

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 18th November, 2014.***

Members Present.

Anwen Hopkins in the chair, Roger Pratley, Lesley Hicks, Steve Gould, Gayathri Kini, David Jones, Tony Fodor, James Bater, Huw Hopkins, Pam Norman, Mark Harris, Allison Walker, Rob Elliott.

In Attendance.

Mary Wilson, Chris Wills-Wood, David Davies, Paul Fraser, Phil Majoe, Dharminy Martin.

Apologies for Absence.

Rhiain Paul, Janet Megins, James Davies, Richard Herbert, Tesni Metcalf, Mike Spencer-Harty, Helen John, Rhian Jones, Karl Bishop, Barrie David.

14/62 Presentation by David Davies, Clinical Service Manager CDS, Senior Dental Officer, Specialist in Special Care Dentistry ABMU LHB.

David explained the CDS were receiving a high number of paediatric referrals from social workers and health visitors. This amounted to approximately 100 per month, these children included a lot of fit and healthy children who were suitable for treatment within GDS. Routine care of these patients is a drain on CDS resources which could be used for patients requiring special care dentistry.

He suggested CDS would continue to accept these referrals and triage accordingly, if these children were not special care patients they could then be referred onto GDS practices that would be happy to treat these children.

It was decided the HB should contact all GDPs in ABMU and ask which practices would be happy to take these children on. A distinction would need to be made between these children and any other patients looking for a dentist as practices would then become swamped with new patients looking to join a practice. Any referrals from CDS to GDS for dentally stable children would have to be made with the permission of both the child and the parent. CDS to contact LHB to get a list of GDPs willing to take part.

There was no clinical pathway for referral of special care patients within ABMU or Hywel Dda Health Boards, with some referrals taking up to eighteen months. An MCN had now been established to promote and develop a pathway. A draft document had been published and circulated for comment but it was felt this needed to be re drafted after taking The Parkway clinic into consideration.

Funding had been promised for a bariatric chair and wheelchair platform at CDS unit in Baglan, an additional bid had been made for the same at another CDS site within the HB area.

The Chair, on behalf of the committee, thanked David for his presentation.

14/63 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th September 2014.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and correct record with the sections on In Attendance and Apologies to be corrected.

14/64 Matters Arising.

14/28 Changes on orthodontic referral forms were not a type error but a change in criteria. All new patients are now to be referred to an Orthodontic consultant for treatment planning before treatment is started by a DWSI. This was brought up and the last Liaison Group meeting and we will continue to pursue this matter since it was not a criterion when the system was set up.

14/35 Oral surgery referrals- the online referral facility would not be modelled on the Manchester model.

14/45 DFT training:
DFs now have to be registered with HIW

14/50 Oaktree Park Clinic - no further contact from GDC

14/65 Secretary's Report.

1. There were a high number of investigations taking place across the patch. It was felt a lot of these were due to the lack of guidelines. Investigations are now going back a number of years.
2. In relation to this many issues need clarification e.g. splitting of treatments, hygienist recalls etc, the Secretary to follow this up.
3. The Secretary and the Treasurer to attend to attend LDC Officials Day on 5th December. There will be a vote of no confidence in the GDC. A statement was available in LDC connections.
4. The judicial review regarding ARF consultation process is pending - BDA advice is to pay increased ARF on time.
5. Dentist concerns regarding guidance, ring fencing of dental monies etc. It was felt a good idea was to raise these in the comments field on QAS documents so that they can then be carried forward.

14/66 Chair's Report.

This had been emailed to all members previously

14/67 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

The balances now stood at:-

Current Account:	£2857.96
Deposit Account:	£19375.76

LDC and ARF (Minute 14/57)

This was now being dealt with by BDA, therefore no contribution necessary.

14/68 Delegates' Reports.

WGDPC

Report emailed to all members previously

1. Triennial elections are due to be held soon, Secretary to find out if election process has changed.
2. A vote of no confidence in the GDC was passed unanimously.
3. HIW private regulations- not likely to be ready for another 12 months as draft regulations will take at least 6 months and then consultation has to be carried out.
4. It is advisable to print out a copy of practice QAS document before any HIW visit as they have no access to QAS.
5. Child protection and nurses registration/indemnity is of a high priority on this year's QAS document

DSSPG

The Secretary gave a verbal report

1. It was felt there had been a positive improvement in LDC/LHB Liaison Group meetings following the Chair's meeting with Darren Griffiths and Karl Bishop in April 2014.
2. Occupational health - now on the verge of having an SLA in place.
3. Referral pathways were felt to be in chaos, with a large number being bounced back. The forms currently being used need an urgent review to ensure they are fit for purpose.
4. A workshop had been held today with representation from each discipline. This was felt to have been a worthwhile meeting. A report will be produced and circulated.

14/69 Occupational Health

Draft proposal had been emailed to all members previously, more in depth document to be forwarded when completed.

14/70 Child General Anaesthesia

Report emailed to all members previously

Parkway Clinic committed to a new contractual arrangement with HB in 2013/14. A new referral form was developed to assist both HB and Parkway to understand the demand for service. The report provides a high level overview of the demand on the service from July 2013 to June 2014. Some of the information in report is incorrect as no under 3's have a GA at Parkway. Approx 150-180 of these children were special care patients, 440 of these cases were sedations but were included in the 1770 GA total. Approx 1200 of these children were in pain. 5% of GDPs were not entering the child's school on referral form - this info is needed for D2S data.

14/71 In hours Access and OOH

The in hours Dental Access Service - midterm review had been emailed to all members previously.

It was felt this service is now settling down and working well, any problems experienced by practices should be forwarded to the Secretary so he can take forward to LDC/LHB Liaison Group.

OOH- nothing further to report at present.

14/72 Any Other Business.

The secretary had received an email from Janet Megins indicating her resignation from the LDC. Her great contribution over the years was noted and she was thanked for her services.

14/73 Proposed LDC Meeting Dates 2015

This had been emailed to all members previously, Good Friday had been incorrectly entered as 3rd March this to be amended to 3rd April 2015.

BGM to be held 27th April 2015 subject to availability of Postgraduate Department at Morriston Hospital. We will be unable to confirm this until January 2015.

14/74 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 27th January, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.