Minutes of LDC meeting held 19th January 2015.

Present

M Horton, I Douglas, A Walton, S Mawson, C DuBourg, G Lloyd, A Walton,

Y Hopkins, S Sandham, J Williams. Ette Ntekim.

Apologies

R Jotangia, A Hawkes, B Lewis, D Plunkett, J Brown, P Leach, R Shaw

Minutes of previous meeting approved as a true record

Matters Arising

Intermediate Tier.

Marie is off on sick leave but the service is still operational in all 3 sites. Mick Horton reported that some referrals are being knocked back because radiographs are deemed unsatisfactory.

ACTION SS

Orthodontics.

No report.

The model for GDPs with special interests is likely to move forward along the lines of the existing DWSI model.

MCN tomorrow

Restorative Consultant.

1.5 posts have been agreed but things are moving forward very slowly.

GDC ARF increase.

The BDA had a partial victory in their judicial review but the fee increases still stand.

LDC Officials Day

A worthwhile event. The Profession presented a united front in the face of the challenges we currently face and updates were provided on several important issues.

In respect of any new contract, it was reported that no major changes will occur and that the pilots which have been run over the last few years have been seen as a failure.

LHB Restructuring.

It would appear that N Wales will be split into 3 areas with smaller localities but there would appear to be little logic in GDS dentistry following this model

The LDC exec has been invited to meet with Peter Higson the Chair of the Health Board and the Chief Exec.

QAS Practice Inspection Protocol

No update

BDA Elections.

Self nomination forms have been circulated. The closing date for nominations has passed. Voting forms will be circulated in the near future.

LDC Elections

ID to contact LHB for addresses and letters to be written

AoB

The annual BDA ball will be held this coming weekend.

A lobbying group has asked for a dental speaker from N Wales to give a 5 minute presentation in Cardiff. They are not offering any financial recompense. The view of the LDC is that a representative should not attend a Conference at the behest of a Private Company if they will not offer expenses.

A letter has been received by Practitioners asking for expressions of interest from Practices within a 7 mile radius of Llandudno. A UDA rate of £21.48. Some members of the LDC were of the opinion that this rate seems unreasonably low.

A letter will be sent to the LHB.

ACTION MH

Chairs Correspondence

None

Secretaries Correspondence

None

Treasurers Report

Current £17387.34

Reserve £1956.02

Total £19343.36

£3000 to be donated to the BDA Guild Fund

£1000 to be donated to the Benevolent fund

ID to provide Stuart with the details

ACTION ID

GDPC/WGDPC

Welsh CDO is decreasing his commitment to 3 days a week and will retire in a years time.

390 Practices have signed up to the email initiative

Contract

3 options

1. A service based on English prototypes.
2. 2 Core Service.
3. A Welsh developed Service.

Timescale is 2017 at the earliest. Corporates do not really want any change so there is no rush to change.

BCLHB have found an end of year £800,000 and redirected the funding away from dentistry.

WAG are sending out recently developed Health Circulars

HIW private Regs will be rewritten this year, which may mean the fees will be Practice based and not individual based.

Ebola guidance has been sent out. Practices are advised to contact Public Health Wales if they suspect a patient may be at risk

Dental Health in North Wales

LOHAP has been developed

Advisers

QAS have been completed and returns have been traffic lighted.

Hugh Bennett will retire in March.

OHSG and Liaison Group meetings are due to be held later this month, but may have to be cancelled.

Next meeting.

13th April and 29th June 2015