

Minutes for the Meeting on Monday 23 May 2022

7pm Via Zoom

Secretary: Judith Denning

1. **Apologies**-Mark Maharaj

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, Keith Garber

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

There were no representatives from these organisations present.

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

Were accepted with corrections.

5. **MCN-Update**

Oral Surgery MCN-no meeting held, next due 10 June 2022

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Restorative MCN- -representative Keith George. No meeting held since last LDC Meeting, next in July. Keith did attend LDN Meeting, 52 attended majority attending were from secondary care. Communication one of the main issues. MCN looking to develop referral pathway details, felt links to these would be useful on the LDC website.

Urgent Care MCN-Philippa Riseley-Prichard – main issue raised at last meeting was Access for the hard to attend groups. Chair of Cornwall LDC and Consultant in Public Health have investigated and have identified that GDP's have targets making it difficult to make allowances for patients who find attending difficult. Need to finance a session of care which is not dependant on whether the patient turns up. 2 pilots to be set up, a sessional fee will be paid to provide care and the patients will be collected and brought to the practice.

Ortho MCN-Matt Clover-Waiting lists are increasing all over the SW.
Need better signposting of the referral pathways.

6. **Courses**

Rob Middlefell – 'CQC in time of change' 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- final details to be confirmed.

7. Finance and Dental Charity Donations

Finances are in a good position. £65 000 in bank.

£5000 donations have been made to the 3 dental charities: The Dental Guild, BDA Benevolent Fund and Dental Health Trust. Committee decided to send a further £5000 to the Ben Fund and Dental Support Group.

8. Correspondence Received-

The BDA sent a letter with a questionnaire on recruitment issues which she forwarded to the mailing list.

9. A.O.B.

LDC Conference June 10 2022- Cardiff

Philippa Riseley-Prichard and George Montgomery to attend.

Matt Clover attending as on GDPC .

AGM

Election notices have been sent out, date for return of nomination forms is 15 June 2022

UP for re-election or retirement

Keith Garber

Judith Denning- retiring from LDC

Philippa Riseley-Prichard raised the challenges of the UDA system. Lot of concern over access particularly of irregular attenders. P R-P has been liaising with a local pre-school/nursery serving a deprived area and the health visitors, identifying and providing care for unregistered children. Positive result the nursery identifies the children and chases them up if they fail appointments, the result is good attendance and the children finally get care. Committee felt that this was a good initiative worth promoting

Matt Clover raised the issue of providing Orthodontic treatment for Ukrainian families where the treatment has been started in the Ukraine, there is no mechanism to fund care at present. Most orthodontist happy to carry out some care on a charitable basis but there are limits.

Next meeting-

Wednesday 29 June AGM & Course

Monday 5 September 2022

Meeting closed at 20.15