

Morgannwg Local Dental Committee

LHB/LDC Liaison Meeting 21 November 2012

Patient charge Revenue: WAG directs how money will be spent. £60,000 as a figure was mentioned and until 2013 it has to be spent on improving access.

After April 2013 WAG will decide what they want to spend it on. Therefore the LHB are considering spending it on the Prison community, Homeless and also to Parkway to help reduce the long waiting list there for Paediatric extractions. They are waiting for more details from Parkway before making a final decision.

The concern is that in spite of all the present initiatives such as D2S there are still too many referrals for GA.

A delay occurring with the excellent initiative of an information portal. Hugh Bennett on the case and will be reporting back on progress.

There has been a significant increase in complaints relating to the Out of Hours service. Problems with patients leaving messages on mobile and not being picked up by the dentist on call. Also access problems.

Activity level at mid year shows an overall achievement for the whole of ABMU as 41.3% for UDA's. Activity level for UOA's 55%.

Tooth whitening: Cardiff trading standards have been very aggressive in dealing with illegal whitening. The worry is that they have now moved westwards and reports of whitening salons in Porthcawl/Bridgend area. LHB are being proactive and are going to contact Trading Standards as well as the LDC by letter. The GDC cannot do anything until they receive a complaint from a 'damaged' patient.

Patient leaflet has been delayed as the Editorial Board removed all the illustrations as they felt they were not necessary!

D2S and Parkway working together to produce information etc. to provide children and parents who have attended on how to prevent recurring attendances for GA extractions. More CDS sessions to be provided in Maesteg.

Problem with emergency rota at present as no-one has offered to cover Christmas!

The LHB will publish the successful tenders and there will be a 'post mortem' regarding the whole process from the beginning so that lessons can be learned.

No UDA's now for the issuing of a prescription.

Referral Pathway to UHW: LHB want more data on the actual number of referrals made and further details on costing before proceeding.

Occupational Health: Andrew Powell Chandler in WAG is working on the costings for Hep B, Flu and looking into TB vaccines for the dental team. The issue is that under COSSH regulations the dentist as an employer has a duty to protect the workforce from harm and that extends to vaccination for protection.

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