

Morgannwg LDC Zoom Meeting Thursday 10th March 2022

In Attendance.

Allison Walker in the chair, Roger Pratley, Karl Bishop, Huw Hopkins, Mohammed Imtiaz Khan, Jennifer Berndt, Patricia Moreira, Amrish Gupta, Farzana Mohamed, Darryl Williams, Barrie David, James Davies, Tesni Metcalfe, Paul Fraser, Dalip Kumar, Simon Bond, Craig Davies, Helen John, Richard Courtney, Annie Walker, Kirsty James, Laura-Leigh Jenkins, Richard Woods, Ellie Parker, Kelly Brayley, Chris Woods, Mark Waters, Andrew Williams, Sara Griffiths, Claire Colquitt, Rachel Thomas, John Vaughan, Sam Edwards, Rachel Coles, Richard Jones, Sid Gupta, Behrooz Khoshooee, Liz Lee, Claire McAllister, Rhian Jones, Will Fitzpatrick, Gayathri Kini,

Apologies for Absence from LDC Members and Co-opted Members

Chris Wills-Wood

Approval of meeting notes 9th December 2021 - Accepted

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Karl Bishop, Dental Director, Primary, Community and Therapies Service Group, SBUHB.

- The HB were very keen to work with GDPs regarding the WG offer of contract variation or the revert to UDA contract. HBs were still working on this offer and needed further clarity on how this would work going forward, although the timescale was small it was agreed GDPs needed reassurance. The meeting felt there had not been sufficient time for engagement and preparation.
- The contract variation was expected to be similar to contract reform in that it will be iterative. The HB wished to reassure GDPs although there would be sanctions described WG for not hitting metrics they would work with the GDS to understand issues and provide advice and support and within WG guidance show flexibility and support in a consistent manner and aligned with other HBs.
- The HB was not expecting GDPs to cancel their appointments that had already been booked in April and onwards, it was expected to be a phased approach and conversations would be had around when practices would be able to fully transition over. The HB were currently seeking clarity of the transitional phase from WG and the implications for patients current booked in practices. The advice from the HB is to continue unchanged until the guidance is received.
- NHSBSA had been heavily involved with WG planning and data should be up and running in time for 1st April. The HB are aware patients need to be kept informed of the new way of working and although there was no dental specific announcement due, there would be potential to deliver comms locally.
- The Primary Care Teams were currently looking at how Urgent Access will look post April. Although the urgent pathway will continue, HB were waiting on numbers of which practices will choose to revert to UDA contract and which will take up the offer of contract variation.

- The HB were to discuss the timeline with LDC next week during Liaison Group Meeting, they were hopeful to hold Team Engagement Meetings with GDPs towards the end of next week.

Open discussion of WG offer for GDS Contract April 2022

The WG meeting of the previous evening was discussed it was felt it was difficult to participate in the meeting and raise concerns due to the fact comments made in the chat box were not responded to.

It was agreed any concerns or expressions of support were to be recorded in the chat box this evening for the secretary to convert to a file outlining concerns and opinions. This could then be taken to the LDC/LHB Liaison Group meeting to be held next Tuesday for discussion with HB.

The main points discussed were: -

- Associates' remuneration, there was no guidance yet. The BDA were to advise although nothing had been published and work was still being carried out on a draft.
- It was felt GDPs would be expected to swap one set of metrics for another and there was nothing in writing to confirm HB would apply a flexible approach.
- Practice owners are concerned about the financial risk going forward.
- Fair payment for associates was discussed as practices with multiple associates could miss achieving required metrics. If one associate was to hit their target and the others fall short, the outcome could be the practice doesn't hit target and therefore incur financial penalties.
- Definition of Urgent and new patients was felt to be unclear and needed clarification. The four-year rule was unclear and whether this applied to patients who had only been seen as urgents needed clarity.
- It was felt the only reference to prevention in the metrics was the application of fluoride, there was so much more that needed to be taken in to account.
- Practices that had been awarded innovation funding and led to an increase in ACV were now going to be subject to metrics on this uplift.
- Patients failed appointments would have a huge effect on the practices ability to deliver metrics. WG have confirmed this would not be considered but the metrics will not ignore incomplete treatment FP17w submissions. The HB would be happy to explore how 'DNAs' could be recorded but this would have to be HB wide.
- It was felt as the new variation had not been piloted would the HB have any flexibility around clawback, could they sanction a "no clawback" period of transition?
- Would practices who chose to take a UDA contract still have to complete ACORN as this would increase admin time on appointments.
- As most practices already have full appointment books going into April concern was raised these COTs would not count towards targets and the practice would be continually playing catch up.
- Retention of workforce could be an issue for practice owners who chose to sign up to a contract their associates are not engaged with.
- The ability of the RMC to supply a constant source of new patients was a concern; would the HB cover the providers risk if this became the case? Would existing patients be disadvantaged by the practices need to meet new patient targets?

Vacant WGDPC seat

Self-nominations for the seat were to be received by Monday, the importance of a member on this Committee was reiterated. There would be four meetings per year, expenses would be paid, and the member needed to have membership of BDA. LDC would cover absence from practice at the BDG rate.

Any Other Business

- There had been a Domiciliary Stakeholder meeting this week, HB were hopeful to bring GDS, CDS and HDS together to form a pathway going forward. There were now four GDS Domiciliary contracts within SBUHB.
- Orthodontic MCN meeting had been held with the main concern being the tender process had now been delayed until 1st June 2022. This was still with procurement and was causing considerable stress for Orthodontic practices.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 24th March 2022 at 1900.