**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 in  Bleak 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 opportunities  3X 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) | |