

Minutes the Meeting on Monday 11 January 2021

7.15pm 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, Keith Garber, Alison Pink
Graham Adlard(Chair LDN)

Apologies

None

Philippa Riseley-Prichard welcomed Alison Pink and Graham Adlard to the LDC meeting.

1. Update COVID 19 – Jo Lawton Triage support to 111 Aison Pink

Alison pink updated the LDC regarding the activities of the Community Dental Service and Urgent Care Centre's, they had been working flat out, but recently things have improved, as additional GDP sessions which had been contracted in Swindon and Salisbury have started and had increased their capacity.

The GDP lead triage over Christmas via 111 and helped to take the pressure off the Urgent Care Centre's and the situation generally is gradually improving.

Special care dentistry has restarted, but a lot of the special care patients are shielding and so in the current lockdown a lot of appointments are being cancelled.

There are challenges at present with the team as a number of the staff are shielding, self-isolating or COVID 19 +ve and this impacts the capacity and what they are able to do. The team is being vaccinated and this should be completed by the end of the week. Theatre sessions have restarted but they are working at reduced capacity at Great Western Hospital and Royal United Hospital and may drop further to emergency only due to COVID.

Hub referrals are greatly reduced.

Graham Adlard asked how the new Urgent Care Contracts were going? AP responded by saying that there were 4 practices in Swindon and 1 in Salisbury that had started, and she felt they were definitely helping to increase capacity and reduce pressure on the CDS.

Philippa Riseley-Prichard then updated the LDC on the triage support of the 111 emergency service by local dentists, organised through the LDC over Christmas and the New Year. Three

general dental practitioners worked from home for each of the three days after Christmas and New Year providing triage and AAA over the phone. A sum of £300 per session was paid to each GDP. Things learnt there is no point in providing triage when the pharmacies are closed. It was a service meant to be for Wiltshire patients but ended up triaging some from Bath and other at local areas as well. Philippa generally felt that people were very grateful for the advice and help, but she highlighted that it did need somebody to oversee the process.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

Were accepted without correction.

3. Restorative MCN-Update

No report as meeting was cancelled.

4. Courses

Two online courses had been held since the last meeting, the first was on Radiography which was well attended by 35 people many from other areas all over the country other than Wiltshire and it was well reviewed and greatly appreciated

The second course was a Ventilation presentation, which was a free course more relevant for practice owners those who attended appreciated it.

It was suggested that it might be appropriate to organize a course on Medical Emergencies by Phil Jeavon, and it was suggested that a £10 fee would be appropriate and that it should hopefully be held sometime in February during lockdown, Keith George said he would contact him.

5. Finance

Nish Patel updated the committee regarding the finances. The levy payments are being recieved and the bank account has a healthy balance at present. It was decided that at the end of the year we would review our budget and the levey needed. Surplus could be sent to the Dental Charities.

Philippa Riseley-Prichard also updated the committee regarding a freedom of information, request received from a local dentist, this has been dealt with, but on reflection it has highlighted areas in processes with the finances and layout of the Annual Accounts Report and the website which could be improved upon.

6. Correspondence Received

None.

7. A.O.B.

LDC Officials' Day

Philippa Riseley-Prichard and George Montgomery Nish Patel all attended the LDC officials day which was held online this year via Zoom. Government representatives from all 4 UK nations all have different approaches and their presentations were interesting.

The General Dental Council representative gave a presentation, and did receive some fairly hostile feedback from the audience

There was an exceedingly good presentation at the Officials day on Stress Management.

The LDC Conference is scheduled for 2/3 June 2021.

4th Quarter UDA target

The LDC felt the 45% target of contract t was very stressful and difficult in the current lockdown to achieve, firstly because there are a lot of cancellations or failures to attend from patients who are either COVID positive or shielding. Also practices were having issues with staff absence due to illness and isolating.

Advice from the BDA is to keep records of staff absence, pt cancellations to provide evidence of inability to provide the care due to exceptional circumstances if practices under-perform on their contracted UDAs.

Vaccinations

Philippa Riseley-Prichard updated the committee regarding the vaccination process apart from the information has come out of the offices of the Chief Dental Officer there is very little information GMPs are as much in the dark on vaccination as dentists, coordination for the vaccination process has been organized by the CCG and they will contact individuals directly to arrange vaccination however Philippa Riseley-Prichard said she will contact Jo Lawton to see if she can get further information.

Robin Mills reported that he had been interviewed by the BDJ in practice editor before Christmas and that the interview would be published this month alongside a paper he has written.

Next Meeting: 15/03/2021 via Zoom

Meeting closed 20.45