

**Minutes of LDC Meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy  
on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

**Members Present.**

Keith Silvester in the chair, Roger Pratley, Anwen Hopkins, Allison Walker, Simon Bond, James Davies, Rachel Coles, Chris Woods, Richard Woods, Mark Harris, Paul Fraser, Rhian Paul, Ruwa Kadenhe.

**In Attendance.**

Ken Chow, Rob Elliott, Mary Wilson, Phil & Sian Majoe, Rhys Griffiths, Chris Wills-Wood, Pam Norman, Liz Samways, Rhian Jones, Jeff Hinton, Claire Colquitt, Samantha Edwards, Simone Davies, Richard Courtney, Ali Abdelbagi, Vasilios Diamantopoulos. Alberto Fox.

**Apologies for Absence.**

James Bater, Lesley Hotson-Hicks, Tesni Metcalfe, Helen John, Huw Hopkins, Richard Herbert, Tom Bysouth.

**18/01 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2017.**

Minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true and correct record after amending Paul Fraser to a member present and not in attendance.

**18/02 Matters Arising.**

17/63 3, The Chair had spoken with Deputy CDO at the last WDC meeting. It had been made clear a decision needed to be made as to who the representatives would be. No update as yet.

17/68 CDS were carrying this forward, OOH rota dentists to ask patients if they consent to taking part in survey and CDS to contact.

**18/03 Lift the Lip Pilot - Presentation by Mary Wilson,**

A short presentation was given on AMBU Lift the Lip pilot in order to inform members. This aims to encourage parents to lift the lip and look at their young child's teeth and to encourage early 'registration' of children at dental practices.

**18/04 Secretary's Report.**

No specific report, activity will be discussed under agenda items.

1. The importance of carrying out a maternity plan was discussed. It was felt that, although not set in stone, this is helpful for ease of communication between both parties.
2. Mike Spencer-Harty had resigned as a Bridgend member because he was no longer practising. Members expressed their appreciation for his long service on the LDC. There

were now two places vacant in Bridgend, Ken Chow and Rhys Griffiths volunteered and were appointed until April 2019.

### **18/05 Chair's Report.**

To be discussed under other relevant agenda items.

### **18/06 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.**

The balances now stood at:-

Current account	£1293.30
Deposit account	£30,785.00

LDC insurance had been paid in December 2017.

There was £3500 - £4000 being spent on an Education day to be discussed under Item 12.

### **18/07 Delegates' Reports.**

#### **DTU Baglan**

1. 10 DFs last of the longitudinal scheme currently in post; they are currently looking for employment.
2. Waiting list – CDS and restorative.
3. DFs are currently struggling to find patients requiring complex and children's courses of treatment.
4. In September 2018 there will be 5 DFs mixed with 7 others in general practice.

#### **LDC Officials Day December 2017.**

1. This was felt to have been a disappointing day as there was little of any relevance to Wales. To think carefully about attending next year, there were no representatives from north Wales and poorly attended by other Welsh members
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3. England is keen to have more prototype practices.
4. Concern was raised that 26% of practices were looking at a clawback 17/18.
5. GDPR May 2018 – BDA were to provide regular updates as this is rolled out.
6. BDA – courses of treatment involving high need patients; it was felt these should attract a higher UDA rate.

### **18/08 Correspondence relating to LDC objection to requirements for submission of practice accounts for HIW registration purposes.**

Emailed to all members previously

This was felt to be a reasonable reply from HIW, although it still left some questions unanswered.

1. What test would HIW use to show a practice was non-viable and if a practice was thought to be non-viable would registration then be denied. In the case of a new practice with no accounts available how will this be dealt with?
2. Applying wholly private regulations onto mixed practices it was felt would muddy the waters.
3. CQC England do not ask for accounts when registering Dental Practices in England
4. It was felt a letter proving financial viability from the practice accountant should be sufficient. As it was unclear how HIW were going to be able to effectively interpret practice accounts without the input of a full team of accountants.
5. The registration although with ten years of experience were only used to dealing with nursing home finances. It was felt a dental specific team was needed.
6. It was decided to invite Andrew Pryse Head of Independent Healthcare and Statutory Functions at HIW to the next LDC meeting. The Secretary to write again.

### ***18/09 Update on Further Investment in GDS***

1. The LHB had additional funding to spend on dental services and had awarded a new dental contract to provide services in NPT locality.
2. Additional UDAs had been applied for and distributed mainly in Swansea City centre. More was to be made available although unsure of exactly when.
3. The UDA uplift to £24 across the HB was to go ahead although it was now being questioned if the amount was high enough. The last across the board uplift was to £22.50 five years ago. To be discussed at the next LDC/LHB Liaison group meeting.
4. The CDO agreed that the UDA rate across Wales needed looking at.

### ***18/10 Update on Single Point of Access***

1. GA referrals had now dropped by 60% i.e. previously receiving 10 currently down to 3. At this rate it was felt Parkway clinic would have to close its doors in April 2018.
2. SLA was now to be signed by Parkway, this was subject to a confidentiality clause. Only Board members at Parkway were able to discuss, LHB had confirmed they were unable to discuss with LDC.
3. LDC to get information from SPA regarding how many patients are seen in each session, number of referral letter received and backlog of patients waiting to be seen.
4. Sedation services were now being taken into the CDS.
5. To discuss in the next LDC/LHB Liaison Group meeting.

### ***18/11 Proposed LDC Sponsored Education Day***

The LDC and the BDA were looking to organise an Education Day on NHS Claiming Regulations to be held on Friday, 20th April 2018 at the Education Centre, Morriston Hospital. This was to be funded by the LDC, the LHB to be asked if UDAs would be made available for attending dentists.

### **18/12 Any Other Business**

1. Occupational Health Department were proving to be very difficult for practices to contact. A practice had reported sending in registration forms eight months ago and as yet only a small proportion of practice staff had been seen. Despite numerous emails there had still not been any replies. To take to LDC/LHB Liaison group meeting.
2. A GDP had been asked by a member of the public twice in three weeks for their defibrillator. This was on the instruction of The Welsh Ambulance Service, this was felt to be a grey area as it then left the practice with no defibrillator and the cost of pads had to be covered by the practice if used.
3. The Chair announced his decision to retire at the end of this financial year since he was considering moving away from the area prior to retiring from dentistry in about eighteen months.

### **18/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 19.00, The Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy