

WGDPC Report Meeting 21st June 19

Lisa Howells, Deputy CDO was present and she gave a WG update.

WG are looking at access to care – it has gone up but so has the population. WG are trying to get accurate figures and they are hoping that the access figures will be more accurate when the CDS FP17 figures are added into the GDS figures. They are also aware that access does include private dentistry figures which should also be represented to include patient choice.

There will be a National Plan to phase down the use of Mercury that will be published on 1st July.

There will be an Innovation fund available again soon but this time there will be a menu to choose from – basically they will select the things that they are willing to support – so less innovation!

WAST (ambulance's) – are going to trial taking patients to CDS in CWM Taff Morgannwg. Currently if they can't get to seek care then they just get taken into hospital which everyone knows is ridiculous.

WG are very pleased with the progress of Gwen am Byth – the residential care home equivalent to D2S.

D2S will be 10 years old in September and they are planning to celebrate with a variety of events including a design a birthday card for Dewi competition.

Contract Reform. – More monitoring reports will be available – including monthly and quarterly updates on a range of measures to reform practices.

North Wales do not have any clawback – so it feels like an uneven playing field. It was reported that they don't even look at their UDA figures anymore and can leave COT open for 6 months without any concerns.

A task and finish group will be set up to discuss changes to ACORN – eg gingivitis being recorded as green.

They will be looking at numbers of prescriptions for high fl toothpaste on a practice basis – currently can only do it on a performer basis

External evaluation will be conducted by Paul Broklehurst at Bangor University. There will be interviews with practices, patients and health boards. A question was raised as to whether there was a conflict of interest with his appointment as he is also responsible for the new DCP curriculums.

BDA Indemnity going very well – a lot more interest than they had expected at this stage and they have had to employ more staff.

Contract uplift to £25 and national uplift 2.77%. The BDA are willing to write to Collette on our behalf if we want to try and put pressure on the LHB's – to discuss in meeting.

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