**Date**

**Monday 11th December 2023**

19:00 – 22:00

Oriel Hotel, St Asaph

**M I N U T E S**

**Attendance: JW, DN, MH, MS, Pete Greensmith, PT, MB, TT, CD, SS, PG, BL, RJ, DM, AH**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Person Responsible**  | **Minutes/Actions** |
| 1. **Welcome and Apologies**
 | **JW** | Apologies: AS, OS, ID, KF |
| **1.1 Minutes of previous meeting** | **JW** | See docs on website 11/09/2023, no outstanding actions, no objections. |
| **For Discussion and matters arising** |
| 2.1 Presentation to Cath Dubourg |  **JW** |  |
| **2.2 Discussion about primary care dentistry in North Wales. – Attended by Pete Greensmith.** **How is this year progressing and has there actually been progress.** **The academy- How it can work for the whole of the region? What does it stand for?** **How much money has been recommissioned.** **What is happening in the CDS and how can the CDS/GDS become more associated.** **Clustering.****GPs – working with GPs.** **DDRB uplift – when is it coming.** **Initiatives for recruitment****Guild and Ben fund contribution**  |  **Pete/All** | Performance appears consistent with last year.Last year we had HB mitigation – nothing to change for this year.Issues re: primary care sustainability focussed on GP, short-sighted as drop in dentistry, pharmacy, optometry will only worsen GP situation. This needs to be recognised and is starting to be.Approx. £3M given back to budget this year from GDS/CDS/DwSI contracts etc. Re: GDS practices, 40 missed NP target, 42 missed HP target, 30 missed both, after HB mitigation 20 were subject to the clawback which added up to £850K.Currently seeing 25-30% population, slightly over last years position at this time.Access not evenly distributed.Anecdotally a number of practices struggling with NUP metric, at odds with messages that patients are struggling to access urgent care.Centralising waiting lists was supposed to be a Welsh Government responsibility in place for Apr 24 – no progress.5x dental academy practices – there will be a primary care academy website – N Wales dental academy will be a subset.Only capital invested in Bangor academy was for elements outside of PDS contract.Encourage those who have questions re: academy model to attend Spotlight sessions.CDS – 3 working groups (paeds, dom, adult special care).Work ongoing re: waiting list, 32,000->17,000 on waiting list, expected to go down further.182,000 active patients at present – work also ongoing to reduce this.Hoping in 6 months to have an idea re: waiting lists and capacity plan.Work ongoing re: supporting pathways between primary care and CDS.Restorative consultant – to look at the rest of Wales in order to get an idea of what is needed – need Welsh Government support. |
| **FOOD** | **FOOD** | **FOOD** |
| **Update** |  |  |
| **3.2 Chairman’s correspondence**  | **JW** | On website, summary in brief:April 2025 more realistic for new contract, consistent with what PG is hearing.Negotiations amicable for the most part.6 from ‘each side’ BDA (all GDP practice owners) vs Welsh Government.OHSG minutes attended by DN/MH – see website.DDRB UPLIFT – PG believes uplift in Dec schedule – expected 5% (retrospective).Meaningful involvement in clusters/collaboratives is something that we will have to get involved inBleak reports from GPs, pharmacists et al. |
| **3.3 Secretary’s correspondence** | **DN** | On website, discussion around items included:How to tap into dental nurse training opportunities3X providers at present, all done differently leading to the same qualification.TT – Issues with dental academy advertising platform.Nov and May examinations.Require to be “registered on to the next approved training course” which means that as long as they are registered – they can have a 3-month ‘bedding in’ period before actually attending said course.Dental hygiene course running at present, Therapy course should be available from 2024. |
| **3.4 Treasurer’s report**£41,983 Dan stopping Jan.Normally donations each year to Dental Guild and BDA Benevolent – recommended £25 per practitioner to the Guild.Confusion re: levy, how many contributors? Figure varies monthly.DN propose £4K to Guild and £2K to BDA Benevolent. MB seconds.ACTION: JW to look into with Caroline from BDA. |  |  |
| **3.5 Orthodontics** | **BL** | On website. |
| **3.6 Oral surgery** | **AT** | Not in attendance. |
| **3.7 GDPC/WGDPC**  | **JW** | On website. |
| **3.8 Dental Health in North Wales** | **SS** |  |
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| **3.9 Dental Advisors**  | **AT/ID/KF** | None in attendance. |
| **4.0 NW OHSG**  **Primary dental care operational liaison meeting** | **JW** | On website. |
| **AOB?** |  |  |
| **Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting** | 11 March (online), 10 June (F2F with guest speaker, venue TBC), 09 Sep (TBC), 09 Dec (TBC) |