

Morgannwg LDC Zoom Meeting Thursday 21st January 2021 19.00

Welcome from LDC Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2020 were approved.

21/01/01 Update from Karl Bishop, Dental Director, Primary Community and Therapies Service Group, SBUHB

- Covid transmission rates were now dropping considerably and were approaching their lowest levels since the summer. Acute sites were managing well although ICU and Critical Care were still under pressure. The demand on hospital sites was not reflecting the changes in the community yet.
- There had been several deaths in critical care over the last weekend associated with c-19, a number of patients were under the age of 40. This had a huge impact on staff.
- The new Covid variant was proving to be a cause for concern in the community. Wrexham were just coming out of a bad phase with 70% of cases being of the English variant. SBUHB was reporting 20-30% of the same variant.
- A large proportion of GDS workforce had now received their vaccine – 600+ Pfizer has been administered.
- GMS had rolled out the Oxford vaccine offer to all care homes within SBUHB.
- Although Dental Practices could be used as vaccine sites, interested staff were encouraged to consider supporting mass vaccine sites during evenings and weekends.
- Ventilation Grants – a meeting had been held with the LDC last week to discuss allocation of funds. A formula was being worked on that would be fair and equitable to all practices. It was hoped practices would be notified of the outcome in the next 10-14 days.
- Additional funding had been sourced from Clusters by Sam Page and it is likely that every practice was also to receive a nominal (non-ventilation funding) grant towards C-19 costs.
- An introduction day for the eight cluster dental leads was to be arranged for next month. A dental member was still required to represent Penderi. There was no update on whether fees received for this would be superannuable.
- Contract going forward – there was no update. A meeting of all Welsh Dental Leads is due to take place next week.
- There were no reported issues around PPE, the process was flowing well.
- There is likely to be an initiative in February to supply LFD to all contracted services.

21/01/02 UDC

Referrals had decreased since last year, they were now receiving approximately 12 per week. A decision had been made to end the current temporary arrangements for In Hours Access patients who require an AGP to attend the UDC.

21/01/03 *FD Update*

- Martin Turner at shared Services would deal with any payment issues regarding service costs and trainer grants.
- FDs are aware of who to contact should there be any issues with their salary.
- NWSSP lawyers had released an amended contract today, once approved this would be published.
- Under Graduates – up until Christmas 2020 The Dental School were confident the UGs would be ready to graduate in time. Unfortunately, this was now not the case as the 2nd wave had affected the flow of patients into the Dental School with a significantly high DNA rate. This may result in a reduced number of FDs able to start FD training in September 2021, there may be a cohort who could be delayed until March 2022 but it is anticipated that the numbers will not be large.
- If this was the case it could necessitate some schemes being delayed until March and this may impact on some training practices locally.
- HEIW will work with WG to hopefully develop a support package for affected practices.
- If this were the case it could impact on some training practices locally, it was hoped WG would approve a nominal service cost payment to affected practices.
- A large number of the current FDs were significantly down on their clinical activity, with some not having four full days in practice.
- The importance of safety and following the current SOP was emphasised as safety of patients and clinicians was paramount.
- Capability reports from Educational Supervisor and the FD were to be very important, they will be used to identify any gaps where extra support is needed. ES report needs to be thorough and accurate around capability, any gaps need to be identified in order to be fulfilled before the end of the scheme in August.
- There were to be 65 FD places funded by WG next year, although it was felt only 62 would be filled. It was hoped nine career development dental posts would be created.
- It was felt training grant need to be looked at as there had been no uplift for some time. The extra work and support being provided to FDs needed to be reflected in any increase.
- Richard Herbert will retire on 8th March 2021, his post had now been advertised with interviews to be held in the middle of February.

21/01/04 *Orthodontics*

- MCN meeting to be held in the first week of February.
- No practices had been performing against contract for the best part of last year.
- Only urgent starts were being treated and some cases that were already under treatment. Orthodontists were at full capacity on reduced input levels.
- Hopefully there would be an idea of current waiting list numbers at the next MCN.

21/01/05 *GA Sessions*

- There was no update as special care dentistry GA sessions had been suspended since March 2020.
- It was hoped Paediatric SCD will resume next month.

21/01/06 *Update from DPAs*

Under other relevant agenda items.

21/01/07 *Update from LDC*

- **C-19 Vaccinations** – under other agenda items
- **Cluster Membership** – under other agenda items

- **LDC Constitution** – Representation of DCPs – a sub committee is able to be set up without changing the constitution. The Secretary to work on representation and report back at next meeting.

21/01/08 *In Hours Access Sessions*

The current temporary arrangements for IHA patients that require an AGP to be seen at UDC will come to an end on Monday 25th January.

Patients attending IHA sessions that will require an AGP will now have to be re-booked into a future IHA slot. The AGP will need to be carried out at a second appointment, the RMC will have to be informed before the second appointment which will result in one less access patient being sent on that day.

It was felt the HB need to be flexible around booking of the second appointment as all practices have a backlog of their own patients requiring AGPs. There was concern this system could lead to complaints being made by patients.

Bridgend practices had not received any correspondence and were unaware of the change to the system.

The Secretary to take to next LDC/LHB Liaison Group meeting.

21/01/09 *Date and time of next meeting*

Thursday 18th February 2021