

Dorset LDC Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
At Poole Post Graduate Centre

1. Apologies

- Huw James

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- Nothing needed to be discussed

3. Meeting with Dorset LDC Chairman and Dorset PCT Lead

See Report on [dorsetldc.org](http://dorsetldc.org) website for full details

- Clarification on what hours need to be worked over Christmas holidays
- OHAG – Has not been set up yet which is disappointing
- Oral Strategy meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January
  - Probably same type of meeting B+P PCT did
- No UDA value change next year
- Extra UDA's given this year to those who over produced their UDA's and will be non-recurring
- Development money
- Christchurch / Swanage – accessing services
- Looking to place dental services in deprived areas
- Monitoring prescribing
- Discussed dental advisor needs to be present at the meetings with the PCT
- Chairman would like members of the LDC to be present at the meetings with the PCT and present at the LDC meetings to discuss what was said. Good idea to rotate LDC member's attendance at the PCT meetings.
- Melanie Smoker has been promoted and the PCT are looking for a replacement under her

4. Meeting with Dorset LDC Chairman and B+P PCT Lead

- Letter has been sent about the LDC's opinions on the discussion paper (See December 08's minutes)
- Dentists are contractors and nothing more
- No 5 year contract as theirs is annually
- Encourage dentist's top move to a doctor's practice and if dentists have an upstairs practice – again will be encouraged to change, and not PCT's problem
- Chairman felt B+P PCT were fair and straight
- B+P have a very different approach to Dorset
- Access is very important – has to meet targets and figures year on year

- Keen to dispose of child only contracts
- NICE guidelines – problems in relation to cross infection
- Cross Infection will visit B+P dentists for cross infection control policy.
- B+P will be visiting practices between now and April to discuss negotiations
- Feeling if dentists do not like the PCT actions then that is tough!!
- Do B+P have a plan for no child only contracts?
- As access is not a problem there is no plan needed
- PCT lead felt most dentist will not argue to having their UDA value changed
- Some contracts may be increased
  
- Disputes Resolution
  - Ø Outside body looks at the cases
  - Ø Concerned that dentists do not have negotiation experience – PCT have plenty
  - Ø Discussed BDA gives very good advice on this
  - Ø It was discussed if there could be an LD member on the committee
  - Ø May wish to have no local party on the committee
  - Ø Has to be impartial
  - Ø LDC member could be trained to be on the committee
  - Ø Dental representative, it was discussed, would be advisable on the committee and PCT was told the LDC would like to know what is happening
  
- To write to PCT about unfairness of the committee
  
- LDC does not have enough money – advised LDC to advertise
- Discussed visiting practices with large UDA numbers to promote the LDC

## 5. PASS Scheme

- Leaflet to be sent to print when B+P PCT lead has OK'd the leaflet
- Discussing input next Wednesday
- Does the LDC indemnity insurance cover the LDC?  
Treasurer to look into this
- Copy of the certificate should be given to all PASS scheme members
- Leaflet passed around the LDC
- To make sure the leaflet is posted to both performers and providers
- Very hopeful in the PASS progression

## 6. Report from Dental Advisor – The Tendering Process

- Was asked if tendering process was fair
- Dental Advisor felt the best did win

- Post held up applications in past
- Are GDP's able to get tender –YES
- Felt the process was fair and to protocol
- Very apprehensive to do things to protocol –Quality and money
- Always argues must take value of money into account
- Not always going to lowest tender now
- Very particular of following process
- Waiting for Oral Health Strategy before any more tendering
- Stability has decreased for dentists

## 7. AGM

- Secretary asked to do speech
- Treasurer to do report
- Held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30pm at Poole Post Graduate Centre
- Lecture on pensions
- Looking into getting CPD for the event for dentists
- Buffet held after the event
- To invite PCT leads and Consultants

## 8. Treasurers Report

- Chairman claimed for 2 expenses for OHAG outside of surgery time –still unsure if able to claim this
- Chairman felt they should be entitled to claim for this
- Sessional fee out of surgery time?
- Options available for voting
  - Ø 1. Sessional fee
  - Ø 2. £50.00 out of hour's fee
    - √ Option 1 passed through greater votes of the LDC
    - √ To now claim for Sessional fees for out of hours OHAG meetings
- It was agreed to increase the levy next year as money is always a huge issue
- Amount dentists are paying will not cover the expenditure of last year
- Dorset and B+P PCT leads are talking with treasurer to sort out payments from the dentists

## 9. OHAG

- See notes on OHAG

#### 10. Correspondence

- Discussed Medical Histories need to be updated
- To e-mail the PCT leads about this

#### 11. Any Other Business

- Reg Yeow co-opted on to the LDC
- Motion was passed by majority vote

#### 12. Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009