

Minutes for the Meeting on Monday 18 October 2021

7.15pm Via Zoom

Secretary: Judith Denning

1. **Apologies**-Pratik Patel, Lucy Mc Carthur

2. **Present:-** Philippa Risley-Prichard, Matt Clover, Judith Denning, Nish Patel, Keith Garber, Keith George, George Montgomery, Mehdi Alizadeh, Alistair Hetherington, Sue Edwards, Mark Maharaj, Jo Lawton (NHS England) Matt Jerreat (MCN Chair),

3. **Updates from NHS England/LDN)**

Matt Jerreat updated the LDC on the dental programme reform. The Sprint workshops have occurred. There are three main areas of focus:- Access, Workforce and Oral Promotion. They will prioritise quick wins, but have medium and long term goals. Each area in the SW has its own individual needs they need local LDC input, He encouraged dentists and the whole team to become involved.

In the past Local dental networks didn't have a voice in the medical world, this has now changed the chair of the local dental network now sits on the board of the managed clinical network so we now have representation.

The urgent care MCN and Paediatric MCN's have yet to appoint chairs. The role of the urgent care MCN is strategic for all the South West in the provision of urgent care the whole NHS management wish to get things right but they need input to achieve the aims. Finance has been found for three dental fellows to research in:- communication, mapping and inequalities.

Philippa Riseley Pritchard highlighted the time commitment for general dental practitioners. Whilst their earnings for this time out of practice is funded via the Dental Levy, there is no allowance at present for contacted NHS activity not being carried out, and there is no remuneration for other dental professionals such as dental nurses and hygienists.

The Task and Finish groups meet every four weeks for about an hour, the Managed Clinical Networks are a clinical group and they advise on clinical issues their meetings are about 2-3hours 3 monthly.

Philippa Riseley- Pritchard felt that local representation would be most useful on the orthodontic Oral Surgery and Urgent Care MCN's.

Jo Lawton reported for NHS England she said that the advert for a chair for the Urgent Care MCN had gone out but with very little response. The LDC discussed the challenges for general dental practitioners regarding the time commitment. Additional urgent care sessions have been commissioned, mainly in Swindon but some elsewhere in the country which has increased access for

patients in pain. They are continuing to look at flexible commissioning. Like GDP's they had very short notice of the change in contracting percentage. However to date generally over the whole of the southwest there have been very few practices who did not meet contracted activity. Jo would urge any general dental practitioner who is underperforming to contact the team early rather than later.

The NHS team is struggling like everyone for staff and resources and therefore they are having to prioritise work. Recruitment takes time so she would ask dentist to bear with them, they will answer the queries but it might take a little longer. Philippa Riseley Pritchard thanked Jo Lawton and Matt Jerreat for their input and update.

The LDC discussed representation on the managed clinical networks.

Philippa Riseley Pritchard -Urgent Care and Access,
Matt Clover is on the Orthodontic MCN,
Keith George sits on the Restorative MCN,
Lucy McArthur as head of Salaried services will sit on the paediatric MCN
Judith Denning has will sit on the Oral Surgery with a deputy of George Montgomery.

4. Minutes of the last meeting.-were accepted without correction.

5. Restorative MCN-Update

Keith George attended the meeting last week, there will be a Restorative MCN Open Day, the MCN is requesting cases to be submitted for discussion. Individuals will sit on a panel and discuss the cases. George Montgomery will along with his FD try to find and submit a case.

JBD to email database re **HEE bursary for certificate/diploma places in Oral Surgery, Restorative, Periodontology, Endodontics and Clinical Conscious Sedation and Anxiety Management**

The MCN is aware that all areas of the SW are struggling to achieve the 65% activity target. The main issues are lack of notice of change in target, shortage of dentists and staff.

The SW dental reform group discussed putting on Postgraduate Courses.

Philippa Riseley-Prichard thanked Keith George for his work.

6. Courses

It was decided to defer face to face courses until the flu season is over, the situation will be reviewed next Spring.

7. Finance and Dental Charity Donations

Finances are in a good position.

The Committee discussed the donations to the dental charities, last year donations made were:-

£20 000 to the BDA Ben Fund to help those in need as a result of COVID 19,

£5000 to the Dental Guild

£5000 Dental Health Trust

This year it was decided to make a donation of £5000 to each charity and review the payments later in the year as there will be increased demand on financial resources due to the extra work of representation by LDC Committee on the MCN's for which they will need to be reimbursed for their time out of clinical work.

8. Correspondence Received

GDPC report-has been forwarded to all LDC committee members
Email from Alexandra Cenic regarding the Health and Care Bill detailing BDA evidence submitted which was also forwarded

9. LDC Officials Day- Fri 26 November

Philippa Riseley-Prichard, Nish Patel and Judith Denning to attend.

10. A.O.B.

Philippa Riseley-Prichard informed that there was considerable turmoil involving all Prototype practices following the decision by NHS England that they had failed, but she felt the BDA had supported the practices very well.

Philippa Riseley-Prichard who represents dentistry on the Area Safeguarding Board sent a survey to all practices in the area on 'Was not brought ' policies in general dental practice but had a very poor response. She will resend hopefully with a better response.

Next meeting- Monday 10 January 2022

Meeting closed at 20.40