

Minutes for the Meeting on Monday 21 March 2022

7pm Via Zoom

Secretary: Judith Denning

1. **Apologies**-Andrew Murrison MP, Keith Garber, Lucy Mc Arthur

2. **Present:-** Philippa Risley-Prichard, Matt Clover, Judith Denning, Nish Patel, Andrew Halmer, Keith George, George Montgomery, Mehdi Alizadeh, Alistair Hetherington, Sue Edwards, Mark Maharaj, Pratik Patel.

3. **Update from NHS England/LDN/Healthwatch**

There were no representatives from these organisations present. The committee discussed the current challenges in dentistry at present, the communications that the LDC has had with the local Wiltshire MP's and their responses, which were mixed. Matt Clover has a good conversation with the Salisbury MP, felt he understood the situation and current challenges in NHS Dentistry.

The committee noted for the first time the BDA is actively promoting Private Dentistry.

Following the discussion, the committee decided that we would continue to communicate with the MP's and welcome the opportunity to meet at a convenient time and place.

4. **Minutes of the last meeting.-**

Were accepted without corrections.

5. **MCN-Update**

Oral Surgery MCN-held 04/02/22-representative JBD.

The meeting started with introductions to all the people on the network there was then an update on the dental reform programme and commissioning challenges: -The impact of omicron compared with the previous COVID waves combined with the additional challenge of trying to reduce the backlog at the same time. Health Education England's update was that they were trying to reduce inappropriate referrals by training and other means. They were looking to update how individuals were contacted and how information was available, so the MCN is encouraging all the surgery department review their websites updating their referral information and criteria and to try and make them more user friendly. They have realised at the moment accessing the relevant information is very difficult for general dental practitioners and other primary care practitioners.

Restorative MCN- 02/02/22-representative Keith George.

The chair was not present. They discussed the new contract, challenges of achieving the 85% Contact target and the future increased target. The lack of GDP's, staff retention and recruitment challenges. The impact of COVID.

No figures for Peninsular Dental Hospital but Bristol Dental Hospital has 36 week wait for Restorative referrals, 26 week wait for TMJ, Head & Neck Cancer -9 week wait. New Consultants have been appointed Specialising in- Implants, Developmental Anomalies and Treatment

Urgent Care MCN-Philippa Riseley-Prichard attended

Main discussion was around the prioritisation of access for Vulnerable Groups, treatment challenges-especially in General Dental Practice due to their special needs and the increased time needed.

LDN

Wide reaching discussion. New Special Care MCN to be set up. Philippa Riseley-Prichard suggested we ask the head of Salaries Service to represent Wiltshire.

Ortho MCN-Matt Clover

South West MCN is massive, and as a result the number represented was reduced, currently Wiltshire has no representation. There has been a proposal for a local MCN covering Wiltshire, BANES and Gloucester with Matt Clover as Chair, so far has not met, communication with NHS England is poor, there is no access to email.

The committee felt Wiltshire LDC is engaging well with the MCN's

6. Courses

Rob Middlefell – CQC -changes in the system, plus AGM Date 29 June 2022 The Bear Devizes 6pm. For 6.30 start.

Jo Russell on – Update in Infection Control in light of COVID

7. Finance and Dental Charity Donations

Finances are in a good position.

£5000 donations have been made to the 3 dental charities: The Dental Guild, BDA Benevolent Fund and Dental Health Trust.

Further donations of £25 per performer to be made. Nish Patel to contact BDA regarding further information on performer numbers, as local NHS Commissioning will not release the numbers.

8. Correspondence Received

None

9. A.O.B.

LDC Conference June 10 2022- Cardiff

Philippa Riseley-Prichard and George Montgomery to attend.

Matt Clover attending as on GDPC .

A suggestion was made to share details of MP briefing notes with Healthwatch Wiltshire

Next meeting- Monday 23 May 2022

Wednesday 29 June AGM & Course

Meeting closed at 19.50.