# North Wales Local Dental Committee Meeting

## Minutes taken on: 9/12/2019

## Minutes Taken By: Dan Naylor

Apologies: SM, SM, MH, EN, KF

Present: JW, DN, TG, RW, RS, ID, BL, CD, GL, AT(Aled Thomas), DR, DP, MH, MK, CH, AH, DP, RB, RJ, AW, KM,

(23)

**Agenda Items**

2.1) **Reform innovation and clusters**

**Discussed**

JW talked about the current situation and the numbers of practices in the pilot. He mentioned the phasing of the process and the view of the CDO to move all practices to phase 1 as soon as possible. This might not be in line with the LHB ‘s thinking and risk profiles of practices. ID added to this discussion and DN explained that he had meet with MD from the LHB and had advised her that he would need to consider the generic SLA first before proceeding to phase 2. He added that the CDO was already saying that 4 practices in North Wales had moved forward and this was echoed by JW on a recent visit to South Wales. MH mentioned that he had been successful in his bid for innovation and DN had concerns that what was being asked was in the Phase 2 objectives anyway!

A discussion was had on the formation of a North Wales Dental Cluster and although the LHB had rejected it form an innovation point of view, it was generally felt that the CDO was keen and it needed a better work up and more thought.

**Action** - non

2.2) **Sustainability in Dentistry**

**Discussed**

With reference to the attached document, a brief discussion was had about the way’s practices could start to reduce their patient journeys, reduce plastic and improve or recycling practices.

**Action** – non

3.1) **Chairman’s Correspondence**

**Discussed**

It was noted that the chair had not really had many direct correspondences and he had referred them to the secretary!

**Action** - non

3.2) **Secretary’s Correspondence**

**Discussed**

E-referral discussed, and the issues raised from GB that he simply cannot deal with all the referrals he is getting and is not able to act as a root treatment service. A broader discussion was had with all about the need to push for a further specialist/consultant. SS advised she had the financial work up and would make it available to consider. The discussion moved on to developing a restorative MCN and JW advised GB had recently delivered a talk in Bangor that was well received.

**Action – LDC to support the demand to the HB to provide a further consultant position in restorative Dentistry**

It was noted of that passing of Tom Birchell’s wife, Gill.

The request from the reform program review team to attend an LDC meeting was given by all in attendance

**Action –** DN to advise of dates and offer invite

There was a discussion about Sepsis and also the Armed forces initiative and this was considered by all.

3.3) **Treasurer’s Report**

£24,294.80

£5910.29

AH is expecting and so is happy to continue in role but will likely miss the next meeting due to the baby being due

3.4) **Orthodontics**

Discussed – BL advised that primary care waiting times are at 2 years, secondary care at 3 years for treatment. They are looking at a new needs assessment protocol. The interviews for 4 sessions have been concluded and they plan to develop a skill mix.

YGC is at 28 months for treatment and Bangor succession planning is being held up by management. There was a broad discussion about the provision of retainers in the NHS and who should be responsible, and the costs associated. Work is being done on this and DP shared an England document which is being consider in the early New Year by the ortho MCN. Notes from BL on NWLDC web site.

**Action** – Report back on the results of the retainer discussion

3.5) **Oral Surgery –** nothing raised

3.6) **GDPC and WGDPC**

Discussed - with reference to ID and JW recent trips to the meeting in South Wales. Please, find the report on the NWLDC website.

3.7) **Dental Health in North Wales**

Discussed – SS advised on a number of things including the state of the emergency dental service and the concerns on its sustainability.

Action - Non

3.8) **Dental Advisors**

Discussed – ID advised that the QAS were being dealt with and otherwise there was little to mention

Action - Non

3.9**) NW OHSG/LDCPC**

Discussed – the minutes of the meeting were discussed and the views of those who attended were considered. A brief discussion was had regarding the e-referral system and the inability to get OPT and other x-rays back, if taking in a hospital TG.

**Action** – to take back the issues relating to the restorative consultant position and the issues relating to the e-referrals.

4.1) **Any Other Business**

Discussed – guild rate to move to £300 per session – agreed, a discussion about sharing the meetings out between members of the committee and not just the chair and sec being the representatives.

Action – DN to provide a list of meetings and update and to share attendance out. AH to amend rates of pay. DP/ BL to provide an hour of CPD at the next meeting on ortho referral criteria and indications for an early referral?

Date and time of next 2 meetings

**9/3/2020**

**6/7/2020**