North Wales LDC Meeting 12th September 2011

The Talardy Hotel, St Asaph

Present

M Horton, S Mawson, J Brown, C Du Bourg, Raj Jotangia, R Bennett, G Lloyd, A Hawkes, A Walton, E Woolley, D Plunkett, Ben Lewis, I Douglas, Nyree Whitley , Yvonne Hopkins,

Apologies Dan Naylor

Minutes of Previous approved as a true record.

Matters arising.

*GDS structure within the new LHB*

Discussions were had with regard to the NWDAF structure and how this fits within the BCLHB structure. Funding of this and other committees is under negotiation with BCLHB. Structure document to be circulated and an email discussion with Craig Barton will be entered ACTION MH

.Dr Lloyd gave an overview of a meeting, which took place with Mary Burrows, Tony Shambrook and Geoff Laing.

At this meeting the LHB was informed that GDS dentistry would be remaining within Surgical CPG. A number of small concessions were gained with regard to other matters.

The LHB said they are keen to have a dialogue and Mary B was keen that GDPs should have a meeting allowance for BCLHB daytime meetings.

Dr Mawson gave an overview of discussions with the LHB regarding the raising of the LDC levy.

Discussions have been difficult. Dr Mawson is pursuing the matter and will report back to the LDC in due course.

GDS ring fencing ends next March. There is no guarantee that this will be extended beyond this period.

*OS Intermediate Tier Interim Arrangements.*

This service was set up to deal with inappropriate referrals into Secondary Care Max Fac.

The scheme has been extended for the time being and candidates for the post will have to be re interviewed. A meeting took place in August and it would appear that demand for this service has fallen recently. This may be for several reasons.

A decision was taken to extend the service for now and to re assess the need for the service in the future.

*VT UDAs*

A Practitioner contacted the LDC with regard to a misinterpretation of the regulations concerning the allocation of VT UDAs. The matter is under investigation by the local VT advisor.

*LDC Elections*

The following have been nominated to the LDC.

A Walton

Dan Naylor

Stuart mawson

G Lloyd

J Brown

A Hawkes

C DuBourg

The quota of 15 places is not exceeded and means that there is no need for an election. The other half of the committee will be up for re election in 2 years time.

*Orthodontics*

Managed clinical network for orthodontics is in development for N Wales. There still seems to be a pressure by LHBs to move all orthodontics into a primary care setting.

*LDC Officials Day*

The Committee decided that we should only send a delegate to this event if the agenda is relevant.

*AoB*

Dr Woolley raised the matter of repatriation of patients with a Welsh postcode who are treated in England. This matter is to be brought up at the advisory forum.

The BDA will hold a meeting on decontamination on the 6th October Dan McOlonen will be the speaker.

Wesleyan Medical Sickness are offering a free service to Dental Practitioners who may be in danger of breaching the £1.5 million lifetime pension pot limit.

Any Practitioner in their 50s is advised to take advice on this matter.

A endodontic specialist, Steve Cowling, a GDP with an interest in endo who is working to a masters has been employed by the CDS with effect from 15th Sept 2011. The referral pathways and protocols for this service are yet to be established.

*Treasurers Report*

The financial situation of the LDC is deteriorating. The current account has fallen by £5000 in the last 9 months.

Current Acc: £3690.88

Reserve Acc £9949.96

Total £13640.84

*GDPC*

The Welsh CDO is unwell and will be unable to carry out any duties for the foreseeable future.

Pensions: negotiations are ongoing

Seniority payments: This scheme is proposed to cease in England. The other Home Countries may follow suit but presently the scheme is live in Wales. Any Practitioners who have reached the age of 55 and have not claimed the payments are advised to contact the LHB as soon as possible.

*Chairmans Correspondence*

None

*Secretarys Correspondence*

None

*WGDPC*

meeting next week

Dental Health in North Wales

No report

*Advisors*

Meetings cut down to two a year.

Dr brown attended the Contract Management Group. BCLHB indicated that clawback will be taken in one hit from now on in North Wales. Practitioners who think they may not hit 95% of UDA target are advised to take early action and enter into discussions with the LHB or risk severe financial penalty.

Practitioners are reminded that Fp17 claims must also be submitted within 60 days of the form being closed.

*NWDAF*

Next meeting 5th October 2011

Next LDC Meetings

7th November 2011 and 9th January 2012