LDC Meeting Minutes 14th April 2014

Held at the Kinmel Manor Hotel, Abergele

Apologies

Ben Lewis, Raj Jotangia, D Plunkett, C DuBourg, S Mawson, T Young, J Clewitt,

A Moore , J Williams

Present

Y Hopkins, J Brown, G Lloyd, I Douglas, R Shaw, A Walton, T Gregg, E Ntekim, M Horton, A Hawkes

Minutes of previous meeting approved as a true record

Matters Arising

OS Interim Tier

Approval is being awaited by the vacancy panel prior to job application adverts.

The Wrexham clinics are now booked up until June and it is unclear what will happen to additional patients at this stage in this clinic but patients may be asked to travel to Bethesda.

Orthodontics

MCN meeting 9th May

Orthodontics currently accounts for 34.8% of total Child dental spend [GDS/PDS figures] according to BCLHB. The future of Orthodontics will feature in the National Oral Health Plan to be released shortly

Non recurrent GDS funding

The final tranche of non recurrent GDS monies from last year was used to the reduce the overall LHB deficit.

The PCSU are currently considering how they might prevent this happening again during the current financial year.

Restorative

Tom Nisbet is still carrying out a skeleton service and periodontal cases are being farmed out to specialist practices in England.

The LHB have clarified that they are in agreement that a replacement for TN is required and a JD is being drawn up and we are hopeful that things will progress soon.

Dental Nurse Training

50% funding has been approved for nurses currently in training.

Practice Visits

In future Practices will be having two inspections

A . HIW will inspect practices in place of the old DRO inspections …we are unsure of the timeline for these visits. Paul Laingmaid has been appointed as an interim lead for this service.

B. The LHB have set up their own Governance inspection team who will be visiting Practices to reinforce areas based on the QAS online document.

More details will be available in due course on both these items.

Dental advisers will no longer be employed by PHW but by the LHB

COMPASS

Will probably go live in 2015 and basically will devolve a large proportion of the responsibilities currently held by the BSC Wales to Providers

Practitioners are advised to keep up to speed with developments

Paper schedules will soon be replaced by online versions accessed via the dental portal

AOB

Universal Credit

Several letters have gone out with regard to this matter.

It is unclear whether as stated in the letter that it is compulsory for a Practice to see the latter as proof that the patient is receiving universal credit.

Practitioners should seek advice from WAG if there is any confusion over what they should be doing in respect of UC.

HC1/2 forms

It seems that practices can only receive up to 5 HC1 forms at a time from stores

RS to investigate ACTION RS

BCLHB

The LDC welcome the fact that a new Chief Executive has been appointed.

Chairmans Correspondence

The special care dentistry MCN met last week. MH and SS are on this group.

Various areas of dentistry will be looked at by this group.

Secretary Correspondence

Covered elsewhere

Treasurers Report

Current Acc £9542.99

Res Acc £1954.98

Total £11497.97

It has been deemed that the LDC is not in legal terms a Statuatory Body. The implications of this are that the LDC does not need to consult with the LHB on the levy in future.

LDC exec to revisit the constitution. ACTION ID

GDPC

There was a presentation from the deputy CEDO in England on the pilots.

There have been problems so the way forward is unclear at present.

BDA have not been asked to comment on the pathways for dentists with enhanced skills. A strong letter has been sent to the RCS

GDS pay award of 1.47% in Wales, which is lower than other home countries.

This is effectively a huge pay cut again.

WGDPC

Dave Thomas attended and spoke about Welsh pilots. Wales will probably follow England in respect of any contractual changes but probably not until 2016.

Ann Rockey reported section 2 training is under threat in the dental PG dept.

BDA “essential” fees are going up from £295 to £365. There is no change to the fees in other bands.

Mick Armstrong has been appointed as Chair of the Principal Executive Committee.

Stuart Geddes is to retire at the end of June as BDA Director for Wales

Dental Health in N Wales

LOHAP has been approved.

Dental Advisers

It has been deemed that advisers are no longer qualified to carry out practice visits.

NWOHSG

See above

PCOLG

See above

Next meeting

30th June and 8th September 2014