North Wales Local Dental Committee Meeting

Held at the Kinmel Manor Hotel on the 25th June 2012

Apologies

 Russell Bennett, Paul Leach, John Clewitt, Rob Shaw

Present.

J Williams, A Hawkes, Tom Gregg, G Lloyd, I Douglas, M Horton, S Mawson, A Moore, Cathdubourg, J Brown, Ette Ntekim, D Plunkett, Raj Jotangia, A Walton, Sandra Sandham

Tracey Young and Ruth Bower attended the meeting and gave a short presentation on behalf of Dentalign, formerly The Brace Orthodontic Practice in Wrexham. They reassured the LDC that they are aware of Practitioner concerns and will endeavour to move the Practice forward. The Practice is in the process of recruiting two part time specialist orthodontists to work between Wrexham and Colwyn Bay and they are hoping to work towards a 12 month wait for new patient referrals. The LDC thanked

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record but John Brown

Matters Arising

* GDS Structure

Rob Shaw has been appointed as Clinical Director for Dentistry of the Surgical CPG and Paul Leach has been appointed as his assistant.

The membership of the OH Strategy Group will be reviewed.

* Interim Tier MOS.

The service is continuing to run as is in the 3 Centre’s until a final model has been decided upon.

The next meeting of the task group is next Wednesday.

* LDC Levy Update

As from the end of June the LDC will be collecting Statuatory Levy. Very few opt out forms have been returned.

A discussion will need to be had as to whether password protection will be taken off the website so that anyone can access the LDC minutes. ID to ask the web designer for advice ACTION ID

The use of the LDC website will be discussed at the OHSG meeting ACTION MH

* Orthodontics

Dave Plunkett reported a 12 month waiting list. He also mooted an early referral system for discussion. More non recurrent money has been awarded to Ortho Practices

* Non recurrent/recurrent GDS monies

MH and SS sat on the panel reviewing the bid applications for recurrent funding. They reported that the whole process was very fair.

Non recurrent funding. Dr Lloyd raised concerns over the criteria that the LHB are using to allocate extra funding to Practices.

* Out of area referrals

A letter has gone out to all Practitoners basically stating that out of area referrals will no longer be permitted.

Practitioners are advised to use local Welsh referral centres as far as practicable as out of area referrals are likely to be refused

* LDC Conference Report

A poor conference.

Report on pilots. Large amounts of rhetoric from the DoH. There seem to be some basic flaws in the pilot schemes which will need overcoming quickly if things are to progress.

* Vocational Training

Awaiting finals results and the clearing process will start soon. There is a severe shortage of VT places and not all UK graduates will be appointed.

* Any Other Business.

The BDAs new PEC will soon be in existence. The BDA is looking for nominations for Welsh Council.

The BDA branch are organizing a ball on the 19th Jan 2013 at the Chester Grosvenor Hotel. The price will be £70 for a double ticket. A flyer will come through to BDA members with an email address.

Chairmans Correspondence

Covered elsewhere

Secretarys Correspondence

Covered elsewhere

Treasurers Report

Res £9953.02

Current £1538.78

Total £11491.80

Other Reports

* GDPC

There will be an increase of 20p on band 1 and 2 charges but no increase in band 3 charges planned for sometime later this year.

The oral health plan for Wales is soon to be published

This years pay rise of 0.5% has been agreed but removing the .75 UDA vafor prescription only claims requires primary legislation so this will not happen any time soon

The funded prescription audit in Wales should be rolled out in the autumn and a second audit is planned on complying with essential requirements of HTM 0105

* WGDPC

Dave Thomas gave an update on pilots. There was a hint that Wales may go its own way with a simpler contract.

Lisa Howells gave a talk on the prescription audit

Clare Herbert gave a talk on revalidation. CPD will form the basis of it but there will be other aspects.

* Dental Health in North Wales

Nationally there is emphasis on strategy groups and managed clinical networks.

Healthcare professional form are looking at Service reviews

* Dental Advisors

Meeting on the 21st September.

* NW Dental Oral Health Strategy Group

No report

Date and Time of Next Meeting

10th September 2012 and 3rd December 2012