

**Report on LDC/LHB Liaison Group
Tuesday, 6th February, 2018.**

Meeting attended by Rhian Paul and Roger Pratley.

Equity of Access to GDS

- **New Activity - Update**

It was confirmed that 7 providers have been awarded extra UDAs on condition that it can be demonstrated that new patients are being seen. Failure to demonstrate will result in the UDAs being withdrawn. HB are checking this - it appears that some of the providers are informing new patients that they are not taking on new patients - this to be followed up.

- **Contract Reform**

The meeting was advised that the first meeting of the Contract Reform Group took place at the end of January. The Programme Team had asked if the CDO could meet with the group in the hope of making it the Pacesetter for Wales, and at the same time use the group as a sounding ground for the CDO. TOR to be organised for the group. The next meeting of the group will be the end of February. It was pointed out that discussions are ongoing with regards to the Welsh Government Contract Reform, the Cabinet Secretary requiring 10% of Practices to be on the Contract Reform programme in Wales.

- **New Contract in Port Talbot**

This had been awarded and discussions with the new contract holders about the logistics of commencing the contract were progressing well.

- **Improvement Grants and Hearing Loops Update**

Eighteen Improvement Grant Expressions of Interest have been received. All of those received have been awarded 66% of funding for items including Stair Lifts and Bariatric seating. It was explained that depending on the availability of monies to spend the grant will be rolled out once again next year.

AHD confirmed that the hearing loops have been agreed and 22 practices will have them installed. The invoices for these will need to be submitted by March.

Dental Pathways

- **Paediatric GA Pathway**

The SPA was resulting in less patients being seen on GA Sessions at Parkway. The LDC is concerned about the continuing viability of provision of this service. The LDC has asked for figures relating to numbers of patients being seen on assessment sessions and how these numbers translate into referrals or otherwise, DNAs and complaints from patients. These will be available at the next Liaison Group meeting.

- **Orthodontic MCN**

The group were to meet on 23rd February, 2018.

- **OMFS Proposed Pathway**

A paper had gone to HB management regarding holding Oral Medicine clinics in a primary care setting. No decisions as yet.

- **Asylum Seekers**

Discussions have been taking place with the Health Access teams with regards to Asylum seekers. A group has been organised with Belgrave Practice, Eastside, Health Access Team and CDS who are offering 2 hour slots each. It is hoped that an SLA will be developed which will be put out to tender. It was confirmed that a Steering Group is to be set up and will be further reported at the next meeting.

- **Resource Centre**

There are problems with finding certain items for DFTs to carry out, particularly more complex restorative procedures and child patients. Solutions are being sought to these issues.

- **HM Prison Swansea Dental Services**

HB expressed appreciation to Eastside for standing in to deliver the service. SLA has been approved and expressions of interest sought. Contractors have been advised of this.

- **UDA Uplift**

Additional monies are available and it is hoped that practices with UDA values below £25 can be uplifted to £25. Costings were being done but it was looking that the uplift was feasible within the limits of the money available. Conditions by means of quality indicators will be put on the uplift and these will be discussed with the LDC.

Practices not transmitting claims electronically will be encouraged to do so. £900 grants are still available in Wales.

- **Resource Centre Reception Area**

It was confirmed that the reception area would be amalgamated for all 3 dental services based at the clinic.

Occupational Health Update

Little activity since the last meeting with additional people seen for needle stick injuries. Risk assessment were requested as were examples of needle stick injuries.

It was confirmed that the Hep B status has not altered and the vaccination is still not yet available.

Urgent Care Models - In Hours Urgent Access and OoH Service Feedback

These were functioning satisfactorily with no complaints received. Extra sessions had been organised over the Christmas period.

Next Meeting Tuesday 13th April, 2018.

Roger Pratley