

WILTSHIRE

Local Dental Committee

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Chairman: Philippa Riseley-Prichard

Secretary: Judith Denning

Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 15 June 2020

Treasurer: Nish Patel

7pm Via Zoom

Present: Philippa Riseley-Prichard, Judith Denning, Nish Patel, Pratik Patel, Matt Clover, Robin Mills, Andrew Halmer, Keith George, Keith Garber, Mehdi Alizadeh, Alison Pink, George Montgomery.

1. Apologies-

Alastair Hetherington.

2. Minutes of the AGM, Minutes of the last meeting.

Were accepted with no corrections.

3. COVID-19 Update

Alison pink updated the committee regarding the status at the urgent care centres she reported that the infection control team at great Western Hospital had been very helpful regarding devising the systems of practice and fit testing for the community dental service and the hubs. She reported that there had been problems with staff failing the foot tests and shit they had now moved to a hood-based system which more expensive but did not need to fit testing.

Care was now being provided from the original hubs +4 satellite hubs. There was a lull in referrals about a week ago, but they have now returned to previous levels. The operating system has been refined and during the fellow periods staff are triaging. Two surgeries operate at a hub at any one time. All referrals still go to the central hub which are then forwarded out to the satellite hubs. At weekends there are 60 slots for telephone triage and six face-to-face slots at the hubs. What they have observed over the period is that they have received very few true P1 emergencies most emergencies that they are dealing with are P2.

Currently all staff are working within the urgent care hubs however with the new hubs coming online the plan is to release CDS staff back so that work can be gradually phased back in special care dentistry.

There has been the occasional wobble in amounts of and suitability of PPE mainly due to the difficulties with fit testing hence the planned use of Hood respirators.

Philippa Riseley-Prichard thanked Alison Pink for her report and reiterated the LDC's support.

4. Finance- levy update

Nish Patel updated the committee about the upcoming changes in the new levy collection , the information has to be sent to the BSA now, rather than the LAT, the deadline is the end of July. The budget has been set at £30,000. It is anticipated that the levy will be paid from August however this may be delayed due to Covid.

Philippa Riseley-Prichard informed the LDC that the finances were sound however she anticipated that there would be increased claims by GDPs representing the LDC on the MCN's, for their loss of income.

5. Database

Work on the new database is still ongoing. JBD will update at the next ,meeting

6. Update on courses.

No change since last meeting.

Keith George has been organising a number of free courses online via Zoom which can be access via the Deanery website. One coming up was a 2 hour webinar on 'Endo and AGPs in the COVID Pandemic.'

He also reported that he had attended as representative of the LDC the Restorative MCN meeting, following the ,meeting he informed the LD that there were grants available for Masters for those interested and there will be a new restorative referral form soon.

7. Correspondence Received

Philippa Riseley-Prichard reported that the LDC had received a letter from the Dental Health Support Charity thanking Wiltshire LDC for their donation. Philippa Riseley-Prichard and JudithDenning are planning to attend this year's Annual LDC Conference on the 25th of July 2020 which will be occurring in a virtual format via webinar. There was no other correspondence

8. A.O.B.

George Montgomery raised a question on whether the 111 triage service was continuing, Philippa Riseley-Prichard said that it was stopped firstly because the need has reduced, and secondly because local dentists were not paid for this service and it had been excluded from the new contract specifically, however if circumstances change then it could obviously be restarted.

Robin Mills informed the committee that he has had a research paper accepted for the British dental journal

Keith Garber felt that some further guidance on PPE would be useful as it was very confusing.

Matt Clover announced that orthodontics was now considered to be non-AGP and so orthodontist can go back to work more or less as normally.

The next meeting was set for Monday, the 27th of July at 7 pm via zoom again, at that meeting the plan was to review the courses as to whether they will go ahead or not in September and possibly consider whether to invite Rob Middlefell to present a course on CQC.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.10.