LDC Meeting Minutes 11th November 2013

Held at the Kinmel Manor Hotel, Abergele

Apologies

Tracey Young, Ruth Bowers, M Horton, A Hawkes, J Clewitt,

Present

I Douglas, P Leach, S Mawson, C Dubourg, Y Hopkins, D Plunkett, J Brown, G Lloyd, Ette Ntekim, S Sandham, R Shaw, J Williams, A Moore, Raj Jotangis, Tom Gregg

The previous minutes were approved as a true record

Matters Arising.

Dr Mawson reported that the BDA dental Guild fund cheque has still not been cashed

OS Interim Tier

SS reported that a JD is with Emma Woolley and finance are looking at the proposed model

Orthodontics

The preferred providers have been identified but are still not officially confirmed

Non Recurrent GDS

The LHB will be sending out a letter asking for bids for a second tranche of funding in the next week or two

Restorative

Meetings are ongoing with regard to Tom Nisbets replacement. Various options are being considered with outsourcing a possibility

Dental Nurse Training

Funding has been agreed with the LHB but it is not clear that funding will be available in full

Wrexham and Colwyn Bay training results are both above the national average.

NVQs are available in customer care and emergency and paediatric first aid also at these centres

LDC Levy

The LHB has requested that LDC funding should be used for LDC members who sit on Commissioning panels on behalf of the LDC

ID asked the LDC to consider whether the LDC is happy to fund members expenses on this basis.

Letter to Stuart Geddes to ask what happens in other parts of Wales

No decision to be taken at present until further information has been ascertained. ACTION ID

AoB

The Benevolent fund Committee asked CD to thank the LDC for their contribution to the fund

A Ben fund raffle will be held at the BDA Ball in January

PL raised the fact that there is a Welsh Health Circular with regard to bleeding risks associated some new anticoagulation drugs. PL has asked Tony Benton to circulate to all GDP Practices in North Wales

William Parry asked the LDC to comment on problems he is having with staffing in his department. LDC will take this to the OHSG.

Chairs Correspondence

None

Secs Correspondence

None

Treasurers Report

Current £14815.22

Reserve £1954.98

Total £16,77020

Accounts to be placed on the website. ACTION ID

WDC Report

D Thomas would like the LDC to write to the LHB emphasizing that a Restorative Consultant is needed in N Wales

ID to write to RS Tony Shambrook and the Execs of the LHB ACTION ID

Oral Health Action Plan

Almost complete

3 LHBs in Wales are running Pilots employing Therapists in Direct Access roles

A document was presented to the WDC asking for recognition for universal competences for dentists with enhanced skills in Oral Surgery

Pilots have been extended in Wales to 2015

Child pilots have been stopped.

The others have converted to the Oral Health Outcome pilots but there are problems

Revenue has dropped significantly and there has been a surge in child band 3 claims which is unexplained

Associates have been replaced by Therapists.

There is another meeting in January and nothing is set in stone for Wales

AoB

CD reported that 70% of BDA members opted for the lowest category of membership and this has caused financial difficulties for the BDA.

Media reports are overblown however and fees are not expected to rise.

Providers who underperform for 2 successive years on their UDA target by more than 5% may risk having their contract permanently reduced without further discussion.

Also if a Provider does not consult with the LHB to reduce their UDA target by December then the original target will be their expected delivery target.

GDPC

HTM0105

New document in Wales due in the new year. It is not expected to impact too badly on Practices as it does not require a move to the Gold standard

WGDPC

No report

Dental Health in N Wales

Epidemiological survey and field work will be carried out in N Wales.

There was a negative report about design to smile in a local newspaper.

Some schools are dropping out of tooth brushing schemes because teaching staff are unwilling to supervise the children

Sharon Lee a Paediatric Consultant is visiting N Wales 4 times annually

Referrals should directed via the Community Service.

Dental Advisers

QAS returns to be completed by the 22nd of November.

Limited DRO services will be utilised by the LHB on the basis of QAS results.

NWOHSG

No report

Primary Care Operational Liason Group

No report

Next Meetings

20th January 2014 and 7th April 2014