

WGDPC Report

Meeting held 7th April 2016

This was not the most exciting meeting that I have been to – there doesn't seem to be much going on at the moment but the things discussed were:

1 Never Events. The wrong tooth extracted is a never event and all never events are supposed to be reported to Welsh government. A dental student in Cardiff reported a wrong tooth extraction and apparently ended up before the GDC because of it! – It was felt that the student was treated very badly by the authorities.

2 There is a booklet being published soon to give GDP's advice on workplace experience – the chair has read it and reports that it is quite useful.

3 Lisa Howells has had little feedback on issues regarding compass – so if you are having issues then we need to report them.

4 Cross border issues. North Wales seem to be having a lot of issues with cross border referrals – apparently as are the GP's and this was discussed at length. North Wales is also being split back into 3 areas again and had a £2 million underspend on dentistry that has been lost to dentistry this year.

5 Private Regulations Bill. This document was poured over and the BDA response to it was amended and added to. The £500 practice fee was felt to be steep and it was felt that the medics don't have to pay for their regulation by HIW, we didn't have to pay for regulation by the DRO's, so why do we have to pay now for something we don't want? It was felt that maybe a graduated fee scale depending on a practice's level of NHS commitment was reasonable. There were lots of other areas of discussion about the proposed regs.

6 Most of the other LDC's are sending 2 representatives to the LDC conference and they strongly urged us to send a representative if we could.

7 Hannah Thomas will be starting in a couple of weeks as the full time committee and policy officer for BDA Wales.

8 Extra care and caution was recommended when treating patients with limited English over informed consent. The dental Law Partnership appear to be targeting this market in no win no fee cases. It was advised to document the use of language lines when dealing with these patients to prevent problems.