Minutes of North Wales LDC Meeting

Held on 7th November 2011

At the Talardy Hotel, St Asaph

Present

Mick Horton, S Mawson, J Brown, Cath DuBourg, R Shaw. J Williams, I Douglas,

D Plunkett, Ben Lewis, Sandra Sandham.

Apologies

G Lloyd, J Clewitt, A Hawkes,

Previous minutes approved as a true record.

J Williams had apologized for his absence at the last meeting.

Matters arising

LHB Structure

Dentistry continues to sit within the Surgical and Dental CPG and a formal structure is evolving. Rob Shaw is sending the latest amended draft structure to Tony Shambrook and Craig Barton for comment.

Dave Johnson has been appointed as Primary Care Contracts Manager

Oral Surgery Intermediate Tier.

Cath du Bourg reported that referrals have increased again. Contracts have been extended and the Service will be reassessed between now and April 2012.

Dr Horton expressed his concerns over the ongoing development of the service given what was agreed at the last meeting.

Dr Shaw questioned the costing of the Service.

MH to write to Pat Mowll to ask if another meeting is to take place. ACTION MH

Orthodontics

Managed Clinical Network development ongoing.

BL reported waiting list for new patients is now 36 weeks in Wrexham, 34 weeks in Bangor.

Dr Plunkett reported a 10 month wait for new patient assessments.

ACTION MH to write to Tony Shambrook

AoB

ID mentioned that Wrexham LHB have started using the red amber green traffic light system.

Concerns were raised that this scheme is not being used universally across N Wales and the system is therefore discriminatory as it stands.

Letter to be sent asking for information across N Wales. ACTION ID

Chairs Corr

None

Secretarys Corr

None other than levy correspondence with the LHB and LDC Treasurer

Treasurers report

Current Acc £2195.25

Res Acc £9949.96

Total £12,145.21

The LDC are in ongoing discussions with the LHB with regard to the setting up of the stat levy. At this rate the committee will run out of money within 12 months.

A discussion took place around honoraria but it was decided that these payments should continue.

The decision was taken to send a delegate to LDC Officials Day

ID to attend.

GDPC

No report

WGDPC

A meeting took place on the 22nd September 2011. The following points were made

* In the absence of David Thomas the CDO for Wales due to ill health there is a worrying void in WAG in terms of dentistry
* Primary care Support Unit. This service is in trouble financially and its responsibilities are being transferred to Public Health although it will continue in its current form until the end of this financial year
* 1000 Lives Project. The only dental matter is antibiotic prescribing. Audit monies are available to Practices to carry out prescribing audits through the dental post grad office in Cardiff
* Welsh Oral Health Strategy is due out later this year
* V.T. The question was raised as to whether trainees should be registered with HIW. Trainers are advised to seek advice from their local VTCourse Organiser.
* A new BDA constitution is being produced which will alter the structure of the BDA
* Tooth Whitening. A new EEC cosmetic directive means that when the legislation is implemented [approx 1 year] only dentists will be able to be supplied with Carb. Peroxide. Bleaching will not be advised on under 18s and pregnant women.
* Amalgam. Within the EU there will be a 20 year phase down in amalgam useage. There will be increasing pressure as time goes on to phase out its use
* Report on Welsh Pilots for new working. Too early to glean anything thing meaningful as the Pilots only started 4 months ago Pilots in England are more rigid than those in Wales. There has been time slippage in the target date for the implementation of any new contract to 2015 in England.
* Remuneration. The DoH will be looking for efficiencies of 4%. At best we will be looking at a 0.5-1% increase on gross fees but a cut of a similar order is not out of the question!
* Ring fencing of GDS funding in Wales is due to end in March 2012. The Minister will be asked to extend this date.
* Pension negotiations are ongoing. Practitioners are advised to seek advice before taking any irrevocable steps.
* Seniority Pay is still available in Wales to Practitioners who have attained the grand old age of 55.
* There is a possibility that legislation will be amended to allow NHS urgent courses of treatment for 1.2 UDAs to become free to under 25s and over 60s in Wales.

Dental Advisors

Meeting last Friday

QAS returns must be submitted by Practices by 14th November

New child protection document in Wales

Dental Health in N Wales

As discussed above

Meeting with NHS direct next Thursday

NWDAF

As above

Next Meetings of NWLDC.

Jan 9th 2012 and March 12th 2012