

**Report on LDC/LHB Liaison Group
Tuesday, 10th October 2017**

Meeting attended by Rhian Paul and Roger Pratley.

Further Investment in GDS - HB Plan

A sum of £420000 was available and had been approved in 2017/18 to increase and improve equity of access to the GDS to include opening up of restricted contracts, commissioning in high need areas and contract reform. There is a total of £800000 through the rest of 2017/18 and other amounts and ongoing sums are as in Appendix 1.

The funds will be signed off by WG provided services are delivered.

We raised the issue of practice over achieving - criteria are being set up to allow this on a planned basis.

Equity of Access to GDS

- **Child Only Contracts**

One contract in NPT has converted to unrestricted service. Others will be managed with no flexibility.

- **New Activity**

Confirmed that this is being organised and expressions of interest will be invited.

- **Contract Reform**

Four practices have been selected. The practices will work to complete the toolkit over the next six months. It was noted that there is a Public Health community event on 17th November. The outcomes of the event will be fed back to this group. It is hoped that further practices could become involved in the New Year.

Dental Pathways

- **Paediatric Pathway and new SLA**

New SLA had been agreed with Parkway and would go on BRAVO site for 10 days to advertise to interested parties.

- **Orthodontic MCN**

This group will be reinstated from 27th October with both Hywel Dda and ABMU in attendance. It was confirmed that they are hoping to appoint a Specialist Advisor. It was further confirmed that the new Specialist DPA post had been approved and the advertisement was about to go live.

Special Care Dentistry

There are pressures on the Special Care Dentistry GA list in PoW Hospital. Extra sessions have been put in place but have resulted in more pressure on treatments. It was confirmed that an increase in GA would help resolve this.

Occupational Health Update

It was confirmed that an additional 19 people had been seen since the last LDC Liaison Group meeting and the DNA's have reduced since the last report

Hepatitis B

The group was advised that only dental surgeons were currently being immunised together with those with high risk inoculation injuries due to the current severe National shortage of the Hepatitis B vaccine. There will be a catch up programme for other staff that would normally be immunised when routine supplies of the vaccine are restored. It is not known when this will be.

We outlined our concern that the young staff joining practices must be inoculated and stressed the importance of a risk assessment being undertaken where staff are not inoculated.

The group was advised that flu vaccines are available to Dentists on Tuesday 10am – 12.00pm and Thursdays 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Morriston and Princess of Wales Hospitals. An information letter to be sent to Dental Practices.

Urgent Care Models - In Hours Urgent Access and OoH Service Feedback

It was stated that the extra session held over the August Bank Holiday was not full to capacity and only six patients were seen where was capacity to see and treat twelve patients. Consideration would be given as to whether to organise an extra session for the Christmas Bank Holiday. Service complaints are low. Consideration will also be given whether to arrange an additional In Hours session rather than Out of Hours session.

It was confirmed there are no complaints to report for In Hours and that Thursdays seems to be the busiest day, therefore it is hoped to increase sessions on Thursdays and Mondays to 'mop up' overspill from the weekend.

The reduction in the numbers seen in Out of Hours sessions was associated with an increase in the numbers seen in In Hours sessions, as illustrated in Appendix 2

Mid Year Contract Progress

Appendix 3 illustrates a summary of contract achievements at mid year.

HIW Feedback

It was reported that four HIW visits have recently taken place with no feedback from one Practice and one Practice with an immediate concern. It was confirmed that immediate concerns are fed to the Oral Health Quality, Safety and Patient Experience Group.

Incident Reporting

The group was informed that all incidents will need to be added to Datix in future. It was said that it is important to look at lessons learned from an incident. We suggested that a definition of 'incident' would be helpful for practices. It was suggested explaining to Practitioners that we are changing the way we work. It was agreed to feed this into the Dental Operational Welsh Government group to gauge what other Health Boards are doing. It was agreed to ask how

Practitioners feel about this and also enquire about what they think they should be reporting on. It was agreed to add this as a topic on the training day early 2018 and taken to the next LDC meeting.

Oral Quality and Safety Group Update

It was confirmed that Terms of Reference have been agreed for this group along with representation.

It was further confirmed that this meeting (LDC-LHB Liaison Group) will eventually become smaller and tighter with the Senior Management Team and LDC in attendance only (possibly 2 x Senior Officers from the Health Board and 2 x Senior Officers from the LDC will be required along with people who will be invited to the meeting for specific items). Quality and safety will then be removed from the meeting in order to make it tighter.

Epidemiology - Upcoming Survey of 18 - 25 year olds

The meeting was advised that an epidemiology survey is being launched in Wales with a remit of questioning and examining 18 – 25 year olds. The CDO had suggested that this age group should initially be approached through pre- and post-natal clinics and through emergency dental services. We expressed concern about the methodology at out of hours and in hours urgent care where a lengthy questionnaire and a clinical examination would be carried out. This had the potential to considerably reduce the access to these sessions and have community dentists sitting around and hoping that patients in the correct age group would turn up and agree to complete the questionnaire and undergo the examination. It was agreed that further information would be required and the issue would be taken to the LDC for consideration.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th December 2017.

Roger Pratley

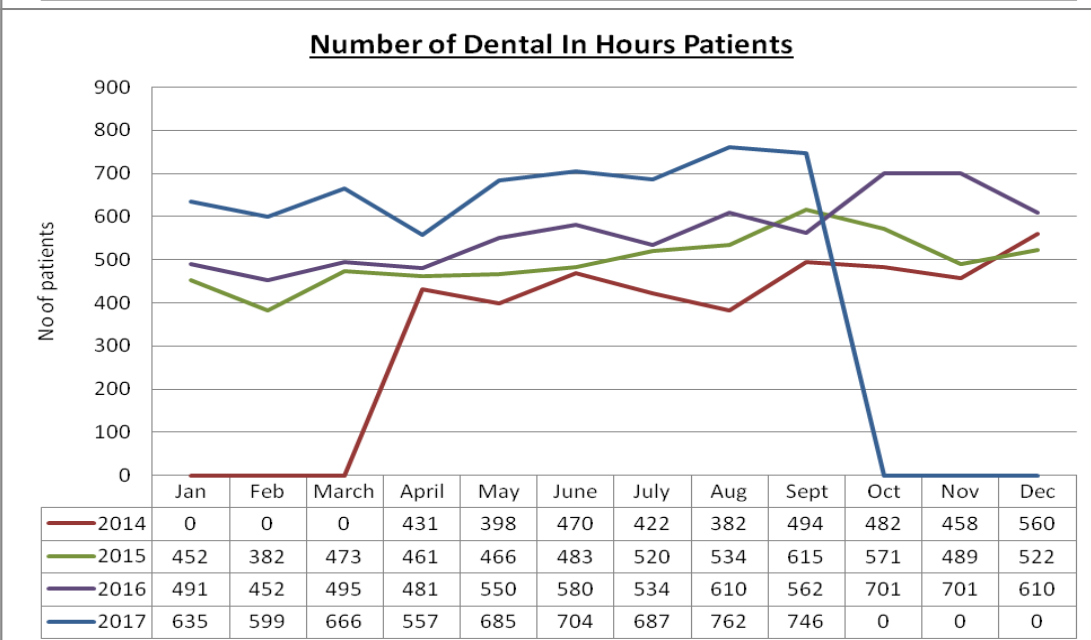
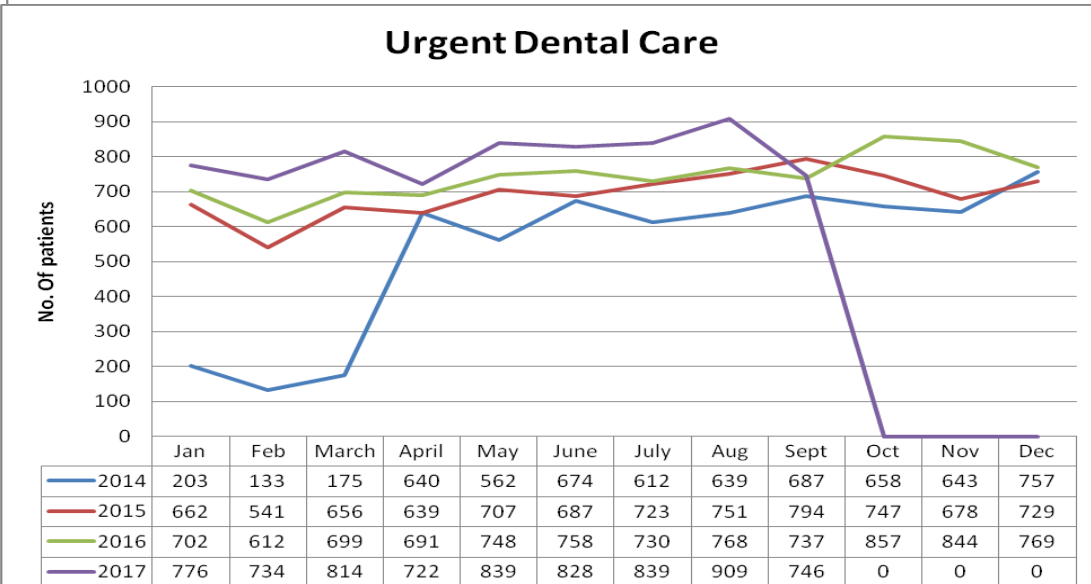
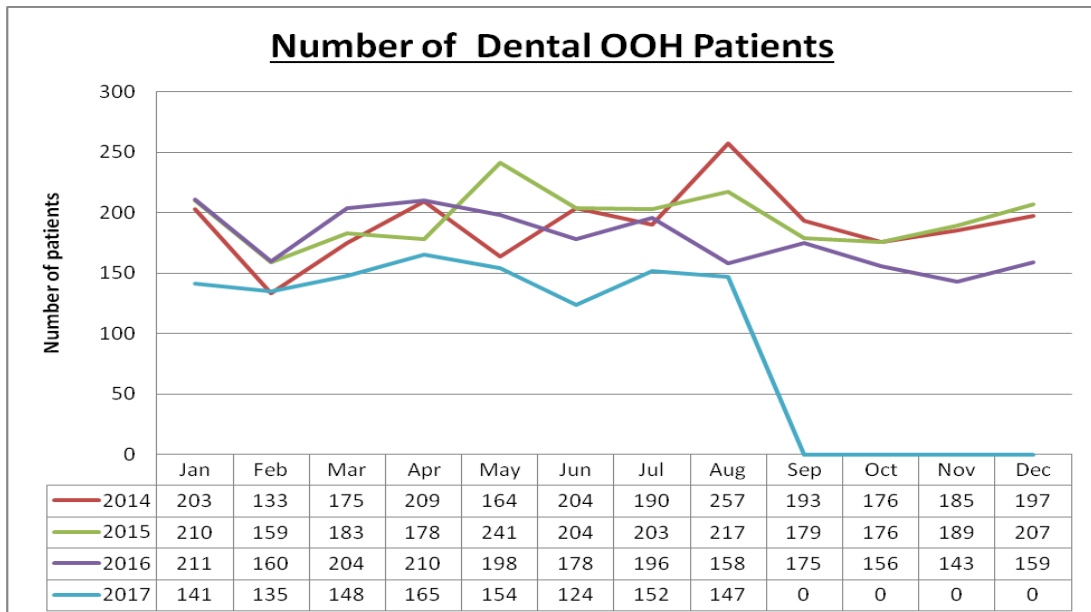
Appendix 1

PLANNED INVESTMENT OF GDS £ (assumes contractual uplift in yr 2)			
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
SUMMARY ORAL HEALTH SERVICE & FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK			
1 Improving Oral Health Across the Life Span/Vulnerable Groups	100,000	360,000	360,000
Children			
Elderly/house bound/Care homes incl GMS DES support			
People with chronic conditions			
Increase and improve equity	420,000	800,000	1,000,000
2 Opening up restricted contracts of access to GDS			
Commissioning in High Need areas			
Contract reform			
Reduce variation in dental pathways, improving effectiveness	100,000	80,000	80,000
3 Integrated dental pathways programme phases 2-4, eg			
Pilot/roll out new Referral Management Centre; Paediatric pathways*			
Introduce RMC for orthodontics			
Support USC referral pathway, developing Oral Surgery in community settings			
	80,000	50,000	50,000
4 Increase & improve equity of access to SCD			
Support reduction in RTT*			
5 Reduce RTT in restorative dentistry (investment included within 4) including development of services in a community setting*	50,000	20,000	20,000
6 Improve governance and leadership infrastructure			
enhance clinical management (offset by assumed £ recovery from yr 2)			
Support compliance with key legislation	50,000	0	90,000
7 eg decontamination, Equality Act, new Amalgam regulations			
TOTAL	800,000	1,310,000	1,600,000

* alternative/supplementary sources of funding assumed from year 2

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Appendix 2



Appendix 3

ABMU – Dental Mid Year Position 2017-18

