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Rhiain Paul and Roger Pratley met with Lindsay Davies at the LHB on Friday 10th August, 2018 and discussed a number of things including the payment of the UDA uplift and the border change at present planned for April 2019 where GDPs contracted to the former Bridgend locality will move, for all contractual purposes, to Bro Taf UHB.

1. UDA uplift to £25.00 per UDA

For the purpose of clarity, the UDA uplift to £25.00 was offered to practices with UDA values less than £25.00 on the condition that certain specified quality indicators were met or would be demonstrably worked towards over a two-year period (ref letter to contractors dated 7 March 2018 which stated that each practice would need to demonstrate that they meet or will be working towards achieving the quality indicators over a two-year period). During this period the uplift would be paid as a separate payment to the contract payment and the quality indicators would be closely monitored. To calculate this the UDA value of the practice is the annual contract value divided by the contracted UDAs. If this value is less than £25.00, the difference is multiplied by the number of the annual contracted UDAs and divided by 12 to give the value of the monthly uplift to be applied. This would be backdated to January 2018.

The LHB is under the impression that the uplift payments for January to March have been paid as stated in the email to contractors dated 20th April. If this is not the case contractors must contact the LHB and inform them and they will check and correct if appropriate.

The remainder of the payment due will be paid in the September schedule and monthly thereafter. The quality indicators will be constantly monitored. The uplift for Bridgend contactors will continue to be honoured after April 2019.

2. Bridgexit

The two LHBs are communicating on the mechanics of the administration of the move. This will take some time but at the moment the management of referrals will remain the same as at present. Referrals already made will be honoured. If anyone has a referral refused on the basis of the border change they should inform the LHB of this.

We have listed the many concerns that colleagues have reported and let the LHB have sight of these and they will be taken into consideration during discussions. In the meantime, the LHB will attend the LDC meeting in Bridgend on Tuesday 20th November and we will invite representatives of Cwm Taf LDC and managers of the LHB. We will specifically invite all GDS contractors in Bridgend. At that time further information should be available.