

## **Notes of Morgannwg LDC Zoom Meeting, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 19.00**

### **Welcome from LDC Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The CDO's long awaited letter had been received today and time would be needed to digest the contents.

Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved.

### **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 since the summer. Rates now stood at 70-90 per 100,000 of population it had previously been 800-900.
- The rate of infection now appears to have plateaued although was still currently not as low as last summer less than 50 per 100,000 of population.
- Current modelling is suggesting a possible third 'hump' in June 2021, work was currently being carried out to factor in the vaccine's effect on this model.
- There were currently approximately 90 patients being treated for Covid in acute sites across SBUHB. These patients tend to be younger and requiring longer stays but this is the lowest rate since November 2020.
- A large increase in supply of vaccines was expected in March, Hospital staff were to receive second dose of Pfizer this week at Bay Field Hospital site. There was some concern that some groups were not taking up vaccine – LHB will be asking for an update on vaccine take up rates and will offer support if necessary to encourage vaccination.
- Lateral Flow Device Testing was now expanding across services in Wales. Pilots were taking place in e.g. A&E and Renal departments across SBUHB, there were cases of asymptomatic members of staff being identified. An expression of interest document to gauge the take up across Primary Care was being worked on. Practices were encouraged to take part as the service is free and non-compulsory, test results were to be submitted electronically by the individual member of staff. This would cut down on paperwork within the practices.
- An induction day for the eight cluster dental leads was to be arranged for next month. A dental member was still required to represent Afan cluster. There was no update on whether fees received for this would be superannuable.
- Clinical and cluster Leads to be invited to next meeting of the newly formed dental senate.
- Waiting lists across the HB were significant due to Covid. A different outlook to service provision was now needed across the Board post Covid.
- D2S earliest date to restart service was now October 2021.
- eDen – 45% of providers had now signed up, SBUHB had had the highest uptake across all Health Boards.

- CDO letter released today – need to work through the implications and what the key expectation would be going forward next contract year. The HB will work through the implications of the letter alongside the LDC over the next couple of weeks.

## Update from DPAs

Under other relevant agenda items.

## FD Update

- NWSSP lawyers had released an amended contract last month, there was still no update.
- The CDO, the Dean of Cardiff Dental School and the Postgraduate Dental Dean at HEIW were all in discussion over the Plans for dental student graduation in 2021. The CDO has confirmed DFT funding is secure and will remain in place for 2021\22.
- There were to be 65 FD places funded by WG next year, although it was felt only 62 would be filled. It was hopeful nine career development dental posts would be created

## Ewart Johnstone – Use of eDen

Ewart gave an informative presentation on the use of eDen, the electronic platform where data collected from FP17Ws is presented.

- Some providers have reported difficulty in registering, with email replies automatically going into junk mail.
- Full information and training links are available on NHSBSA website.
- It was felt if used correctly eDen was a particularly good tool to improve learning and training opportunity within the dental practice.
- Orthodontic data is soon to be added to the platform.

## Update from LDC

- **Attend Anywhere – feedback required** any practices who have used or have a view on the initiative are asked to email The Secretary their thoughts both positive and negative so he can then carry forward to HB who wish to gauge opinion on the service.
- **Cluster Membership** – there was still no member to represent Afan, the Secretary to contact Afan practices to gauge interest.
- **LDC Constitution** – Representation of DCPs –The Secretary was still working on draft terms. As any sub-group needs LDC member it was agreed Allison Walker to Chair. Anyone interested in joining the group is encouraged to email The Secretary so that a meeting date can be arranged.
- **LDC BGM 2021** – this had been arranged for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 at Morriston Hospital. The Secretary to look at possible speakers and CPD, if Covid restrictions were in place the meeting could be held via Zoom.

## Further Updates

### Schedules

The issue of complicated schedules had been raised, with practices reporting this as becoming a more complicated issue on a monthly basis. Special entries or additions need to be labelled correctly as currently it is taking hours for providers to check correct payments on schedules. The reason for this has been reported as ease for the finance department but is proving to be illegible to providers. Any issues or comments to be emailed to The Secretary to carry forward at LDC/LHB Liaison Group meeting.

## **ACV**

Aneurin Bevan HB are reported to be awarding 100% ACV to providers who are currently treating and accepting new patients. SBUHB had confirmed this would not be the case in this HB area. It was felt this was unreasonable due to the increase costs incurred by practices to cover Ventilation upgrades, increased clinical waste costs, the reintroduction of Band 3 and lab costs etc.

The LDC had not been made aware of the decision not to award a 100% increase by SBUHB, The Secretary to take forward and discuss with HB.

## **New Patients**

The stipulation to accept two new patients per £160K of ACV per week was discussed. Everything was now taking longer due to SOP, airflow, PPE etc. Most practices already have a huge backlog of regular patients who need treatment and examination, and it was difficult to see where time could be set aside to meet these measurements. Practices of a low UDA rate were felt to be at a greater disadvantage in trying to meet measurements and targets.

How were in hours access patients going to be recorded as these could possibly skew figures with practices already receiving separate funding for treating.

Any issues around this to be emailed to the secretary to carry forward with HB.

## **Ventilation Systems**

Best practice was for these systems to be verified and signed off externally. A local company (Vector Air & Water LTD) was providing this service for approx. £195+VAT.

## **Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021