

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy  
on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2017.***

Karl Bishop, Dental Director, Primary and Community Unit, ABMU HB gave a presentation 'Unit Dental Director Update' prior to the meeting. The presentation was detailed and well received and considerable discussion took place

***Members Present.***

Keith Silvester in the chair, Roger Pratley, James Davies, James Bater, Simon Bond, Anwen Hopkins, Paul Fraser, Rhian Paul, Tesni Metcalf, Lesley Hotson- Hicks, Steve Gould, Huw Hopkins, Rachel Coles, Allison Walker.

***In Attendance.***

Sian Majoe, Phil Majoe, Mary Wilson, Rob Elliott, Barrie David, Karl Bishop, Richard Woods, Chris Woods.

***Apologies for Absence.***

Chris Wills-Wood, Mike Spencer-Harty, Pam Norman, Helen John, Mark Harris, Rhian Jones.

***17/13 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.***

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 were accepted as a true and correct record.

***17/14 Matters Arising.***

- 17/10 4. Principle amended to Principal
- 17/11 1. Huw Hopkins to be added.
- 17/06 1. No email invitations had been received in ABMU.

***17/15 Secretary's Report.***

All to be covered under relevant agenda items.

A number of practices across Wales had reported issues of inconsistencies during HIW Inspections regarding HEP B status of staff and DBS checks.

Some inspectors have insisted on seeing for titre levels for all staff members and proof of life long immunity. Others have been happy to see the Occupational Health clearance letter sent to practices once staff have attended a health screening appointment.

The Occupational Health consultant Dr Mike Tidley, had stated that giving titre levels alone would not be an adequate check of clearance to undertake exposure prone procedures as it is possible to have Hep B surface antibodies and also be a carrier. It is advised regular boosters should still be the order of the day.

DBS – A practice had reported being asked to provide not only current but the previous 3 year DBS certificates for all staff members during an inspection. Other GDPs reported a current DBS certificate had been accepted by HIW inspectors and no previous certificates requested.

Chair to take to WDC and Secretary to take to LDC/LHB Liaison Group Meeting. The Secretary asked for any other inconsistencies to be emailed to him within a week. He would then write to HIW for clarification.

### **17/16 Chair's Report.**

1. No WDC meeting had been held.
2. There is a reported £60 million overspend. The Health Secretary calling for the public to have a say on health care in Wales.

### **17/17 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.**

In the absence of the Treasurer the balances were given as:-

Current Account £1195.85  
Deposit Account £26611.90

### **17/18 Delegates' Reports.**

#### **Orthodontics.**

1. there had been an Orthodontic MCN meeting, LDC had been invited to attend.
2. all Wales e-referral looking to be rolled out.
3. there was an all Wales policy on guidance for extracting the wrong tooth. In future there was to be a written request as well as the notation of tooth to be removed.
4. LHB were not using the orthodontic data collected from practices.

#### **LDC/LHB Liaison**

1. Contract Performance – 1.3 million dental budget under-spend was reported. The HB were now looking to start dealing with practices who are constantly under performing. Breach notices for 3 continuous years of under performance were being discussed.
2. It was felt practices that experience high DNA levels should have this taken into account at year end.
3. Cluster Groups – It was felt attendance by a GDP should attract some remuneration (UDAs).

### **17/19 In Hours Access and Out of Hours Services - Update**

Nothing to report, a review was due to be held at the end of March. Although all feedback had been positive.

### **17/20 National LDC/GDPC Liaison Group Report February 2017**

Emailed to all members for information. It appears that problems experienced by GDPs are relatively consistent throughout England and Wales

### **17/21 NHS Wales update on 111 service**

Emailed to all members for information.

### **17/22 OPG Questionnaire Response Summary**

1. Morriston Hospital not able to take any OPG referrals from GDPs although Princess of Wales, Bridgend does. They currently take approx 40 per annum and it was felt accepting referrals would not increase this figure by more than approx 1 per week.
2. It was felt to be far cheaper to cover the cost of referring a patient to another GDP than to the hospital. A fee of approx £40 was seen as fair.
3. The question of responsibility and justification was raised and the need for correct referral letter/form to fellow GDP was discussed.
4. Under the UDA system claiming/collecting payment from patient was seen as a problem.

### **17/23 Morgannwg LDC BGM 24th April 2017 – Meeting Arrangements**

1. There had been very poor response to the preliminary notice and nominations email sent to all practices. It was doubtful the email had reached all performers. A decision was made to post all the relevant information, this was facilitated by Shared Services.
2. Collette Bridgeman CDO and David Thomas Dean of Postgraduate Dental Education in Wales to attend BGM and give presentations. Hopefully their presentations will attract 1 hours CPD.
3. Hilary Dover, Director of Primary Care has expressed an interest in attending. This was felt to advantageous, to ask if she wishes to give a short presentation.

### **17/24 Any Other Business.**

There was no further business.

### **17/25 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at The Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy at 1900.