Minutes of the LDC Meeting held 3rd December at the Kinmel Manor Hotel Abergele

Present

J Williams, P Leech, R Shaw, M Horton, I Douglas, S Mawson, A Walton, J Brown, Ruth Bowers, Tracey Young, C DuBourg, G Lloyd, Eric Roberts, Raj Jotangia, Laurence Masters, Ette Ntekim

Apologies

A Hawkes, D Naylor, D Plunkett, S Sandham

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising

GDS Structure

Emlyn Roberts and Paul Bowker have been replaced a s the Wrexham dental coordinators by Andrew Moreton who will be in post in the new future

OS Intermediate Tier Arrangements

No more meetings have been held and none are presently planned, but arrangements will continue as they are at least until March 2013.

LDC levy update

Dr Mawson reported that the bank balances are slowly improving.

Current £1953.97

Reserve £8645.34

Total £10599.31

Orthodontics

Dr Masters introduced himself as the new Orthodontist in C/B and Wrexham.

Dr Mawson mentioned that he was aware of some patients whose parents had seemingly not been allowed into the surgery along with their child at the Dentalign practice in Wrexham. Ms Bower assured the committee that this was not the case and that Practitioners who were aware of such instances should feel free to contact the Practice so that the issue can be addressed

The inaugural meeting of the Orthodontic MCN took place on the 10th October

Dr Roberts reported that the new Ortho practice in Mold is new open

Referrals can be sent to

Grosvenor Orthodontics

Grosvenor House

Grosvenor Street

Mold

CH7 1EJ

Dr Lloyd asked if the LHB had any plans to recommision UOAs and Dr Shaw indicated that it is something that the LHB are looking at.

Non Recurrent UDAs

It is uncertain as to whether there will be any further non recurrent UDAs available within the current financial year at present.

OFT report is now published.

Dr Lloyd reported that the GDC is considering direct access for patients to health professionals which may have far reaching implications.

AoB

Dr Leech mentioned that there is a BBC programme going out tonight on hand held X Ray machines which apparently emit very high doses of radiation.

Dr Horton mentioned that a review is taking place within BCLHB on secondary care restorative dentistry as a result of the impending retirement of Dr Tom Nisbet.

R Shaw is looking for input from he LDC on this matter.

ID to send an e mail to LDC circulation list for ideas to go back to Rob

ACTION ID

Chairmans Correspondence

None

Secretarys Correspondence.

A request from Eddie Crouch for donations towards the costs for a QC to get an opinion on challenging seniority pay severance in England. The Committee debated this and decided against making a contribution as the BDA has already gone down this route.

A letter from Dave Hopkins who has informed us that he has taken over from Gwyn Phillips as Head of Contractor services in wales

Treasurers report

£2500 income monthly currently being generated.

It may be possible to reduce the levy in the future

GDPC

Quiet on the whole

Mostly focussed on England.

The BDA are doing a lot of work on Associate contracts.

WGDPC

The DRS will disappear at the end of March. It is possible that Wales will set up is own Service and this may knock on in terms of possible contractual changes that will take place in 2015/16.

There may be the opportunity to set up a limited dental occupational Health scheme within BCLHB. Discussions are ongoing.

Dental Health in N Wales.

No report.

Advisors

QAS deadline has gone by and Practices have complied by and large.

NW Oral Health Strategy Group.

Dr Shaw gave a report.

CDS properties review going on at present

Ortho recommissioning a possibility.

Post payment verification. Possibly too involved for GDS to be viable for the LHB to implement.

Date and time for next meeting.

25th February 2013 and 15th April 2013