

Following the latest LDC/LHB Liaison Group meeting on 14th February 2017 the LDC undertook to attempt to ascertain the availability of OPG machines in the ABMU area and find out whether the owners of the machines would be happy to accept NHS referrals from neighbouring practices. A summary of the responses to date is set out below.

Locality		Number		%
Bridgend	Questionnaires Sent	23		26%
	Questionnaires Returned	6		
	Practices with Facility - Unable to Share			
	Practices with Facility - Able to Share	1		
	No Facility but Would Refer	5		
NPT	Questionnaires Sent	18		28%
	Questionnaires Returned	5		
	Practices with Facility - Unable to Share			
	Practices with Facility - Able to Share	3		
	No Facility but Would Refer	2		
Swansea	Questionnaires Sent	52		23%
	Questionnaires Returned	12		
	Practices with Facility - Unable to Share	1		
	Practices with Facility - Able to Share	5		
	No Facility but Would Refer	6		
Totals	Questionnaires Sent	93		25%
	Questionnaires Returned	23		
	Practices with Facility - Unable to Share	1		
	Practices with Facility - Able to Share	9		
	No Facility but Would Refer	13		

United Dental has not been included in the summary since they have a number of facilities in the area but do not accept outside referrals, only referrals from their own practices.

One facility in Swansea is able to provide 3D imaging on a private basis.

Morrison Hospital will not allow referrals for OPG radiographs from GDPs but Bridgend Hospital will, and it appears that Bridgend colleagues use this facility when convenient. Since the demand for OPG films is small then the nine practices across the area would probably be able to satisfy any demand for these services.

Next steps are to communicate the results (duly updated) to the next Liaison Group meeting on 10th April 2017, to discuss possible NHS remuneration methods and communicate and discuss these with the practices prepared to take NHS referrals before setting up a referral protocol.

Comments from LDC colleagues are welcome.