

Morgannwg LDC Members Zoom Meeting Thursday 5th July 2022

22/01. Apologies for Absence

Huw Hopkins, Gayatri Kini, Liz Samways, Jennifer Berndt, Rhian Jones, Mustafa Mukhaiber.

22/02. In Attendance.

Allison Walker in the chair, Roger Pratley, Mohammed Imtiaz Khan, Tesni Metcalfe, Chris Woods, Richard Woods, Rachel Coles, Patricia Moreira, James Davies, Paul Fraser.

22/03. Draft letter to CDO

Draft letter from the Chair was emailed to all previously for discussion, it was agreed to add the following issues which were causing stress and making the working environment more difficult daily to the draft: -

- Difficulty in accessing and interpreting eDen data, making it almost impossible to assess the performance of individual GDPs within practices.
- The increase in time spent on administration was having a knock-on effect on time able to spend with patients.
- Only the first course of treatment a patient receives annually are being recorded therefore there is no incentive to have patients return for further treatment within that year even though it may be clinically necessary.
- Uncertainty around clawback and its interpretation is a huge concern, HB interpretation is a grey area.
- FV and recall metrics have no lenience to reflect clinical decision making.
- DNA rate and the fact this is not recorded as a metric is a concern as has an overall effect on the ability to hit metric targets being met.
- The increase of Covid rates amongst staff and within the community is not being taken into consideration, this ultimately will influence target achievement.
- The threat of clawback hanging over practices was proving to be extremely stressful; it was felt clawback should be suspended for 22/23 as this is an experimental year. With the 23/24 model being published earlier with time for consultation and discussion with GDPs to review data for 22/23 – what worked/what didn't work.
- Workforce issues in Wales were at an all-time high, with practices having difficulty recruiting dentists and DCPs. DFT dentists were now choosing to work outside of the NHS in Wales this is further heightened by the difference in pay scales for further training posts between England and Wales.
- The lack of GDP representation on All Wales Dental Lead Group and the fact WDC does not reflect the number of GDPs in Wales all need to be looked at by WG to enable fair representation.

22/04. WGDPC Meeting Report

Emailed to all previously- currently no representative on this committee

22/05. Amendments to LDC Constitution/Proposed Policy on Expenses Claim

There was to be a change of members number to 22: -

NPT – 8

Swansea – 14

There was currently 7 members for NPT any interest in joining committee as a NPT member to be emailed to the Secretary.

There hadn't been a written policy in place for claiming expenses to include time lost from practice when representing LDC including travel expenses.

The amended Constitution and LDC Claiming Policy were approved, the Secretary to inform HB of amendments.

22/06. Reminder to complete DNA survey

BSA Wales had sent a survey of DNAs to be completed and returned by 8th July 2022, the importance of completing and returning the survey was reiterated.

22/07. Return to Face-to-Face meetings and possible venues

It was agreed to hold face to face meetings for LDC members going forward, a Zoom option was to be looked at for those members who find this more convenient. These meetings were to be held every three months at a venue to be decided, the Secretary to carry out a survey of all GDPS to gauge preferences for meetings going forward.

22/08. ConfiDental

The committee agreed to donate £1000 to the ConfiDental charity which offers an ear to dentists in need of support.

22/09. Any Other Business

The was no other business.

22/10. Date and Time of Next LDC Committee Meeting

Thursday 6th October 2022, venue to be arranged