Report had been emailed to all members. The CDO and Postgraduate Dental Dean will both retire at the end of March 2016. The CDO will act as interim Postgraduate Dean for a period of six months while the recruitment process for a new dean takes place.

#### **16/07 Local Commissioning - Update**

At the last meeting it was agreed to take the matter to the Ombudsman and inform Mike Hedges out of courtesy. Mike Hedges felt the Ombudsmen would be unable to do anything as the matter had already been considered by the minister and so officials followed this advice and no referral was made. It was noted all commissioning following the original complaint had been dealt with correctly.

#### **16/08 In Hours Access and Out of Hours Services - Update**

OOH Working Group meeting update to 31/12/2015 had been emailed to all members previously along with OOH Working Group meeting minutes held 15/01/2016.

1. The HB had now agreed that a single site for OOH was unworkable and would incur more cost to set up than the current model.
2. it was felt the figures and data in the report was inaccurate and needed to be looked at again. There had been no fall in numbers of patients accessing the OOH service despite the In-hours now being up and running successfully. It was felt the in-hours service should be monitored for another six months to see if there was any effect on OOH numbers.
3. HB were looking to have the new model OOH up and running by May 2016.
4. There were now only 17 practices participating in the OOH service. Concern was raised that a Corporate would take over the OOH service. It was felt the OOH service was a success as it was provided by individual GDPs and not faceless corporate bodies.
5. It was mentioned that in many cases OOH was at present a cheaper more convenient option for working fee paying patients.

A meeting was to be held between HB and all providers currently providing the service in the near future, date and venue to be arranged. It was hoped this would be a factual and informative presentation with accurate, factual and up to date data available.

Some ideas to improve the service from GDPs point of view were discussed to take to the meeting.

1. it was felt the accurate running cost of the practice to provide the service should be reflected in the sessional payments received.
2. the in hours access agreement is to see 3 patients per hour, it was felt this should be extended to OOH.
3. £425 is the current rate of remuneration, it was suggested a higher rate should be payable up to £900 per session was suggested.
4. to run the service efficiently it was felt three members of staff were needed dentist, nurse and receptionist. This again would have to be reflected in the rate of remuneration.
5. were shared services still going to run the service, organise rota and telephone? Although there was no objection to a central booking system being introduced.
6. changing the times of the sessions were discussed along the lines of 6-8 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9a.m. – 1p.m. on Saturday and Sunday this would make access to pharmacist easier for patients to collect prescriptions.
7. if the remuneration was agreeable would a PDS contract be preferable for GDPs taking into account superannuation?

Members to email any other comments to the Secretary by the beginning of next week.

### **16/09 Referrals to Hospital for OPT Radiographs - Update**

The Chair had written to Chris Morris, there was a new OPT coming to Morriston A&E which might become available for OPT referrals from GDPs. It was suggested that GDPs contact local practices with OPTs to see if they could help first, although the number of dental practices that have OPTs is now decreasing.

GDPs in Hywel Dda were able to refer patients to hospital for OPTs.

### **16/10 Any Other Business.**

A Bridgend colleague raised concerns about the UDA value of the practice. This was discussed and some advice given.

### **16/11 Date and Time of next meeting.**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.