

LDC/LHB Liaison Group, 24th January, 2020

Attendees; LHB – Karl Bishop (KB), Sam Page (SP), Nick Harris (NH), Chris Wills-Wood (CWW).
LDC – Allison Walker (AW), Roger Pratley (RP).

1. E Referral Dashboard Demonstration

NH presented a live demonstration of the E Referral Dashboard. The dashboard is able to demonstrate the numbers of referrals to the various specialities and can give these by month of referral, by Health Board, by practices, by all-Wales numbers.

It was felt this to be a useful management tool for both health board and practices.

2. Update on GDP Fellowship

KB presented update and referred to the update group which was held last week. Further to that meeting LDC felt that the current candidate was progressing well which was confirmed by consultant overseeing his endodontic progression. The aims of the process were being met but an anomaly was the inability of the candidate to log onto his records directly.

LDC raised the issue of whether it was planned to introduce another candidate to commence in September 2020. It was felt that planning should start sooner rather than later. KB pointed out that any funding would come from GDS money, and LDC should consider this and decide whether it will support such an extension of the programme, although it would probably be in a different speciality e.g. prosthetics.

LDC to take to the next LDC meeting.

3. To receive formally LDC response and to provide an update on the transfer of Paediatric GAs to Morriston Hospital

LDC response following consultation with GDP colleagues in the SBUHB area was sent to the HB. LDC was asked if it wanted to formally go through the response but it stated that the detailed response did not need to be commented on further at this meeting since the detail was self-evident. LDC wanted the questions asked in the response to be answered.

Part of the response commented on the RMC and it was suggested that these comments, although needing debate, were separate to the issue of the transfer of GAs. It was agreed that this was the case and issues around the RMC should be taken up separately from the proposed transfer.

LDC were informed that the SLG of the HB was meeting on 7th February 2020 and the LDC response would be presented at that meeting. The LDC would be informed of the HB response.

4. Consideration of possible HB advice to GDPs on Sepsis avoidance and Management.

AW stated that dentists and patients must be made aware of the possibilities of Sepsis. Sepsis was now part of the CPR courses and DF1 training practices are expected to have thermometers. It was felt that it would be appropriate for the HB to give advice on management and avoidance of Sepsis and LDC asked to collaborate with colleagues and HB on this matter.

5. Funding of IO cameras.

The need for photographs of lesions to aid triaging of cases is not questioned. Cases will not be returned to referrer based on the quality of the photographs. Smart phone photographs are acceptable but referrers need to be aware of the guidance. Agreed at this stage that there was no need for practices to purchase IO cameras.

6. Feedback from Contract Reform Engagement event and EOI process.

SP reported on the latest engagement event and informed the meeting on the next stage of practices moving into contract reform. Expressions of Interest had already been received.

7. AOB

- a. **QAS** - CWW reported on the QAS – 100% of practices had submitted their returns by the due date. All were graded as either Green or Amber.
- b. **AEDs** - Letter from CDO concerning loan of practice AEDs to WAST requests for borrowing in cases of cardiac arrest. HB would fund replacement pads. It was agreed that practices should be encouraged to register. LDC to take to next meeting.

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