Minutes from meeting 7th December 2020

**IN ATTENDANCE**: Dan Naylor, Jeremy Williams, Sandra Sandham, Aled Thomas, Mick Horton, Ammar Zaki, Andrea Stone, Andy Walton, Daf Roberts, Dan Prior, Dave Plunkett, Rhys Davies, Tracey Taylor, Raj Jotangia, Anwen Hooson, Ette Ntekim, Fiona, Sandom, Glesni Llywd, Ian Douglas, Lolo Jones, Mostafa Hussaan, Pam Teager, Paul Jenkins, Phil Griffiths, Ravdeep Johal, Sarah Walker Ben Lewis

Cath Dubourg – Apologies.

The meeting was recorded and the file can be located at:

*Meeting Recording:*

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AGENDA ITEMS

**1**). Welcome – JW

* 1. Minutes of previous meeting amended and confirmed as a true document

**2.1)** LDC website initiative – presented by Ben Lewis. Discussion moved to inclusion of DCPS in the LDC and the view of Fiona Sandom is that as a team member and contributor to the overall practice/dentist income, they should be welcome at the meetings. Sandra Sandham added that community dentists feel the same and perhaps DCPs and community dentists should be able to attend but have no voting rights. Chair agreed that this seemed fair and further discussion and action is needed to cement this decision moving forward.

Ben ran through the questions that were due to be issued to North Wales and Nationally.

Discussion regarding what are we trying to achieve as an LDC with regard to best communication. Secretary to send out for comment.

Mick Horton suggested that it is about time we ask what role DCPS should have in the LDC and what do dentists think. **ACTION: Fiona Sandom to contact Sec with a way that practitioners can point their DCPS to look to form a sub-group to discuss what role they could play.**

2.2) Quarter 4 planning – Overspend and lack of PCR – Loss of income from month 1-6 is >3million. Slight offset but not against COVID-19 Funds. LHB has washed it’s hands of the performer/provider disputes – LDC has had some contacts but individuals been directed to BDA etc. Concern re escalation to counter fraud – so be careful! Uplift – hope that it might have been passed on in full to associates and staff. EDS payments for the voluntary sessions have had retrospective payments to the practices from the HB. DN asked when the uplift was put on schedule. AGP provision – most practices are providing AGPS – windows are an issue.

Declaration form sent out – DN/JW has had a meeting to discuss. Discussion re providing info on your fans with correct ACH – air changes per hour. Air scrubbers are not the same and can only be considered as 50% effective. MH – discusses the air-time calculator work from the FGDP. SS advises a new fallow time SOP coming through. She suggests DYLAN EVANS – MHS specialist who refers to page 6 of the WHO guidance re air scrubbers. Looking at 10 ACH per hour. MH discusses the HTMO3-01 with SS. The condemnation of air scrubbers. You can’t prove air changes without an engineer or even a calculation. We need to be very careful with what we ask for.

An open window with 10 ACH offers a 30-minute fallow time. ID says that practices should work to the August document from PHW.

JW asked if there are issues with PPE – RJ suggests we should just get on with it.

JW – option to join contract reform and stuck with 80-90% funding. Strong push towards access.

MH – not a great sell for the EDS – disappointing the HB approach. MH getting 10 calls a day – the ability to just come in is not there anymore. MH – discusses the prioritising of the EDS and the innovation sessions. DN suggests the EDS are filling up very quickly. Lack of joined up thinking and fire-fighting from the HB. MH suggest it is financial decisions not based on best patient care. DN suggests must come at it from a patient care perspective.

JW – cluster groups – sat on GP sessions and not really a cluster group but more like a GP group. **ACTION: JW and SS to make more noise about dentists at the cluster leads meeting and put something on the agender**. ID there is no vision. All the money for development is going to GPs.

JW – to develop QI within the contract. To no longer be measured with UDAs. DN – FS discusses the way forward for the team. **ACTION: How are we going to empower DCPS?**

**Practice closures:** No advance warning. JW had 100 calls. HB looking to recommission services across the west. Concerns re staff and how they were treated. MH – the plan to recommission the UDAs need thought – at least 6 practices have ceased. **ACTION: Formal request to be made to the HB regarding what are the contract values lost in the West over the last 12 months or so.**

**ACTION: The LDC to write to the LHB – high level with concerns regarding the lack of communication from Mike Buckle and his team.**

2.4 Presentation by Ammar Zaki regarding the use of photos in practice and referrals.

3.1 **Chair correspondence** – nothing further

3.2 **Secretary correspondence** See Facebook and Website

3.3 **Treasurer’s report £18061.75 –** levy due to be reinstated 1/4/21. DN asked about the auditing of the accounts – AH on the case and will let us know the formal position at February meeting.

3.4 **Orthodontics** – Capacity still reduced and no great changes since Sept. GC doing better than Bangor, Wrexham next best – nursing shortages. Bangor is still trying to get up and running. Meetings due with management team – hopefully before Xmas. SS told consultant due back before Christmas. BL agrees, this is the case. Meeting pending! JW – meeting at the MCN and shocked to see how much of the NW delivery was from DP’s practice. No issues locally with patients needing to be seen. DP suggests referrals are creeping back up. Urgent and priority should be sent through the FDS pathway. Consult post is out for advert at YGC.

3.5 **Oral surgery –** ID discussed FD data and PLVE dentists – issues that some will not have removed a tooth. **ACTION: look at the viability of supporting these individuals within GDS.**

3.6 **GDPC/WGDPC –** All docs posted to website and Facebook. Vaccines, be very glad you are in Wales. Access has been slow to eDEN – 81% polled on the evening has not accessed as yet

3.7 **Dental Health in North Wales –** Paediatric sp care – YGC 3 list per month, 1 list in Maelor,

3.8 **Dental Advisors** – QAS out shortly and due for completion in Feb. It is a little different now.

3.9 – NWOHSG – as discussed earlier regarding the discussions around ventilation, masks, PPE and EDS

4.0 – AOB - Clinical fellows discussion – 1 in place and hoping for a second. Seren project advised by DN and invited FS to be involved. Discussion re Dental training academy and further info to be brought to the next meeting. Dental Hyg course in Bangor 2022 – 12-15 students. **ACTION: DN wants to raise and look for agreement that all individuals working on behalf of the LDC (committee) are paid for their work up to a level.**

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING 8/2/2021

**ACTIONS**

**1).Fiona Sandom to contact Sec with a way that practitioners can point their DCPS to look to form a sub-group to discuss what role they could play.**

**2). JW and SS to make more noise about dentists at the cluster leads meeting and put something on the agender**

**3). How are we going to empower DCPS?**

**4). Formal request to be made to the HB regarding what are the contract values lost in the West over the last 12 months or so.**

**5). The LDC to write to the LHB – high level with concerns regarding the lack of communication from Mike Buckle and his team.**

**6). Look at the viability of supporting dentists with minimal experience in exodontia within GDS.**

**7). Raise and look for agreement that all individuals working on behalf of the LDC (committee) are paid for their work up to a level.**

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