

Morgannwg LDC Zoom Meeting Friday 8th May 3pm

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

Karl opened the meeting by thanking everyone who had contributed to the services at RMC, OOH and the Urgent Dental Care Unit. This week the UDCU had treated its 100th patient and had seen increasing activity.

Community Testing Unit at Liberty stadium

This facility was to be up and running from Monday with the initial capacity to test 360 people per day. The HB were grateful to the dental workforce that had volunteered to carry out testing at the site, they were to shadow the staff next week. They would then be ready to deliver the service from the following week at both Margam and Swansea sites.

Field Hospitals

Llandarcy Field Hospital was now ready to accept patients and The Bay Hospital had been handed over to the HB yesterday. There was currently sufficient capacity at all Hospital sites within SBUHB, this was due to the number of COVID admissions dropping. Planning around the potential start of elective work in acute hospitals was due to commence; these would be mostly urgent cases.

Data Returns

All data returns were now being made via the online e referral system, the data returns have to be accurate and robust as this is a key performance indicator used by the HB and WG. HB and WG are looking at the data to determine how many patients are having face to face appointments within the dental surgery – remember that patient charges apply to face to face appointments. Requests for PPE via shared services will be cross referenced with activity data supplied by dental practices.

HB is currently looking how this information can be shared with practices to show the activity levels within the area.

Data returns suggest that some practices were not carrying out any face to face consultations.

Way Forward for Dentistry

WG were currently working on a draft way out of current restrictions for Dentistry. The four CDOs will be passing their draft to SDCEP, although timescales will be driven by Government announcements. R in Wales was currently running at 0.7 – 0.9 and was being constantly monitored.

Clinical Leads in Wales were looking to extend the opening of pulp chambers to include pre molars **but this is not yet operational** - it was hopeful to release some guidance in near future.

Work is being carried out by WG on what the new normal will look like for dentistry.

Video Consultations

It is hoped that next week will see the start of pilot video consultations in dentistry, already in use by GMS.

UDCU and OOH will be the first to pilot and if successful may roll out to GDPs to help in the triaging of patients.

Referrals

There were currently no Paediatric GA referrals in the system; children were being managed well through temporary dressings and AAA.

Urgent cancer referrals had initially decreased but now appeared to be increasing again, although this was across all disciplines and was not specific to dentistry. DPAs were going to look at how to introduce pro- active comms over the weekend

PPE

The HB was in a good position at all sites; there was 48 hours of PPE available at all sites. No item of PPE has had to be reused as stocks were good.

BAME

A risk assessment process was in place and the toolkit may be extended to GDS in the coming weeks.

The HB were considering a webinar for the wider dental workforce to include a Q&A session, will update accordingly.

In the meantime any queries to DPAs.

Update from DPAs – under other items

Update from LDC

Pharmacy - all running well this week, any issues to feedback to Sarah Dunstan.

HDS – there had been an increase in dental alveolar infections, trauma clinics were running. Although there was no oral surgery clinics only oncology.

DF – they were now going to have a platform to work from, there was still major concern regarding completion. A number were not going to complete and there was concern around where they will go.

Schedules – HB feel they have now worked through the issue and correct payments will be received next month.

BDA had set up a Private Practice Body although there was nothing to report at present.

Further Updates – there were none.

LDC meeting scheduled 12th May 2020 at HIE, Llandarcy had been cancelled.

Next meeting TBC