

Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday 16 June 2021

Secretary: Judith Denning

1. Apologies

Matt Clover, Alistair Hetherington, Mehdi Alizadeh

Present:

Judith Denning, Philippa Riseley-Prichard, Sue Edwards, Keith George, Keith Garber, Nish Patel, Pratik Patel.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

Accepted without correction.

3. Report following Dental Reform Sprint Workshop

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The workshop was attended by Philippa Riseley Pritchard and Keith George both felt that most of the attendees were from the salaried services and so didn't fully understand the financial implications for those in primary care. The financial effects wouldn't be felt by most of the attendees. The aim of the workshop was to speed up engagement with everybody and to move the process of dental reform forward, it outlined the proposed new clinical architecture see the attached appendix. The LDN meets four times a year and it aims to address access, prevention and workforce recruitment issues.

The chairs of the local dental committees are representatives of the local dental committee and the local dentists they cannot rubber stamp local dental network decisions.

They informed the workshop that the LDC levy is deducted from general dental practitioners earnings and was not NHS money. the dentists working on the LDN/MCN's are not working in practice it may mean that they underperform on UDA's, therefore they need this to be reflected in their UDA targets, as well as financial compensation for their lost income.

MCN's- networks will need LDC it was suggested that it might be appropriate to split the workload between Gloucester Dorset and Wiltshire. We already have a representative on the restorative and ortho MCN's but feel that it might be useful to share on the oral surgery at the present time the managed clinical networks for urgent care and paediatrics are planned but have not yet been established and it would be important to have general dental practice, representation as it hasn't direct impact on the working of dentists Philippa Riseley Pritchard will liaise with the chair of Gloucester LDC regarding representation.

Both Philippa Riseley Pritchard and Keith George who attended took part in the workshops which were divided into small groups of people from all over the South West some with very little knowledge of how general dental practice was worked and funded. However they felt it was very important to support the workshops going forward.

5. LDC Conference report from 12 June

Philippa Riseley Pritchard attended the LDC conference on the 12th of June representing Wiltshire. The new chair of pack gave an update and was followed by Sara Hurley and Ed Wallace who spoke next on mhs updates but gave no real information there's certainly no more money in the system

. The CDO of Wales gave a very good update Wales has stopped the UDA system completely and is incentivising dentists to provide access generally dentistry in Wales was felt being well supported.

There were a number of motions proposed and voted on only one received 100% support regarding the proposal for no discrimination in dentistry

there were two positive reports first rose McMullen gave information on a framework for providing support for mental health in general dental practise including dental technicians Philippa felt this was a very good talk and that it might be appropriate to forward details of the web website to the local labs and.

until re dental services there was also another interesting talk on sustainability in dentistry and despite the present limitations on what we can do there are still small things each practise can do to make ourselves more sustainable.

6. LDN Report from 16 June

Paper report on the local dental network meeting on the 16th of June details were issued clarifying its aims terms of reference. Philippa felt that Wiltshire LDC needed to carry out a strategic overview regarding its purpose and also canvas membership for their opinions

7. Restorative MCN-Update

Keith George updated the LDC on the restorative MCN meeting in April Claire Forbes Haley has been proposed as the next chairman. At the meeting they discussed the Sprint workshop and patient care funding, only 10 to 15% of patients who applied for funding were accepted, it was proposed that the criteria for funding are to be sent out regarding referrals.

Secondary care at Bristol Dental Hospital is challenged at the moment, there is exceptionally long waiting lists and the hospital itself is short staffed, the clinical care pathways are still in development. There is an MCN study day in October. Going forward patients requiring apical surgery will be need to be referred for specialist funding treatment effectively being carried out by specialist Endodontists rather than Oral Surgery

8. Courses

The committee discussed the proposed courses

September courses probably still via zoom suggestions were Joe Russell, options for topics were sustainability in dentistry, xrays and diagnosis and implants specifically their maintenance for general dental practitioners.

9. Finance

Nish Patel updated the committee with regard to the finances which are in good condition with £57 000 in the account, he requested clarification as to charitable donations which are due to be made. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting as we need to also consider the financial implications of the increased reimbursement costs for general dental practitioners for their time on administration and attending the MCN and LDN's, and also costs regarding supporting dentists in trouble.

10. Correspondence Received

None received.

11. A.O.B.

Keith Garber highlighted the need to insure your SOP are updated and understood by staff, in the current current COVID pandemic

Next Meeting :- Monday 6 September 7.15pm via Zoom

Meeting closed at 20.40