

Morgannwg Local Dental Committee

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 24th July, 2012.***

Members Present.

Dave Westcott in the chair, Roger Pratley, Lesley Hicks, Mike Spencer-Harty, Anwen Hopkins, Rhian Paul, James Davies, Rob Elliott, Ewart Johnstone, Tony Fodor.

In Attendance.

Karl Bishop, Rob Jones.

Apologies for Absence.

Mark Harris, David Davies, David Jones, Pam Norman, John Anderson, Gareth Davies, Chris Wills-Wood, Bill Walters, Barrie David, Rhian Jones, Richard Jones, Celia Topping, Janet Megins.

12/32 Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th May, 2012 were accepted.

12/33 Matters Arising.

12/26 1, Exception Reports, not all practices are receiving their three monthly reports, to be raised at LDC/LHB Liaison Group.

12/30 AOB, LHB may think of procuring Legionella testing but as most GDPs have now had test carried out they may sort something out before the three year cycle ends.

12/34 Correspondence.

This item to be removed from future agendas as all correspondence is now emailed to all members and discussed under relevant items.

12/35 Secretary's Report.

Report emailed to members previously.

It was decided to invite Andy Bevan IDPA to the next meeting to discuss the issues that are leading to GDPs needing support.

12/36 Chairman's Report.

Report emailed to all members previously.

No issues to discuss.

12/37 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

In the absence of The Treasurer no report was given.

12/38 Delegates' Reports.

LDC/LHB Liaison Group.

1. DPA to attend six monthly review meeting at practices with LHB.
2. There are difficult economic times ahead which will filter down to Primary Care. The financial situation in the trust is dire, there will be a 60% cut in funding over the next five years.
3. LHB's are now looking into how many GDPs are recalling patients on a six monthly basis. They are concerned access is being affected by recalling too often.
4. Information communication portal being set up by Karl Bishop's SPR and will be very useful for obtaining information on regulations, clinical governance etc.

12/39 UDA/UOA Commissioning Exercise.

1. The commissioning exercise had been carried out electronically. It was felt it didn't fully explain how to use the site and the information to access the website was incorrect.
2. The invitation to GDPs to tender was felt to be unfair as some received email and others were written to. It was felt this was unfair as there was no uniform approach.
3. Richard Williams could explain the process over the telephone as GDPs had difficulty accessing the website with the written instructions distributed. Richard was to send an explanatory email regarding the process which nobody received.
4. A number of GDPs complained of the lack of communication regarding the tender meeting held at POW Bridgend, this led to a second meeting being held.
5. It was felt corporate bodies were at an advantage as they often had a dedicated person to put forward their tender, which took a considerable amount of time although the presentations given by GDPs were felt to be better.
6. The Secretary asked for feedback regarding the process, positives and negatives to be forwarded to him via email to be taken to next LDC/LHB Liaison Group meeting. It was felt a newsletter should be sent to all GDPs regarding the tender exercise. It would include other issues i.e. pensions and superannuation.

12/40 WG Oral Health Action Plan Consultation – Preliminary Discussion.

1. It was felt this is a very important document with clear and precise objectives. It will be the framework for dental services for the next 5-10 years.
2. All responses to be emailed to the Secretary in an open email it is very important the LDC responds to this, closing date 12th October 2012.

12/41 Pilot Presentations at Morriston Hospital.

The Secretary has arranged a presentation of the pilot schemes to take place at the Postgraduate Centre at Morriston Hospital on Monday 22nd October 2012. Paul Ridgewell and Richard Jones have agreed to give an account of the progress of their pilots. All GDPs across AMBU will be invited along with Dyfed Powys LDC members since there are no pilots taking place in their area.

12/42 Any Other Business.

Dave Westcott had greatly enjoyed his time as Chairman of the LDC, but with effect from the next meeting in October he would be resigning as chairman for personal reasons. Nominations to the Chair will be taken at next meeting, together with elections if necessary.

12/43 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 9th October, 2012 at 7pm at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.