

**Monday 10 June 2024**

18:30 – 21:30

Dental Academy Bangor, 337 High St., Bangor, LL57 1EP

**MINUTES**

**Attendance: JW, MH, MS, DK, RS, ME, MK, KM, KF, PG, OS, GJ, FS, SR, GO, NM, EL, EM, LW, SS, RW, TM, MH**

Agenda Item	Person Responsible	Attachments/ Supporting Information
1. Welcome and Apologies (18:30-18:35)	JW/MH	Apologies: ID, DN, PT, AH
1.2 Welcome to NWDA/myth busting – introduction to what an ‘academy’ practice is; opportunity to be shown around the Academy building. (18:35-19:10)	Darren/Ravi	
Introduce Guest Speaker (19:10-19:15)	Darren/Ravi	
<b>Guest Speaker (19:15-20:15): Amin Aminian</b>		
“Predictable Aesthetics”	AA	
<b>LDC Matters Arising (20:15-20:45)</b>		
2.1 Items from Minutes of Previous Meeting Letter sent to Dr Chris Stockport 14 May 24; we	JW/MH	Minutes of previous meeting approved, already on website from March. Letter to Dr C Stockport can be viewed <a href="https://www.northwalesldc.co.uk/publications/">https://www.northwalesldc.co.uk/publications/</a>

<p>are currently waiting for a reply.</p> <p><b>2.2. Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contract variation correction</li> <li>- Compass provider roll-out/pilot (again)</li> <li>- LDC Annual Conference 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>- BDA South Wales Dental Conference 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June</li> </ul>		<p>We have received a reply requesting a face-to-face meeting to discuss the concerns; we have also stressed that we want a written reply. The face-to-face meeting is scheduled for Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p>Re: variation correction – housekeeping, does not seem to be a cause for concern.</p> <p>Relevant documents from LDC annual conference have been uploaded to website:  <a href="https://www.northwalesldc.co.uk/publications/">https://www.northwalesldc.co.uk/publications/</a></p> <p>We have been asked to promote the BDA South Wales Dental Conference 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June. Please visit the following link for information:  <a href="https://www.bda.org/learning-and-development/courses-and-events/south-wales-branch-two-day-conference/">https://www.bda.org/learning-and-development/courses-and-events/south-wales-branch-two-day-conference/</a></p>
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LDC Updates (20:45-21:15)		
3.1 Chairman's Correspondence	JW/MH	<a href="https://www.northwalesldc.co.uk/publications/">https://www.northwalesldc.co.uk/publications/</a>
3.2 Secretary's Correspondence – Dental Q&S Update	MS	<p>Referrals for OPG – urged to avoid the use of non-NHS email addresses (practices with Hotmail, Gmail, etc.) due to GDPR concerns.</p> <p>If your local radiology department is not accepting patients being given paper copies, then paper copies for routine referrals should be posted.</p> <p>For urgent matters, we have been advised to telephone the department and request an exception.</p> <p>Long-term, we are trying to push for referrals to be included as part of the FDS system.</p>
3.3 Treasurer's Report	MS (for AH)	<p>£49,597.79 balance in account. As the overwhelming majority of LDCs do, we will be making donations to the Dental Guild in the coming month(s).</p> <p><b>ACTION: AH to organise.</b></p>
3.4 Orthodontics	MS (for BL)	<p>From Ben Lewis:</p> <p>Staffing:</p> <p>1) We have been through the interview process for a consultant orthodontist split between YG and YGC. This was successful and a candidate has been offered a position, which was been accepted on a part time basis.</p>

		<p>We are currently going through the post interview recruitment process.</p> <p>2) Unfortunately, we still have one member of staff non-clinical and another on maternity leave which has significantly reduced the secondary care capacity.</p> <p>3) We have not been successful in recruiting locum positions to cover the maternity leave but have secured cover one day a week to cover junior doctors on a Wednesday, to enable their training to continue.</p> <p>Capacity Back-log:</p> <p>1) The HB is looking at insourcing and outsourcing options to address the current sizable backlogs in both initial assessments and also subsequent treatments.</p> <p>2) Following the highlighting of evidence and a needs assessment at the OMCN, the HB is looking to commission additional primary care specialist practice activity.</p> <p>OS stressed importance of responding with photographs if prompted – this helps to establish whether the patient in question needs to be seen sooner.</p>
<b>3.5 Oral Surgery – inc. Consultant Connect</b>	<b>MS</b>	<p>Consultant Connect pilot is due to start w/c 24<sup>th</sup> July – if anybody would like to be involved, please contact MS (<a href="mailto:sec.nwldc@gmail.com">sec.nwldc@gmail.com</a>).</p> <p>Intermediate tier 'failed extraction' protocol – proforma was circulated to all Dental Contractors on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and can be found on the LDC website (<a href="https://www.northwalesldc.co.uk/publications/">https://www.northwalesldc.co.uk/publications/</a>). From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, Intermediate Tier Oral Surgery will be piloting a fast-track service to aid in the management of failed exodontia under LA.</p>
<b>3.6 GDPC/WGDPC</b>	<b>JW/RJ</b>	No GDPC/WGDPC meeting since last LDC meeting.
<b>3.7 Dental Health in North Wales</b>	<b>SS</b>	SS delivered update re: national initiatives ongoing.
<b>3.8 Dental Advisors</b>	<b>KF</b>	<p>All work done by DPAs is now down to KF/ID – we have asked the LHB to try and recruit another DPA as soon as possible, but not sure if this is going to happen.</p> <p>QAS: ID – Flintshire, Anglesey and Gwynedd; KF – Wrexham, Conwy and Denbighshire.</p> <p>18 'Red' issues were identified, out of which 3 practices had incomplete forms which were an automatic red.</p>

		QAVP: The recent T&F group met and finalised how it would be done. Visits are Q&S related with a focus on support to practices. The task is almost 74 practices between 2 DPAs and a reduced CG workforce; all in all this is proving very challenging and not sure when we are going to start/finish them.
<b>3.9 NW OHSG (Primary Dental Care Operational Liaison Meeting)</b>	<b>JW</b>	No OHSG meeting since last LDC meeting, June meeting has been rescheduled (by request from HB), next is now in calendar for Thurs 25 July.
<b>3.10 LDC Constitution – update on review</b>	<b>PT/ID</b>	Apologies from PT/ID, to pick-up @ next meeting.
<b>3.11 NWDA Oversight Committee – inc. Cardiff/Liverpool Dental Student placements</b>	<b>MH</b>	<p>MH delivered update from NWDA oversight meetings.</p> <p>At present: 3x dental clinical fellows (MSc students in oral surgery) at Bangor site.</p> <p>12x hygiene students utilising Bangor site.</p> <p>12x therapist placed coming Sep 25.</p> <p>1x orthodontic therapist based in Greenacres.</p> <p>Undergraduates: Students from University of Cardiff using Wrexham site (and have done for years); perhaps looking to expand offer and utilise Bangor Academy from Sep 25 onwards.</p> <p>Meetings ongoing re: GDS outreach for students from University of Liverpool. Unsure what this will look like and whether this will definitely go ahead. (Very) difficult to standardise in GDS.</p>
<p><b>Any Other Business? (21:15-21:30)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LDC Chair succession planning <b>JW</b></li> <li>- LDC Vice Chair succession planning <b>MH</b></li> </ul> <p>JW stressed importance of succession planning; JW has done the job for approx. 7 years and requires more support from committee members going forwards, cannot continue for another 7 years.</p> <p>We will need either a ‘Shared Chair’ role across committee members – with each member attending certain meetings/being given defined responsibilities etc.</p> <p>Alternatively, we need to appoint a new Vice Chair with a view to shadow and then take over from JW.</p> <p>MH cannot continue in this role now that he has been appointed to the role of Deputy CDO.</p>		
<b>Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting</b>	<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 19:00-22:00</b>	<b>Online, Zoom</b>