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Report of WGDPC Meeting Friday 16th January 2015

Chief Dental Officer Update.

Computer grant -390 practices signed up, 9 have declined £500 grant and about 80 haven't opted in or out. £900 first time user computer grant is still available for practices that have never transmitted electronically in addition.

He has made funds available for several restorative consultants including one in Aneurin Bevan and additional funds for the CDS in Aneurin Bevan as well.

He is aiming for an e-referral system next year.

Pilots- he is preparing a paper to give to the minister by 31st March outlining the options for Wales:

1. go with English scheme (prototypes to run for 2 years followed by gradual roll out if successful)
2. get one or two pilot practices to join English prototypes with a Welsh version.
3. core service but this would require primary legislation in Houses of Parliament.

He explained that there is not much political will to change things at the moment because no queues outside dental practices and no access issues so basically could easily get to 2019 before new contract.

In Cwm Taff a pilot practice has been advised by the LHB that if they have to revert back to UDA's on 1st April then completion of 70% of their UDA's would be acceptable in the first year while they convert back to UDA system. (They are still hoping to become a prototype practice in which case they'd carry on the pilot until Sept when the prototype would start)

HIW regs now on their 5th lawyer but expecting consultation this year and aiming for regs by end of year.

Delivering Better Oral Health - hard copy should be arriving at all practices soon.

Primary care plan - 'clusters' is the new thing. There will be 64 clusters in Wales and they will consist of dentists, GP's, pharmacist, opticians. These clusters seem pointless at the moment but there is concern that they may end up yielding a lot of power and money so if you get the opportunity to be involved in one may be worth it.

I asked if we were going to be stuck with the UDA system for a long period of time if he could give guidance as to when an urgent course of treatment is indicated and a band 2

treatment. He said no but it could be possible to remove 1.2 urgent treatment band. If any of you have had issues surrounding this then an email to him explaining the grey areas and the issues they have caused may help convince him.

Non-geographic phone numbers are going to be banned.

DESI's-the Royal Colleges have pulled out because they are disillusioned because of lack of guidance and funding from DoH.

DDRB - fairly happy with efficiency savings this year the main one is 100% checking of pt eligibility to decrease fraud.

Undergraduate dental places - 80 funded and waiting on England to see if can get rid of overseas cap.

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