

**Minutes of LDC Meeting held at the Best Western Heronston Hotel, Bridgend
on Tuesday 21st November, 2017.**

Members Present.

Keith Silvester in the chair, Roger Pratley, Anwen Hopkins, Helen John, Simon Bond, Mike Spencer-Harty, James Davies, Huw Hopkins, Tesni Metcalf, Steve Gould, James Bater, Rachel Coles, Richard Woods, Mark Harris, Ruwa Kadenhe, Paul Fraser,.

In Attendance.

Samantha Edwards, Pam Norman, Ken Chow, Phil Majoe, Sian Majoe, Rhian Jones, Jeff Hinton.

Apologies for Absence.

Rhian Paul, Mary Wilson, Lesley Hotson-Hicks, Chris Woods, Allison Walker, Tom Bysouth, David Davies, Richard Herbert, Rob Elliott, Chris Wills-Wood, Joel Seith.

17/60 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd October, 2017.

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

17/61 Matters Arising.

.17/39 -17/49 OPG- this had been raised in the Liaison group meeting, there was no SLA with Morriston hospital to provide OPGs although POW Bridgend do carry out this service. It was proving to be difficult to have OPGs taken at local NHS practices due to issues around claiming.

17/51 1. There was no Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist representation on the local SPA group.

17/52 No members had expressed an interest in attending the LDC Officials' Day, the Secretary and Treasurer will attend.

17/54 4 UDAs to be brought up to £24 across the locality prior to April 2018.

17/62 Secretary's Report.

No specific report, activity will be discussed under agenda items.

17/63 Chair's Report.

1. WDC 17th October 2017 – CDO to produce document in Wales regarding the update of provision and handling of mercury.
BDA are not happy with set guidelines as felt to be too prescriptive and therefore removing clinical freedom.
2. W.G online document – Professional Regulatory Reform - this was a long document and consultation is due to close

3. Cardiff University Post Graduate Department were looking to bring all disciplines under one umbrella to be governed by one committee. This would consist of six representatives one of which may not be a representative of Postgraduate Dentistry. This was felt to be a matter of great concern.

17/64 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

The balances now stood at:-

Current account	£2,242.04
Deposit account	£33,949.50

There was no significant expenditure expected in the near future.

Consideration was being given to whether the Bridgend locality would stay within ABMU, but there were no updates on this matter. This would greatly affect the LDC funding if it goes ahead

17/65 Delegates' Reports.

Orthodontics.

MCN had been held, report to be brought to next meeting as not yet signed off.

D2S and Lift the Lip Pilot

Report emailed to members previously, LDC confirmed previous support.

WGDPC 3rd November 2017.

Report had been emailed to members previously.

1. BDA guidance on HIW applications to be published soon; the Secretary to make available on LDC website.
2. Concern was raised over the necessity to provide accounts to HIW with practice registration application. There didn't seem to be any information available regarding why they were necessary and who would be looking at them. The secretary to communicate these concerns to HIW.
3. The issue of returned application forms was discussed, clarification was needed as to how long resubmitted forms would take to process and if not signed off by 31/03/18 would this affect the practice's ability to carry out private dentistry.
4. The Chairman to take to BDA and WDC for discussion.

LDC/LHB Liaison group Meeting – 10th October 2017

1. Occupational Health – shortage of hepatitis B vaccine continues, with only dental surgeons now receiving the vaccination.
2. There was £800K further funding available to be used by 31/03/18. The majority of this money had become available through clawback and agreed reductions in contract values.
3. Single Point of Access – new SLA not signed as not agreed with Parkway.

17/66 Further Investment in GDS

Extra money had become available and a number of initiatives had been made available.

1. Ear Loops - these had been offered free to practices although once applied for it became apparent they did involve cost to the practice with a charge for installation and an annual service fee.
2. Disabled access improvement grant up to £10,000, plans had to be a up and estimates submitted within a week. Only practices with full NHS contracts would be eligible to bid.
3. Further investment of UDAs across the area.

17/67 Update on Single Point of Access

1. Parkway still had not signed a contract and new referral forms had been issued which were felt to be tedious and difficult to follow. This was then holding up the transition of patients through the pathway.
2. Parkway Clinic is concerned that it may not be able to sustain the service after Christmas since their theatres were sitting empty due to the slowdown in the referral service. The backlog of referrals at SPA level was unknown. At this rate they will only be able to offer private GA/sedation service which will mean child NHS treatments will not be an option. It is unsustainable to finance theatres and recovery areas when the sessions are not fully utilised.
3. Parkway to have a meeting with LHB next week to further discuss terms of agreement. The secretary to attend.

17/68 WG Epidemiology Survey 18-25 year olds

An epidemiology survey is being launched in Wales with a remit of questioning and examining 18 – 25 year olds. The CDO had suggested that this age group should initially be approached through pre- and post-natal clinics and through emergency dental services. Concern was expressed about the methodology at out of hours and in hours urgent care where a lengthy questionnaire and a clinical examination would be carried out since this would no doubt reduce access to these sessions.

17/69 Incident Reporting

The LHB had informed the LDC/LHB Liaison group that all incidents will need to be added to Datix in future. It was said that it is important to look at lessons learned from an incident. The LDC suggested that a definition of 'incident' would be helpful for practices and that the reporting process and what the information would be used for needed explaining. This was to be brought to the training day to take place in January 2018.

17/70 Any Other Business

1. New data Protection Act to be in place by May 2018, this was going to affect dental practices and a seminar was to be held by Henry Schein in December to explain the new legislation.
2. Proposed dates for next year's meetings had been emailed to all members and were agreed.

17/71 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.