

WGDPC Meeting – 7th April 2017

- Wales contract uplift -1.44% this is 1% pay rise and 0.44% increase in costs which incorporates efficiency savings.
- The increase in PCR is to stay within the dental budget.
- Postgraduate education moving to Health Education Wales from the deanery. They will be trying to do as many multidisciplinary CPD events as possible. Costs for attending courses are expected to rise significantly as it has to be cost neutral.
- Katrina attended a multidisciplinary cluster in Cwm Taff which had wales ambulance, optometrists, pharmacists and one GP – she reported that this was very good and there were some very good ideas and the cluster is to meet again to try and develop some strategies.
- There are massive underspends across Wales in dentistry – ABMU, Gwent and N.Wales are particularly bad.
- 5 practices in Merthyr are taking part in a contract variation – Baby teeth do matter. They are having 10% of their contract value removed from UDA's and for this they have to attend GP practices and mother and toddler sessions to try and get babies into the practice. This has been done by Cwm Taff LHB without consultation with the LDC. The practices are vulnerable to financial penalties if they don't manage to get enough of the under 5's to attend for recalls.
- Post verification checks have started in Wales, they are screening band 3 treatments. The top 35 practices will have a record card audit. If any practices have cause for concern then please report to BDA.
- BDA cases – PCR clawback case – the BDA feel that they have a very strong case and that NHS England might settle before court.

Ortho Procurement Case – the BDA have applied for a judicial review because they feel that the nature of the procurement process is so arduous that only large corporates can really tender.

- Gwent LHB have recently tendered for some UDA contracts and at the last WGDPC meeting we were informed that they were being commissioned at £23 per UDA – the LDC had been informed that this value had come from WAG. Collette was asked if this was the case and she didn't think it was the case. Something must have happened because they were finally tendered at £26 per UDA instead.
- I raised the OPG issue we had with Morrision and I was told that we would have a service level agreement with them to provide this service and that they would have money in their budget for this service so if they didn't provide the service we should ask for our money back!
- I also raised the HIW hep b issue – the reply from Nigel Monaghan should clarify what HIW have been told.
- Dental Guild payments are now £285 per session.

That's all folks

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