

Morgannwg LDC Zoom Meeting Thursday 9th September 2021 19.00

Welcome from LDC Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Meetings held on 22nd July and 2nd August 2021 were approved.

Update from DPAs

- The deadline for Covid bonus payments was approaching, any issues with payments to contact shared Services.
- FV refund of clawback payments were being processed with some already being received on schedules.
- Members were reminded to keep records of down time affecting output, unsure of monitoring going forward therefore the importance of clear record keeping was reinforced.
- Q3 and Q4, the HB were awaiting further clarity around the metrics mentioned in Deputy CDO letter.
- Covid levels were rising again within the community, the importance of vigilant IPC was discussed.
- There was no update on the current SOP, this had been stalled due to the current rise in transmission.
- Confusion around staff isolating was currently causing workforce issues. Staff members who had received both doses of vaccination were also being affected.
- There needed to be clarity on ability to work whilst a family member had tested positive for Covid as the current WG document was felt to be too ambiguous with practices having different interpretations. To raise at next WDC meeting.
- UDC at Baglan Resource centre was not currently operational for Covid + patients. These patients were being treated with AAA for 10 days where possible.
- Discussions were taking place around opening a Red centre within the CDS if it becomes necessary.

Update from LDC

- Orthodontic contracts were still at 90% of ACV, it was hoped this would be reviewed in September. Attend Anywhere was currently working well within the Orthodontic practices and enabling a smooth pathway for treatment starts.
- Cluster meetings were now up and running after the summer holidays.
- The Paediatric Pathways course was now available and was felt to be very useful.
- The next Dental Senate meeting was to be held in October.

DCDO Letters of 20th August 2021 - Recovery of Services

- The letter contained further clarity around the FV monitoring and apologised for any confusion caused. It was confirmed any financial reconciliation would take place at the end of contract year.

- Practices felt the acceptance of new patients at the current rate was not sustainable as they were causing a bottle neck of treatments for existing patients.
- Asking practices to carry out a reasonable number of AGPs was felt to be unacceptable, a clear figure was needed so as not to lag behind in comparison to other practices.
- The relaxation of the current SOP realistically was not possible due to the current rise in transmission rates within the community. This influences the number of patients able to receive dental treatment due to restricted footfall and fallow time.
- The current output level in Wales was set at 40-60% whilst it was 60% in England. In Wales this was felt to be too vague a range and needed further clarity.
- Workforce was going to have a huge effect on output going forward with the increase in double vaccinated people contracting Covid.
- The single punitive element going forward was to be FV, the importance of reviewing all data on eDEN was reiterated.

Correspondence with HB re FV penalties – Emailed to all previously

- The issue had now been resolved and clawback monies were now in the process of being returned via Shared Services.
- It was confirmed any financial reconciliation would now take place at contract year end. Although it was unclear if 5% would be deducted from ACV or underperformed months individually.
- Practices were advised to review figures frequently on eDEN and makes note of any reasons for underperformance against KPIs.

BGM 23rd September 2021.

- Papers would be distributed next week, as there was to be no lecture prior to the meeting there would be plenty of time for any discussions.

AOB

- The Treasurer was due to retire at the BGM, anybody interested in taking on the role to contact the Chair or Secretary.

Date and time of next meeting.

To be confirmed.