NORTH WALES LCOAL ORTHODONTIC COMMITTEE

Date: 07/12/21

Time: 19.00

Location: MS Teams (Virtual)

Apologies

JH, EP

In attendance

Sarah Gale - Chair

David Plunkett

Juliette Ashley

Benjamin Lewis

David Barber

Mayooran Kahndasamy

Stephen K

Sandra Sandam

Ravi Boojawon

Rowena Owen

Justin Jones

**Minutes from Previous Meeting (27/07/21)**

Accepted as a true and accurate record

**COVID catchup**

WMH full capacity, not double booking, NP capacity at pre covid levels

Oral Surgery – starting exposures etc

Glan Clwyd- alteration in clinical sessions

Bangor- currently in hiatus

DP- waiting list down to 12 months – still prioritising cases but noted increasing WL pressures

DB – Community – NPs started in some sites and about to start in others- prioritising functionals

SK – Starting NPs, has cases for the start of 2022 but concern for how cases will be sent through with the retirement of William Parry (WP).

JJ- Has enough case starts for April 2022 but will need more after that

**Action Points**

Prioritising Protocols – RB emailed practices – response rate poor

BL- Secondary Care – Glan Clwyd – consultant interview 17/12

Bangor – Job advert not live – potential interested candidate

3 month hiatus to allow for admin etc but then potential care continued as interest for both posts

MCN – prioritisation- large overjets and impactions etc which will impact on treatment plans for DwSIs – Health Board looking at alternative contract techniques for prioitising cases eg mental health – referred to as drawdown contracts

Option – for DwSIs and Specialists having a formal treatment planning relationships by either the specialist has own contract to treatment plan for DwSI or

JJ – has 70 pts through records that needs treatment plans that have seen WP but no treatment plans formulated. Also concerned about how to recruite patients as 2/3 of his orthodontics are sent via WP – are specialists likely to refer to DwSI?

SK – in similar position as needs treatment plans – concerned about the available support from specialists due their work loads – also highlighted treats impacted canines as part of hospital treatment but also recognises theses cases are not ideal for practice.

BL -keen to promote flexibility – recognises need for treatment of cases that are deemed low priority

RB – asked for accreditation to allow for treatment planning to be provided to DwSIs – BL stated this would only be possible for examinations to be approved at a national level.

SG – Enquiring if the need exists to standardise protocols for prioritising

DP – follows WAG guideleines where IOTN 4’s and 5’s are seen over 3’s though 4’s are lower priority. Other practices are using this format.

RB- to contact the LDC to ask for the BOS website to be linked in the current LDC website as a point of reference for patients

SK – concerned about succession planning as has an associate who is keen to gain experience in orthodontics.

BL – shared concerns as wants to secure the service and to help this, keen to secure the posts in Bangor. He also reflected that the MCN need to circulate to the LOC about the potential options for treatment planning – RB to email all DwSIs to gain their insight

**AOB**

BL – Orthodontic workforce survey – encouraged completion as this will assist successional planning

Next Meeting – 10/05/22 – DB to arrange venue