

**Report on LDC/LHB Liaison Group
Friday, 8th December, 2017**

Meeting attended by Rhian Paul and Roger Pratley.

1. The LDC questioned the practicality of the proposed epidemiology 'project' put forward by the CDO to be implemented during 'out of hours/ in hours' emergency treatment of 18-25 year old patients .
2. Morriston Hospital will not accept patients for OPTs from general practice.
LDC comments were that it was unfair as Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend accepts patients for OPTs. Due to expense the LHB were informed that OPT machines are now 'shared' and OPTs are a significant cost for a paying patient.
The point was also made that there is a risk/ benefit consideration in subjecting a patient for numerous Intra oral radiographs when an OPT would in some instances be a safer option for the patient.
3. The LDC informed the group that the BDA and the LDC intend to provide local GDP's with a study day on the subject of Contract pitfalls to include case studies. There would be 5.5 hours CPD for each attendee and the venue to be decided. The LDC will pursue the arrangements with the BDA.
4. A verbal report from Paul Dunning for Occupational Health issues informed the group that 67 practices are now signed up and flu vaccines need photo ID's from staff requesting the vaccine. The Wellbeing at Work scheme is not presently being disseminated to all practices and the LHB would take this up.
A significant increase in Needlestick injury from 1 to 5 in the last few months was of concern and the issue of 'incident reporting' in Dentistry was discussed.
The LHB have to ensure that risks in dentistry are not only reported but also the risk element has to be noted and lessons learned as in all other healthcare situations.
5. The LHB have £500,000 to spend on dental services before the end of year and are offering a new dental contract to provide dental services in the NPT locality.
This contract will be for £300,000. The remainder of the money will be spent on areas of need throughout ABMU HB. This money will be disseminated via additional UDA's which GDP's will be able to apply for if situated in these specific areas.
Also the LHB are offering money towards GDP practices complying with the Equality Act and facilities such as hearing loops and improved access for patients with disabilities. There is £107,310 available at the LHB set aside for GDP's to make specific bids .

6. The LDC raised the concern that HIW are requesting financial information regarding private practice activities. A letter will be sent from the LDC and copied to Lisa Howells and Nia Roberts and others to inquire as to the authority under which these requests are made. CQC in England do not ask for financial information and accounts.
7. The LHB have taken on a new Specialist DPA and referrals to OMFS, CDS and Restorative Dept. are a constant issue in terms of workforce and waiting times.

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