

Morgannwg LDC Zoom Meeting Thursday 30th July 19.00

Welcome from LDC Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2020 were approved.

Update from Karl Bishop, Dental Director, Primary and Community Delivery Unit, SBUHB

- Dental Director Covid 19 update newsletter had been emailed to all 25th July.
- There were currently 2 positives and 7 suspected positives in our acute hospitals.
- Around 1500 Covid antibody tests had been carried out involving Primary Care workers. Approximately 6% had shown positive antibody results
- Vaccine work was going well and could be targeted towards the higher risk groups in the first instance. The exact regime is still unclear but could consist of two vaccinations administered a month apart.
- The HB had purchased a larger number of the flu vaccinations this year, the programme to start in September.
- Work was being carried out around the need for the two Field hospitals in SBUHB
- Isolation period for patients showing Covid symptoms had now been increased from 7 to 10 days.

Quarantine Arrangements

- There had been changes to quarantine arrangements for travellers from Spain with very short notice.
- Originally health care workers were exempt from 14-day quarantine when arriving into the U.K; this was now no longer the case. This needs to be kept in mind when workforce planning.

PPE

- Non AGP PPE continues to be available for NHS GDS via NHSW SSP, WG have indicated that this arrangement will continue.
- Practices should ensure they have a sustainable supply of PPE as HB will only be supplying a top up in line with submitted NHS activity data. Practices are reminded of the importance of data accuracy to ensure supplies.
- Supplies of PPE will as now need to be collected as delivery to practices is not an option.
- Reusable PPE is acceptable if designed to be so providing a log is kept and full guidance is followed.

AGP Going Forward

- The HB had received the completed guidance document checklists from all dental practices and DPAs were currently in the process of working through. Any practices identified as needing support would be contacted.

- The expected date for practices to be providing AGPs is 17th August, if this was not going to be the case practices are advised to contact their DPA ASAP for support and guidance.
- Practices that were compliant and ready to start treating AGP patients were encouraged to start as long as all conditions are in place and adhered to.

OOH

- There had been increased investment into this service with 2 further practices joining.
- Increased hours for in hours access sessions had also now been signed off and received increased investment.

De-escalation Plan for Dentistry

- If any practices were struggling to work within the amber phase the HB is happy to support and provide help. Any struggling practice is advised to contact DPAs for advice so that the HB can act appropriately.
- Remote prescribing – prescribing should now return to pre -covid guidelines.
- CDO had congratulated SBUHB on FP17 and ACORN responses and high standard of compliance.
- PCR was currently nowhere near normal amounts, the liability of this would be carried ordinarily by the HB, there was a general feeling WG would be sympathetic towards this.

Attend Anywhere

- Had now been rolled out in DTU and OOH sessions, training had taken place last week.
- WG had paid for this to be available to all NHS dental practices, roll out currently being managed by NWIST.

DTU Baglan

- The DTU was now in the process of returning to normal activity, this would involve patients who had been referred to the UDC for AGP Oral Surgery being transferred to network sites to ease the pressure.
- There were between 20 – 30 referrals being received daily; a high number of these referrals were inappropriate and were being returned.

Orthodontics

- UOAs had now been suspended
- SOP for orthodontics and Paeds had been completed now awaiting sign off from WG and dispersal.
- SCDP – awaiting a paper re fallow time, this was imminent.

Parkway Clinic / Cambria

- MOS was aiming to be up and running 1st August

- Phased approach over the next few weeks to reduce MOS patients attending DTU and redirect to Parkway/Cambria for treatment.
- Activity levels cannot be at pre Covid rate, therefore referrals will need to be prioritised.
- Patients requiring post- operative care would be referred back to GDP
- Pre Covid referral guidelines were now in force, with routine extractions now to be carried out within GDS

LDC/LHB Liaison Group was now up and running, Rohini to attend next meeting to give update regarding Pathways.

KB to liaise with LDC on frequency of Zoom meetings going forward.

Update from DPAs – under other items

Update from LDC

- Cambria now had a waiting list of approx. 1800 patients, it was expected only 5 patients a day would be able to be treated with AGP due to fallow time. Due to the nature of the service it cannot be assumed patients would not need AGP. An oral surgery newsletter stating waiting lists was due to be published
- Sedation appointments are available but would be limited to approximately 2 per day.
- Claims against practice owners under the umbrella of Vicarious Liability are becoming more common. Practice owners are advised to check whether their indemnity insurance covers them for these claims. They should check any cover extends to actions of employed and self-employed staff.
- It was agreed to move Zoom meetings from fortnightly to monthly. Any issues can still be raised with the ability to arrange meetings at short notice via Zoom.

Further Updates – there were none.

Next meeting Thursday 27th August 2020