

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 15th March, 2016.***

Members Present.

Keith Silvester in the chair, Roger Pratley, Huw Hopkins, James Davies, Stephen Gould, Dharmini Martin, Lesley Hicks, Mike Spencer-Harty, Simon Bond, Allison Walker, Mark Harris, Tesni Metcalf.

In Attendance.

Phil Majoe, Rachel Coles, Chris Wills-Wood, Mark Waters, Richard Woods, Chris Woods, Mary Wilson, Tom Bysouth, Pam Norman.

Apologies for Absence.

David Jones, Helen John, Anwen Hopkins, James Bater, Ewart Johnstone, Rhian Paul, Paul Fraser, Karl Bishop, Gareth Davies, David Davies, Celia Topping.

16/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 26th January, 2016.

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

16/13 Matters Arising.

16/09 Referral to Hospital for OPT radiographs – still awaiting confirmation but thought there would be a positive outcome as long as department not inundated with referrals.

16/14 Secretary's Report.

There was no formal report as all under relevant agenda items. The Secretary did report there had been a reduction in the number of performance panels being held across the patch.

16/15 Chair's Report.

Dental Strategy Group.

No meetings had been held due to the reorganisation of management; until the new Medical Director is appointed there would be no meetings.

Welsh Dental Committee

Simon Hodder had attended.

1. The CDO and Post Grad Dean had now retired and David Thomas was acting as Interim PG Dean and Lisa Howells as acting CDO.
2. Clusters – little progress had been made in some areas and a working structure had not yet been developed.
3. There were still problems being reported with the NHS email, continually working to correct any problems.

The Chair had met with Hilary Dover and Lindsay Davies in mid- February. Commissioning issues had been discussed. Lindsay Davies who was now Head of Primary care except medical Services was to contact the Chair to clarify any commissioning issues. A draft document clarifying the guidelines around commissioning had been received by email this evening just before the meeting from Lindsay Davies. To be emailed to all members.

16/16 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

The balances now stood at:-

Current account	£589.48
Deposit account	£25701.54

The LDC Conference was to be held in June, committee to decide if it was sending delegates at the cost of £1000. It was felt this was a lot of money to spend on a very England orientated conference. It was suggested to send a delegate to represent all the Welsh LDCs and split the cost.

16/17 Delegates' Reports.

Orthodontics

Meeting of South West Wales Local Orthodontic Committee had been held 1st March 2016. This had been emailed to all members previously.

Concern was raised data regarding waiting lists which had been sent to LHB were not being forwarded to GDPs.

A new electronic orthodontic referral form was being trialled in North Wales.

It was felt essential that South west Wales MCN was re-established as a matter of urgency. There was no dental Strategy Group in ABMU HB to report to at the moment, the MCN had been dormant for a prolonged period.

Welsh GDPC January 2016

Emailed to all members previously.

Concern was raised regarding the high excess levels on indemnity policies, indemnity organisations had assured the GDPC chair that they do not hang dentists out to dry. Certificate of Good standing received by a GDP has included records of telephone calls made to indemnity organisation for simple advice. Concern was raised that risk was being gauged on these often simple advisory calls.

Tom Bysouth to take to next meeting.

LDC/LHB Liaison Group.

The document Delivering NHS Dental services more effectively had now been forwarded to all Providers. It was felt a copy should be given to each individual performer.

ABMU contracting had been discussed; this along with other issues is to be discussed under other relevant agenda items.

16/18 In Hours Access and Out of Hours Services - Update

Notes of workshop meeting held 22nd February 2016 had been emailed to all members previously. Today was the closing date for expressions of interest; interest was expressed as to how many interest expressions there would be.

Next meeting to be held 1st April 2016.

16/19 Consultation on Private Dentistry Wales Draft Regulations 2016

The link to this document had been emailed to all members; the fee charged to register practices was discussed. It was felt dentists should register as individuals as many work across a number of practices.

Any comments to be emailed to The Secretary who will then complete the response form and email to members prior to its submission

16/20 Delivering Dental Services More Effectively

1. It was felt very important all GDPs have read this document and have an understanding of process. It also contains links to Regs.
2. This was an update to original 2011 document which was never shared with LDC or GDPs.
3. Karl Bishop's assurance was needed that anything flagged out of the ordinary will be treated and investigated as per this document.
4. If the predecessor to this document has been circulated in 2011 a lot of issues wouldn't have arisen. Under the previous SDR it was very clear what treatments could be claimed.

Any comments or queries should be emailed to the Secretary.

16/21 NHS Compass - Teething Problems

1. A number of practices had reported not receiving their activation codes.
2. Providers had had issues accessing schedules although had no problems setting themselves up as performers.
3. There was great difficulty in trying to add new performers to any contracts and therefore unable to send any claims.
4. Claims showing on compass site did not match practice records of claims transmitted.
5. Schedules paid on 1st March had six weeks of PCR taken off instead of 4. NHSBSA were aware of this and hoping to correct next month.
6. HB was aware of these issues and is trying to work through them. Figures are inaccurate and flexibility will be need at year end.

Tom Bysouth to take to GDPC

16/22 LDC Website and presence on other Social Media

The use of social media to keep GDPs up to date with LDC issues was discussed. Dharmini Martin volunteered to liaise with Secretary and discuss options.

16/23 Practice Defibrillators

Every practice within ABMU was now advised to have defibrillators in place, GDC were now looking at this.

It was reported that LHB has been giving names of practices that have defibrillators in place to the general public. Dental practice defibrillators had been used three times since last September in Swansea locality. Concern was raised who is responsible for the replacement of the pads, any damage to the equipment and potential loss of equipment. Also what would happen if a practice patient required the use of a defibrillator if were loaned out.

To take to LDC/LHB Liaison Group Meeting.

16/24 LDC Vacancies

It has been noted a few committee members had not been attending meetings on a regular basis. It was suggested if three consecutive meetings were missed these members should be removed and replaced with new members as stated in the LDC Constitution.

Members were needed for Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend areas, Rachel Coles had agreed to join for Bridgend.

The Secretary to email all performers on mailing list for nominations.

16/25 Any Other Business.

The Health Professionals Group was seeking expressions of interest from new members. The Chair to attend the next meeting.

CDS at the Resource Centre at Baglan were undertaking 15 hours per week of in hours access sessions. Secretary to find out where funding had come from.

Parkway clinic raised the question of corporate indemnity, it was confirmed this is being looked at and will eventually come into being.

16/26 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 17th May 2016 at The Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.