

WILTSHIRE Local Dental Committee

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Chairman: Philippa Riseley-Prichard

Secretary: Judith Denning

Minutes the Meeting on Monday 14 September 2020

Treasurer: Nish Patel

7pm Via Zoom

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

- 1. Apologies**-Keith Garber
- 2. Update COVID-19 UDC's -A Pink**

There has been no change in the number or geographic location of the hubs operating within Wiltshire from the previous meeting. New sentence the hubs are following NHS England's UTC urgent care pathway they are currently taking carrying out both AGP and non-AGP treatments. The hubs are still receiving about 70 referrals a week, 90% are in-house referrals mainly of non-registered patients who have accessed care via 111 and the CDS triage, 10% are referrals from general dental practitioners. The urgent care hubs are being swamped by urgent care calls from non-registered NHS patients, at present they are receiving between 40 to 80 calls for help a day and on most days they have insufficient timeslots to triage all these patients.

The community dental service is slowly starting to resume special care dentistry they are at present concentrating on patients that are already in the middle of care and the new referrals they have obviously a huge tranche of special care patients who have yet to be seen they are prioritising patients as best they can.

General anaesthetic services for special care patients should be restarting soon as well as treatment for other special care patients such as oncology patients.

The community dental service has been experiencing problems with ventilation and they are looking to spend to invest in a purification system is to try and reduce the follow time which would in able them to see more patients at the present moment Swindon they can follow it for only 20 minutes as it has a very effective Erics change system the rest of the hubs have to follow for an hour.

George reported that many of these are purification systems are ineffective and that it is important to look at the research into them.

Alison also expressed a concern being raised by the clinicians regarding the poor quality of radiographs that they are receiving with patient referrals. Things are not changing a great deal however staff are now being redeployed to special care dentistry which will reduce the manpower

available for triaging and urgent care. There is concern for the care of unregistered emergency NHS patients.

Dentist with oral surgery skills are no longer working in the urgent dental care centres but the centres are managing to carry out all the necessary extractions at present with the clinicians they have

Philippa Riseley-Prichard thanked the community dental service for all their work throughout the pandemic.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Were accepted without correction.

4. Courses

Philippa Riseley-Prichard has been liaising with Jo Russell who is very comfortable about Zoom presentations.

The dates three dates have been tentatively settled upon for zoom meetings this will be on the 21st of October fourth of November and 18th of November the proposed title of the first meeting would be on an infection control update with covert protocols other topics will be agreed later. Joe is comfortable presenting on soon however it is useful to have somebody to monitor the chat and pose questions raised.

There was a discussion amongst committee members about the security of meeting and management it was noted that free courses tended to have a lot of no-shows which obviously would prevent other people who wanted to join and doing so if there were no places, therefore it was agreed to charge £5 per person for each course.

It was proposed that the link to the meeting would be shared at the last minute to prevent gate crashers and any surplus cash raised as a result of the charge would be given to a charity and we thought it would be a benevolent fund would be appropriate in the current circumstances the meeting is to start at 7 o'clock Philippa Riseley-Prichard will liaise with Jo Russell.

Nish Patel and Pratik Patel will set up the meeting on Eventbrite.

Keith George reported that Rob middle Phil is very happy to do a presentation on the sea QC who is going to be changing its emphasis of investigation and another speaker has been proposed to do a talk on radiographic interpretation.

5. Finance

Nish Patel updated the committee with regard to finances, he confirmed that the first payment under the new system of LDC levy had been received.

6. Correspondence Received

JBD will forward the latest GDPC report to the Committee members.

Philippa Riseley-Prichard raised the matter of the end of year reconciliation, enquiring whether anybody had any problems with it. She stated that it was a very convoluted way of calculating and the end of year figures, three different formulas were used in her case all 3 methods reached very similar figures. However, it is not known how the reconciliation will be approached in the future.

There have been issues raised with regard to practice insurance some appear to be covering loss of income due to COVID and others are not. The BDA are investigating the matter.

The Issues have been raised regarding the failure of some practice principles in following the NHS guidelines for payment of associates under COVID, as a result there are a number of associates in dispute regarding their payments. Interestingly the commissioners are washing their hands of the whole business saying that they contract services and that how the service is run is not their problem.

A number of practices are not providing appropriate PPE for their staff and also there are others who are limiting the amount of care they are providing to just 20% of the contract.

Philippa was pleased to inform the meeting that Jane Luka was keen to continue dialogue with all the local dental committee chairpersons she was planning on quarterly meetings, which will provide feedback up the chain.

7. A.O.B.

Robin Mills informed the meeting that Royal United Hospital should be back to elective pre-assessments in October however there will be no surgery starting as yet Max FAQ was still seeing the most desperate cases.

George Montgomery reported that his new foundation dentist was starting well however he did feel sorry for previous foundation dentists one of whom has just started as an associate who also need an additional. Andrew Halmer agreed, additional support was being provided to their associates who have just finished FD year via Zoom.

Riseley-Prichard reported that she was still attending steering group meetings every two weeks the main concern at the moment was regarding management during the possible second wave. There was also a concern when the treatment centres were going to start work and also there are still issues with PPE local dental network meetings occur three monthly and they last for three hours one of the big things that is arising from these meetings is that we will almost certainly need to use electronic referrals there was a lot of issues raised by the local HealthWatch groups particularly in regard to access for unregistered patients. Philippa felt it might be useful to liaise with HealthWatch for Wiltshire and maybe even to invite them to sit in on an LDC meeting useful to hear both sides of the story.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.50

Next meeting Mon 9 November 2020 7pm via Zoom