

**Minutes of the LDC Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July, 2019 at
the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.**

Members Present.

Allison Walker in the chair, Chris Woods, Tesni Metcalf, Lesley Hotson-Hicks, Siddarth Gupta, Paul Fraser, Simon Bond, Ewart Johnstone, Helen John, James Davies, Richard Woods, Rachel Coles.

In Attendance.

Roger Pratley, Mark Harris, Anwen Hopkins, Rob Elliott, Mustafa Mukhaiber, Samantha Edwards, Liz Samways, Rhian Jones, Richard Herbert.

Apologies for Absence.

Steve Gould, James Bater, Pam Norman, Chris Wills-Wood.

19/42 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 14th May, 2019.

Minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true and correct record.

19/43 Matters Arising.

19/24 E Referrals –

1. there were issues reported with restorative referrals being rejected and bounced back, have requested to see triage protocols. Nothing received as yet.
2. HDS are not using e referral; paper system still in use, The CDO is insisting they now move across.
3. Lesions referred to Oral medicine have to be photographed; any referral not containing a photograph would be rejected. The LDC has requested funding to facilitate this as photographs taken on mobile phones breach GDPR guidelines due to the Cloud storage, but quality of images is also questionable. DF practices already have cameras; it was felt these practices should not be disadvantaged as Medics had received funding for them. To be raised at next Liaison Group Meeting.

19/44 Secretary's Report.

To be discussed under relevant agenda items.

19/45 Chair's Report.

WDC 18th June – Collette Bridgeman in attendance

1. Patients charge for fluoride application being looked at for 18 – 25 and 65+ age ranges.
2. D2S will reach its 10th year in September.

3. There were now 94 practices taking part in contract reform in Wales.
4. The all Wales Citizens Voice Body will replace The Community Health Council in 2 years.
5. Less than half the Cardiff Graduates would be staying in Wales this year.

Orthodontic MCN

1. DWSI's were being encouraged to have more contact with Orthodontic consultants.
2. BPE examinations were being looked at in orthodontics.
3. It was felt the addition of waiting list times to e referral system would be helpful.

Oral Surgery South West Wales 24th June

This had been the first meeting, hoping to set up service similar to Swansea Bay HB; there was no representative from Hywel Dda HB.

An email had been circulated to all GDPs from Sarah Dunstan regarding common themes from HIW visits this year. GDPs to respond and confirm compliance by 1st August 2019.

19/46 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

The balances now stood at:-
 Current account £508.47
 Deposit account £27638.64

Following Bridgend practices moving across Health Boards the same amount of levy has continued to be collected from the Swansea and NPT contracts. This has meant a monthly increase to the practices.

19/47 Delegates' Reports.

WGDPC 21st June 2019 emailed to all members previously.

Orthodontics a report was emailed to The Secretary

1. There were no problems with surgical cases going through Parkway.
2. With the introduction of e referral, the orthodontic providers now only see the urgent referrals online to triage and have no idea of referral numbers.
3. Waiting times for new patients are increasing, this is largely due to patients in the system placed under review that are now ready for treatment.

19/48 Discussion on UDA uplift of £25 and DDRB uplift.

This paper had been emailed to all members previously

There had been considerable confusion around the UDA uplift and the subsequent DDRB uplift of 2.77%. It was widely felt the non-addition of the 2.77% uplift was wholly unfair and that practices shouldn't have to wait until 2020 to have this added to their contract value. Practices had worked very hard to fulfil the criteria stipulated by the HB and they believe they are being treated unfairly. It was suggested the 2.77% could be applied as a reduction in UDAs therefore reducing the target as opposed to increasing the rate.

Contract reform practices in Cwm Taf would receive £25 per uda going forward with none of the original criteria attached to this.

LDC to write to HB to state this whole process was difficult to understand, was felt to be unfair and needs to be reconsidered. As next week's Liaison Group meeting had been cancelled, this would give HB plenty of time to prepare answers for the next meeting.

19/48 Oral Medicine SLA –Expressions of Interest

An Oral surgery SLA was to go out to tender it was hoped to be up and running by September 2019 although no fees had yet been agreed. HDS were hopeful to get 2000 non-urgent oral medicine referrals seen in primary care. This was to include biopsies suitable for primary care, anything seen as serious would be seen at Max Fax.

The aim was for an acknowledgment of a referral to be received within 5 days, offer an appointment within 10 days and the patient to be seen within 30 days. The issue of blood tests was raised as this is necessary for some conditions; clarification was needed whether or not these would have to be requested by a GP. GPs would not have access to software to receive blood test results

Furthermore, it had been stated that photographs of lesions would be required with oral medicine referrals. It was stated that GP practices had been financed for this requirement for dermatology referrals.

LDC to write to HB regarding the need for and finance for oral cameras and clarification on process for blood tests.

19/49 DFT allocation to West Wales Scheme

Richard Herbert attended the meeting to explain how the scheme is not going to be filled this year, what the Deanery is doing to attempt to raise the numbers, and what attempts are being made to minimise the effects on training practices.

1. In 25 years the scheme has never failed to be filled, of the 17 DF in round 2 none of them were prepared to go to West Wales.
2. an emergency email was sent last week to all ES on West Wales scheme offering to move 2 practices from Swansea Bay HB to an alternative scheme. Four practices responded in time and 2 were moved, one to Central and one to Glamorgan, one place had been taken from both PTRC and Porth.
3. There were now 11 places for 5 DFTs.
4. there were 10 schemes in the UK in the same position and a National recruitment process was looking unlikely.
5. Deans of Dental schools had been approached and so far there were 5 expressions of interest with 4 coming from Dublin. A mini MES was being looked at to facilitate this.
6. WG being asked how they propose to keep training practices on board for next year as the numbers will be up. Suggested leaving the service cost within the practice therefore the practice would then need to perform 1820 UDAs and with recruitment in general at an all-time low in Wales this could prove difficult.
7. the possibility of joining the Therapy training scheme for this year was suggested as an option.
8. A National strategy – work force planning needs to be in place.

9. Cardiff Dental School is actively trying to recruit more Welsh domiciled undergraduates and are working closely with WG and HEIW to develop ways to retain new graduates

19/50 Update on Current Ongoing Issues

Discussed under relevant agenda items.

19/51 Update on Morgannwg LDC BGM and LDC Elections 16th September 2019

The CDO was now unable to attend due to health issues; it was suggested to invite Anup Karki Team Lead & Consultant in Dental Public Health and Paul Whiteside for an update on Compass.

Refreshments will be supplied and Henry Schein to be approached to sponsor the event.

19/52 Any Other Business

There was no other business

19/53 Date and Time of Next Meetings.

BGM Monday 16th September at 19.00 at the Postgraduate Centre, Morriston Hospital, Swansea.

LDC Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 19.00 at The Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy