Minutes of the LDC Meeting held on 15th April 2013

Sarah Wynne Jones gave the Committee an update on the new HSE Sharps Regulations 2013.

Practitioners are advised to look at the HSE website, read the document and adopt appropriate procedures within the Practice.

[www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsis7,htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsis7%2Chtm)

An All Wales protocol is being developed by the CDO Wales and will be available in due course.

Present.

Tom Gregg, Ette Ntekim, Y Hopkins, P Leach, R Shaw, G Lloyd, J Brown, C DuBourg, S Mawson, I Douglas, M Horton, A Walton, J Williams, D Plunkett, Raj Jotangia, Ben Lewis , Tracey Young , Ruth Bower.

Apologies

Sandra Sandham, Andy Hawkes, John Clewitt

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

Matters Arising

Restorative Consultant Process.

Dr Shaw reported that Tom Nisbet has retired but has returned for 6 sessions per week to maintain a skeleton service and to ensure urgent and cancer cases are dealt with appropriately.

The remainder of patients will stay on the waiting list until a decision is taken on the future of the Consultancy position.

OS Interim Tier Arrangements.

2 meetings have been held since the beginning of the year but options and costings have not yet been developed so the arrangements as carrying on as previously for now.

Orthodontics.

Meetings have taken place to progress the retendering process. Adverts should be placed in the next month or two. Accreditation for DWSIs is being discussed by the All Wales Forum and GDS ortho contracts will be unaffected by the process.

There is still capacity for Practices in NE Wales to refer a limited number of patients to specialist orthodontic practices in Chester as this reflects historical activity.

Secondary Care waiting times are now beyond 52 weeks at Wrexham and YGC. Wrexham patients are being offered appointments at Bangor as the waiting times there are shorter.

Non Recurrent GDS Funding

No news to date but the LHB will write out to Practices when they have identified funding streams.

CPG Restructuring.

A review took place within BCLHB and it has been proposed that the Community Dental Services and Primary Care Services move out of the Surgical CPG into Primary Care. The LDC have commented on this proposal and the outcome is as yet unknown.

LDC Elections

Nominations forms have been sent out and elections will be held in due course.

Dental Reference Service

WAG do intend to keep the 3 year rolling programme of Practice Inspections but perhaps using a different mechanism.

In the meantime PHW will be employed to address urgent situations.

AoB

18th May sees the first meeting of the BDA UK Council. Cath DuBourg to attend

National OH Action Plan has been published.

Chairs Correspondence.

None

Secretaries Correspondence.

Neil Hopkins has written to the LDC

The BSC has closed in Bangor and all services have been moved to Swansea. Consequently all claim forms should be sent to Swansea for now on. Practices should have received notice of the changes.

Treasurers Report.

Current Acc £13277.21

Reserve Acc £1954.60

Total £15231.81

The Committee decided to make a donation of

Dental Guild £3000

Benevolent Fund £1000

GDPC

No meeting

Contract values will be uplifted by 1.5%.

The 3 UDAs for referrals will be disappearing from the GDS claim schematics.

WGDPC

No meeting

Dental Health in North Wales.

No report.

Dental Advisers

QAS may become all electronic in the future. Practtioners are advised to make plans accordingly.

Oral Health Strategy Group.

No Report.

Primary Dental Care Operational Liason Group

A company called tooth fairies have been mailshotting Practices with regard to dental nurse training. Dentists should be aware that the training is based on NVQ rather than NEBDN.

Date and Time of Next Meeting.

3rd June 2013 and 2nd September 2013