

Joint WGDPC and WC Meeting 15th June 2018

Katrina Clarke has been elected chair of WC and Roger Pratley vice chair

Tom Bysouth has been elected chair of WGDPC and Lauren Harvey vice chair.

Never events were discussed and we all agreed that we should try to de-escalate never events in dentistry and make them incidents. We all agreed that taking out a wrong tooth was not in the same league as taking out a wrong kidney!

CDO is going to look into feasibility of help with indemnity costs for primary care dentists next year. Tom Bysouth suggested that maybe having indemnity payments linked to pension contributions would be a fair way – although may not be good for colleagues approaching retirement – needs a bit more thought.

Report from community dentistry informed that they use single use everything – including forceps and luxators! They use robinson health care who supply all new instruments and then collect and recycle/destroy all used ones. The only things they re-use are handpieces!

Bridgend Area are set to leave ABMU and join Cwm Taff on 1st April 2019. Dentists in this area will be welcomed to the Bro taff/ Cwm taff LDC.

CDO has requested to LHB's that they should be working to have the minimum UDA value at £25 by 2020. Apparently still practices on £16 per UDA out there. There is also talk of ring fencing dental budgets again and this year and future years any money not spent on dentistry will be taken away from LHB's so that it can't be used to help their other finances.

Gwent area – all practices are going to be given a free Hall crown kit paid for by LHB.

Contract reform. – every area generally unsure where the contract reform is going – it appears that ABMU are ahead of the rest of Wales but everyone unclear how the paper exercise and 10 % reduction in UDA's was going to lead to anything else.

We also had quite a long discussion and 'workshop' on the BDA strategic strategy – how to entice new members, what we felt the BDA did well or not so well. The main topics were CPD, engagement with corporate dentists, website etc.

The issue of cross border referrals (within Wales!) was discussed and Tom is going to write to the CDO to get clarification on this. The dental hospital refused a referral based on the location of a patients GP address.

Anwen Hopkins