

Anwen Hopkins

Report of WDC meeting held 5th February 2019.

CDO – Was very pleased that access for children in Wales has been increasing especially over the last 12 months and the numbers of children receiving fluoride application has also increased considerably. She was asked about applying fluoride to 18-25 yr olds as this incurred a band 1 charge – She said that this was being looked into.

She emphasized that when she discussed contracts with LHB's she makes them aware that UDA's do not equate with performance.

She is adamant that with contract reform that access must not fall.

She was also very pleased with some of the applications for the innovation fund, but was also critical of some – she didn't give any details.

The CDS will be completing FP17w's for every patient. It appears that there are some patients who could be being seen in the GDS but 'prefer' to stay with the CDS. She feels that this is just a loophole to avoid paying NHS charges and wants this to stop. She has reassured the CDS that for vulnerable patients e.g. with learning difficulties they won't be chasing fees.

The CDS said that there were still dentists referring in patients e.g. teenagers with high caries rates and low UDA values. – She said that she felt it was appropriate for this type of vulnerable patient to be seen in the CDS as they clearly needed a lot of rehabilitation and the CDS was probably best placed for this. Whether the CDS and LHB's agree is a different issue!

There is going to be a review of HTM01-05 by NWSSP. They are going to start off by reviewing the CDS and HDS. The CDO was quite clear that she wants an end to autoclaves in the surgery and feels that the current HTM0105 which allows for working towards best practice should now start becoming best practice.

There is an updated antimicrobial prescribing audit what can be accessed via HEIW.

CAPRO funds are now called Quality Improvement fund. They are available to all members of the GDS dental team who work in practices with an NHS contract and complete QI to a satisfactory level.

A NICE implementation coordinator for Wales has been appointed (Julie Vile) who will actively liaise across WG and NICE and arrange a formal twice yearly WG/NICE meeting. She would like to work with professional groups who use NICE guidance or have an interest in the work of NICE.

HIW – It was clarified that HIW would only require level 2 child protection. This was confirmed by Karl Bishop and Lisa Howells.

Next Meeting 18th June 2019.