

# The Welsh General Dental Service Reform Programme

## Update January 2018

### Setting the scene

Taking oral health improvement and dental services forward in Wales -

<http://gov.wales/topics/health/professionals/dental/publication/information/dental-health/?lang=en> a paper published by Welsh Government outlines the key priorities in dentistry in Wales with Dental Contract Reform identified as a priority. The document also outlines reasons for a General Dental Service (GDS) Reform Programme.

### May 2018 – Project update

#### *Accomplishments for this period*

- The Welsh Dental Symposium was held in Cardiff and we had over 180 delegates attend. It was a great success and Welsh Government have agreed to support another symposium next year after all the positive feedback. So if you have any suggestions for speakers or topics to look at for next years event please let Raylene know via email: [Raylene.roper@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Raylene.roper@wales.nhs.uk) . The post conference report is attached to this email.
- The North Wales Dental Symposium in Wrexham is now planned for 21<sup>st</sup> June after snow forced the cancellation of the planned March event. Tickets available here : <https://wrexhamdentalsymposiumjune2018.eventbrite.co.uk> We would love to see as many GPs and DCPs at this event as possible, the day will differ slightly from the Cardiff event with some great speakers and hopefully some exciting news!
- ACORN: Assessment of Clinical Oral Risks and Needs has been tested in practices Jan – March Individual reports are currently being created for each practices giving a snapshot of their need – these will be sent out to practices and the Health Boards in June '18.
- The collection of additional data from the ACORN via electronic FP17W is on track and will be available for reform practices to use from June 1<sup>st</sup>. Already some practices have the update available on their IT systems. NHSDS report that updates should be rolled out by 25 May. If you have not had your update by then please check with your IT provider. The Electronic FP17W should make the data collection on the spreadsheet unnecessary - to the delight of all I'm sure!
- Discussions are still ongoing with Wales Deanery on the introduction of a train the trainer course to assist clinicians lead change and up-skill their whole dental team to 'make prevention work in practice'. We will let you know more about this when we have further information.
- Kirstie Moons and Anwen Cope facilitated a Task and Finish group comprised of Dental Care Professionals (DCPs) including membership from the current GDS Reform practices. This was to develop supporting patient facing products that would be useful for practices to communicate the findings following ACORN and to outline what patients are expected to do for themselves to maintain and improve oral health. This was incredibly well attended and we were delighted that so many could attend, including 2 nurses form North Wales It was great to see the support from all the dental practices to free up their nurses for the day. The day was incredibly useful and a draft PLAN (Patient Led Assessment of Need) has been developed and should be out being tested imminently!
- It is good to hear that some health boards are planning to recruit more practices to join the programme from 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2018.

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- Primary Care One portal is open for all Dental professionals to join <http://www.primarycareone.wales.nhs.uk/home>  
We will share updates and ask for comments on draft documents via this site.
- This Google map shows the name and location of all selected Phase 1 sites.  
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=10e0C-Lozmu-JZA8D7904xSXMSE8&usp=sharing>

### *Activities planned for the next period*

- Programme Steering Group meeting to be held in September
- Ongoing work with the NHS Business Service Authority to include ACORN reporting data collection via FP17Ws.
- Ongoing engagement with the health boards so that more practices have opportunity to join the programme in October
- North Wales Dental Symposium to be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>
- PLAN to be tested in practices and feedback collated.
- Practices and HB to receive reports for Jan – March
- Electronic FP17W to be in use.

### *Opportunities for ongoing input to the programme*

We welcome and value input from all stakeholders in oral health and dentistry in developing and shaping this important programme. If you have any queries, comments or would like to provide input into ongoing work please contact the Project Manager [Raylene.Roper@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Raylene.Roper@wales.nhs.uk)

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