

Notes of Orthodontic Managed Clinical Network, Meeting 20th July 2018

Meeting attended by Roger Pratley on behalf of LDC. Charlotte Eckhardt is the new chair. Steve Gould is specialist GDP representative and representative of LOC.

1. *Waiting Lists*

Waiting List data was presented and discussed, no significant changes in number reported. ABMU data still not robust and it would be examined initially to specifically look at patients with a referral date of more than 3 years to confirm or otherwise if they should still be in the system.

Hospital has 210 new patients waiting.

2. *Orthodontic Referral Guidelines for GDPs*

Detailed referral guidelines had been circulated prior to the meeting. These were agreed and the summary sheets and tables were to be sent to GDPs for guidance.

The meeting was informed that a smartphone application, called Easy IOTN, had been developed by the BOS and was available for both iPhone and Android phones. It was suggested that the application should be tested to see if it was appropriate to recommend to referring dentists.

3. *GA SPA*

Currently no orthodontic referrals go through the system. The chair raised the question about whether gold chains could be fitted at Parkway for appropriate cases, a consultant could be present if needed. This suggestion to be put to Karl Bishop, UDD.

4. *WG Consultation on Dentistry in Wales*

A specific question was being asked about orthodontic services. The BOS was going to feed a response by 31 August, and members were invited to feed views to the Chair.

5. E-Referrals

ABMU Health Board are the early adopters for the e-referral system. It is anticipated that it will go live in September 2018. Currently a directory of service is being put together by all service areas.

A project meeting is next scheduled for August to ensure that the directory of service is completed.

All orthodontic providers should be set up on NHS email so that they are able to receive referrals electronically when the new system is in place.

All remaining paper practices are to be sent a letter to confirm these changes, to give guidance as to how they can use the system and to encourage them to be set up an NHS email and become a computerised practice as soon as possible.

6. Contract Length and Tender Process

ABMU orthodontic contracts are time limited and are due for renewal in 2021.

The group was keen to look into what came out of the last process so that providers can be prepared for the next process in 2021.

The tender process in 2016 was found to be cumbersome and time consuming, although robust. Going forward ABMU to review previous process and to look into the perspective of the CDO suggesting contract length. Providers represented in the meeting feel a 10-year contract would give the availability to invest rather than the 3 years +1+1 that it is currently.

ABMU managers to investigate the possibility of this.

7. Bridgend move to Bro Taf UHB

Discussions took place on this and the impact it might have on Bridgend dental practices. No information available at the moment but whenever information is available it will be disbursed to practices. Referrals should carry on in line with current guidelines.

8. Next Meeting to be arranged early October 2018.