

Minutes from the Dorset LDC Meeting  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
At Poole Post graduate Centre

(N.B. - B+P = Bournemouth and Poole)

1. Apologies

- Mary Ahearne
- Huw James

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- Change spelling of PASS Scheme – has been spelt PASSE in the minutes
- Then to place on LDC website

3. Meeting with Dorset PCT Lead –Melanie Smoker and Dorset LDC Members – Jonathan Mynors-Wallis (Chairman) and Brian levy (Secretary)  
And Meeting with Bournemouth and Poole (B+P) PCT Lead –Martyn Rogers and LDC members Jonathan Mynors-Wallis (Chairman) and Richard Wood

- Dorset PCT - Decontamination HTMO1-05 discussed
- Meeting with Martin Fulford is taking place on August 5<sup>th</sup> about what is going to happen
- Can download it from the LDC website
- The PCT cannot move your practice due to small space –but the practice must make every effort to comply with the regulations
- Submit plans, assess and acceptable –are we then covered over the years? To discuss this matter in the meeting with Martin Fulford
- Money available –if done early should be able to apply (back date)
- The LDC wrote to Debbie Fleming –Chief executive of Bournemouth and Poole and responded. The letter stated concerns of the cost of the HTMO1-05 guidelines to be followed and the Dispute Resolution and the unfairness that the panel were mostly consisted of PCT employees.
- Response letter passed around and e-mailed to all LDC members for them to read previously
- Letter stated there was no money available and would keep in touch with any news or updates
- B+P letter has been noted
- Dentists would like to start developing regulations to start initiating the HTMO1-05 guidelines in practice
- Dorset stated there may be some money available
- B+P stated they probably would not have any money available for this as money is an issue

## Fixed Term GDS Contracts

- Steele report will be available soon
- New style of contract –capitation/UDA's/Quality
- Dorset has £1.8 million available for setting up new contracts
- Tendering will be under the new contract
  
- The LDC are concerned about the fixed term contracts
- The concern that money available is a real issue with B+P. B+P may stop the contract after the fixed term and use this money elsewhere
  
- The LDC has e-mailed Barry Cockcroft which term is true –fixed term or rolling contract?
- No reply has been given as yet –to update the LDC when and if the chairman receives a reply
  
- Decontamination Guidelines –it is unsure if dentists have to be part of the Quality care Commission by 2011.
- Do we have to comply fully or with the minimum standard of the guidelines?
  
- B+P feel the minimum standard will need to be required.
  
- Dorset are waiting for the meeting with Martin Fulford to discuss the subject
  
- Dentists are still unsure of what 'Best Practice' entails
  
- B+P meetings are now a formal discussion and are now taking minutes by B+P –discussed the LDC should minute these minutes also
  
- Dorset stated that access is still a problem But B+P do not have an access problem
  
- Richard Wood will be attending the Decontamination Meeting

## B+P Scorecard

- The scorecard is progressing slowly, only 3 scorecards has been completed out of 54
- The LDC are concerned that it was progressing too slowly and the order of importance was discussed.
- PCT's are now looking into claims from dentists more thoroughly – Recalls/multiple FP17's.
- Dorset –complaints are important. The PCT would like patients to complain for data. More observations are needed by the patient

## Clinical Review and Audit

- B+P have started these
- Dorset has not as yet

## Smoking Cessation

- Discussed the smoking cessation topic and dentists taking a role in this
- Very few practices have initiated smoking cessation

## Child Protection

- B+P feel this is a very important matter
- Still in discussion with dentistry and how long the courses are needed for dentists and the dental team
- It was discussed a training programme tailored for dentists only are needed
- Lisa Harding from B+P stated how important the topic is!!

## Pandemic Flu

- B+P discussed dentists immunising general public –the LDC raised great concern that dentists would not be happy doing this

## Dental Contracts and Performance

- Neither PCT's had information available at the time –but will discuss when they do

## Occupational Services

- Hepatitis A and Mercury testing are available for practices
- A free service should be accessible for practices through occupational health

## B+P New Implementation Group

- Improving dental access, Quality and oral health –not OHAG
- Would pay for an LDC representation on it

## Choose and Book Meeting with B+P

- The PCT would like a choose and book system for ortho and oral surgery in Poole/Southampton and Taunton with a choice of consultants
- The LDC were concerned that there was no choice as patients will choose Poole as it is the nearest and patients do not know any information about consultants

## Ortho - Dental Referral Pathway

- This is a concern as dentists will have no control or choice of where their patient will be treated
- The choice will end soon if not careful and it is a concern
- The chairman discussed his concerns with the PCT about the movement of ortho as the Orthodontist has paid and brought up their business and then is going to be controlled by the PCT
- Streamline referrals and the PCT will control who gives what patients where by a data link to the PCT
- Chairman raised concern about ortho within Choose and Book and felt it was definitely not appropriate
- LDC decided to fight the inclusion of ortho practices becoming a choose and book system

## B+P

- B+P are very obsessed with the NHS number
- Have money for enhanced services – to give to practices asking for more UDA's
- Discussed the report in the Echo regarding the story of the 'Dirty Dentist' – the LDC were concerned it took 9 months for the PCT to tell the patients they may be at risk from visiting the dentist. The PCT said they needed time to put all the necessary services in place.

## Dorset

- Dorset PCT have concerns over 2 dentists –PASS scheme advised
- It was discussed if the PASS scheme should approach the dentists concerned –unsure of what and how concerns are coming about
- It was discussed that Dorset PCT has probably approached the dentists concerned and has said no to the PASS scheme – GDC/Dispute resolution next step?
- If dentists refuse the PASS Scheme then should be referred to a more formal approach.
- Dentists would rather have help form the PASS than be passed to the GDC

## 5. PASS SCHEME

- 1<sup>st</sup> case in PASS scheme –involving cross infection to are anticipating a straight forward resolution
- In pipe line to contact all registered nurses about the PASS scheme so they have the information also
- Therapists and hygienists are to be contact in September
- Discussed advertising is needed
- Insurance –still looking into with the Dental Protection society
- Paul Kelly has been investigating the insurance and is awaiting confirmation

## 6. Report from Dental Advisor

- Dental Advisor not present at today's meeting
- Discussed the PCT's need to tell the advisor on what he can or cannot say to the LDC

## 7. AGM Speaker

- John Mills –new chairman for the GDP
- LDC felt it would be good to have a speaker after new government is in power
- Discussed to have a mini AGM in March and an evening meeting for all dentists in May with John Mills as the speaker.
- To arrange John Mills as speaker.
- To arrange food in may for very few people as too much food was left last meeting?
- To discuss further at the next LDC meeting in November

## 8. Treasurers Report

- £1,390 in bank at present
- Dorset putting action in place to increase funds to £16,000 for the LDC
- B+P have said they will put actions into place soon to match Dorset
- Expenses claims to be arranged later in the year

## 9. Report from Other Meetings

### AGM in London

- Professor Steele report –on DOH website
- Presence of Barry Cockcroft – 1 hour attendance and took questions
- Discussed how efficient the LDC conference was –felt it was useful

### Report from Dental Guild

- Dentists should be paying £20 per head per year
- £265.00 for Sessional fees
- Money left over should be donated to dental funds

## 10. Correspondence

- The speaker who did the LDC AGM talk in March asked if he could have recommendation from the LDC –discussed and decided No
- Chairman from the Opticians Society contacted the LDC about child protection and felt the money spent on this would be better on something else
- Chairman replied will liaise and contact our professional bodies for advice
- CRB checks –older dentists have generally not been CRB checked
- Dentists are unsure who does CRB check them
- B+P PCT are looking into CRB checking dentists

## 11. Any Other Business

- Can therapists be co-opted onto LDC?
- The LDC can co-opt who ever they wish onto the LDC –to discuss further at the next LDC meeting

## Dispute Resolution

- B+P have not been flexible
- The response letter did not clarify anything regarding the concerns of the dispute resolution panel being swayed heavily in PCT employees.
- Resolution has not been approved by the LDC - It was discussed should the LDC accept this or fight further?
- The LDC feels the resolution is not good, but may have no influence in its finalisation
- Decided to write again to Debbie Fleming to say the LDC cannot agree to the draft at this stage and hopefully they will look further into the matter.

To draft a letter to the LDC and then send a letter to Debbie Fleming.

#### Website

- Discussed needs to be updated more regularly and checked more frequently
- Discussed should all LDC members e-mail details be available on the website?
- To ask all members and if a member is not happy the details will not be placed – bit no-one objects will do so
- To e-mail members for permission
- As PCT with LDC meetings are now minuted – to hold meetings 2 weeks before the LDC meeting so the minutes are through and available to discuss

#### 12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009

Next meeting will be held at Dorchester Post graduate Centre