LDC Meeting 9th January 2012

Held at the Kinmel Manor Hotel, Abergele

Present

Sandra Sandham, Raj Jotangia, R Shaw, A Hawkes, A Walton, C DuBourg, D Plunkett, R Bennett, D Naylor, J Williams, A Moore.

Apologies.

J Brown, B Lewis, T Gregg, J Clewett, C McCoubrey, M Horton.

Mins of previous approved as a true record.

Matters Arising.

GDS/LHB Structure

Dr Lloyd gave an overview of the situation. Things are progressing slowly.

A draft structure for the Advisory Forum has been agreed and Drs Shaw and Lloyd are meeting again this week to hopefully finalise the arrangements.

The LHB are keen to have Corporate involvement

The LHB has also agreed to reinstate the old “Contract Management Group”

Sandra Sandham gave an overview of the CPG structure

A job description for the Dental Clinical Director post has been agreed.

The LHB has appointed the following posts:

Assistant Director of Primary Care….Dave Johnson.

Dental Project Co Ordinator…………….Tony Benton.

New GDS money will be available this year on a recurrent basis and the LHB will be writing to Providers soon asking for tenders. Priority will be given to areas of need. Non recurrent funding will continue to be offered as well in both this and subsequent years.

Interim Tier Max Fac Arrangements.

A meeting will take place on the 19th Jan and the LDC will be updated.

LDC Levy

The LHB have agreed that the LDC raise a stat levy to replace the existing voluntary levy.

Dr Mawson and Douglas will continue to negotiate.

The LDC agreed that the best method to take forward would be a top slice stat levy.

Dr Mawson will look at the figures to work out what %age will need to be raised.

Orthodontics

The All Wales Strategy Group has been formed and Ms Sandham is the Chair.

The N Wales managed clinical network will develop alongside this group.

Dr Plunkett reported a waiting list of 9 months at present at his Deeside clinic

LDC Officials Day Report

ID gave a report on the Day.

The most relevant bit was a report from one of the Pilot Practices which indicates that if the changes the Government are planning are implemented, they will bring changes to NHS dentistry of far greater significance than the 2006 changes.

The English deputy CDO also gave a talk in which she sounded pretty determined to bring in the new contract for 2015

Any Other Business

BDA Branch Meeting at Liverpool Dental Hospital on 1st Feb 2012.

Dr Lloyd gave an overview of the Welsh Pilots which have been running since April 2011.

The timescale for implementation of the new contract has slipped to 2015.

Chairmans Correspondence

none

Secretarys Correspondence

None

Treasurers Report.

End of financial year.

Curr. £2274.26

Res. £9951.04

Tot. £12225.30

GDPC

Quiet.

OFT are looking into Private dentistry.

Oral Health Strategy for Wales will be released later this month and going out for consultation

DF1 scheme.

There will be a shortfall in VT places available this year to the tune of about 100 places in Wales 19 and 100 graduates Nationally. There do seem to be problems with the matching scheme!

WGDPC.

Tom Gregg has been elected to WGDPC in place of Ian Douglas.

WGDPC have asked the Welsh Health Minister to extend the ring fencing for dentistry beyond march 2012.

Dental Health in north wales

Special Care Dental Strategy being developed

Oral Health Plan being developed.

Financial constraints in N Wales are impacting on all healthcare staff.

A conscious sedation course will run this year in N Wales.

Dental Advisers.

QAS returns had to be in last November. The returns in N Wales seem to have been good.

NWDAF

Meeting on Wednesday.

Next Meeting 5th March 2012 and 11th June 2012 to be confirmed on 5th March