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Notes on LHB/LDC Liaison meeting held on 13 April 2018

Attended by Rhian Paul and Roger Pratley

Lindsay Davies chaired the meeting and set out the Action Plan for Dental Services for 2018/19. This is a comprehensive list including priority for improved access to Domiciliary care, Bariatric requirements, Asylum seekers.

Access to vulnerable groups, Contract reform programme, Develop and support the new GDS services in NPT, Develop new Intermediate Restorative Dentistry models of care to reduce waiting times, Orthodontic waiting list options for improvement of waiting lists and Paediatric GA service pathways.

New SLA agreements are being developed with those 4 practices who will take part in the new prototypes to develop 'different ways of working' in the GDS where 30% of the Contract will be delivered according to criteria set out by the CDO.

HMP Swansea contract has been awarded to a corporate body dedicated to dental services in prisons.

An Occupational Health update was not provided even though the LDC had raised concerns over the doubling of needlestick injuries in successive months.

The LDC requested details regarding this data and recommended that this issue should be dealt with in the Quality and Safety Committee where the seriousness of an unexplained issue such as this is dealt with urgently. The present policy also requires urgent review as it is overdue and is of paramount importance to the safety of both GDP's and patients.

LDC raised concerns discussed at last LDC meeting about the Single Point of Access. It was stated that the LHB is following the directions of the CDO in finding ways to reduce GAs in children and they were obliged to do this. They repeated that they are concerned about the long term viability of Parkway carrying out GAs and there was to be a meeting with Parkway organised directly after the Liaison Group meeting,

It was reported that the QAS is now complete.

The data regarding out of hours provision over the Bank Holidays had shown that several slots had not been filled and the LHB will review the data to ensure that the appointment times offered were appropriate and review whether the extra sessions/slots are necessary without compromising access to care.

The LHB are now planning their end of year reviews with GDP's and will be informing individual contract holders of the agenda for their meetings at practices.