North Wales LDC Meeting 5th March Kinmel Manor Abergele

Present

I Douglas, G Lloyd, S Mawson, M Horton, Tom Greig, A Moore, J Williams, D Plunkett, AHawkes, S Sandham, A Walton, C DuBourg, Ben Lewis, Paul Jenkins.

Apologies

R Shaw, C McCoubrey

The minutes of previous meeting were approved as a true record

Matters arising

GDS Structure

The closing date for applications for the Dental Clinical Director post within BCLHB has passed.

It is uncertain what is happening with regard to Corporate representation within the CPG structure at this time.

Mary Burrows is off on sick leave at present.

Dave Thomas the Welsh CDO is now back at work following a period of sick leave.

The request for interest in bids for recurrent UDA s has gone out by direct letters to Providers and an advert in the BDJ. There is some criticism of the complexity of the document from LDC members.

MH to ask the LHB for explanation. ACTION MH

Interim Tier Max Fac meeting is due to be held at 6 pm on the coming Wednesday. SS MH and ID to attend.

LDC Levy

SM gave an update on the financial situation of the LDC

In view of the deteriorating situation the committee has decided to move to a statuatory levy rather than the voluntary levy.

ID proposed the above concept

CdB seconded.

The proposal was unanimously carried.

SM will put the figures together and forward a proposal to the LHB

SM proposed that Tom Greig is co-opted onto the LDC as he is now the WGDPC representative for N Wales.

This proposal was also carried unanimously.

Orthodontics.

SS reported on a meeting to decide how to take forward the All Wales Orthodontic Strategy Group

Dave Plunkett reported an increase in his new patient waiting list to 12 months but he anticipates an improvement in April.

BL reported a waiting list of 26 weeks for new patients at YGC and Wrexham

AoB

Cath du Bourg clarified matters over the WGDPC elections. The BDA are happy that the election was held in a proper manner.

Prescribing Audits. There is some confusion over prescribing audits and there is a lack of clarity over who is running them and whether they are being funded outside a routine postgraduate audit

Dr Mawson and Dr Lloyd to report back

Chairs Correspondence

All covered

Secretaries Correspondence

An LDC Officials Day invitation has arrived.

The Committee discussed and agreed that two people should attend the conference.

It was decided that Andy Moore and MH should attend.

MH to sort out the logistics.

Treasurers Report

Curr £2467.19

Res £9952.03

Total £12419.22

LDC levy see above.

WGDPC

Last meeting held on the 20th Jan

VT was discussed. 20 Welsh undergraduates do not have places on the coming VT scheme which starts in August. This an ongoing situation which is likely to become worse over the next few years due to increasing graduate numbers

Welsh LDC Conference on the 18th May.

GDPC

Meeting in January

John Milne was challenged as Chair by Eddie Crouch but won the election.

He will be attending the BDA meeting in N Wales on 20th March

Pay award for next year is likely to be 0.5% but not definate as yet.

There may be a trade off in that the “prescription only” claim of .75 UDAs may be sacrificed.

Seniority Pay. The issue is ongoing but there is still no change in Wales so eligible Practitioners who have reached the age of 55 should claim the allowance via the LHB as soon as possible.

GDS ring fencing in Wales has been extended but no announcement has yet been made to confirm this.

Dental Health in N Wales

WAG have produced a Children and Yong Peoples report

SS will report back on this in due course

Localities are being developed in N Wales with a lead GP by the Medicine CPG.

SS is ensuring that dentistry is being included

Dental nurse training

74% pass rate for Llandrillo [old scheme]

100% pass rate in Wrexham [new scheme]

Fluoride varnish courses are running in Wrexham as part of the design to smile scheme.

Advisors

Meeting to be held in 3 weeks

QAS for this year has been completed. There are some improvements to be made to the questionnaire for next year.

NWDAF

Meeting in April

Next LDC meeting 25th June 2012 and 10th September 2012