

Minutes from the Dorset LDC Meeting
Held at Poole Post Graduate Centre
On Tuesday 26th January 2010

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- To e-mail to Brian to go on the Dorset LDC website

3. Meeting with Dorset LDC (John Cobley and Jonathan Mynors-Wallis) and Dorset PCT (Melanie Smoker)

- The LDC members who went on this meeting felt that this meeting was very productive.
- The full report from this meeting was sent to Melanie Smoker for approval to go on to the Dorset LDC website.
- It was decided by the LDC to have responses and reviews on all subjects discussed at these meetings at the next meeting to ensure the matters are being addressed and the LDC can keep a regular update on all the concerning issues that have been discussed with the PCT.
- Progress reports with meetings with the PCT to be addressed.
- The LDC Chairman may be going to meet with the PEC on the 2nd February 2010 – the LDC members were asked to e-mail the chairman with any questions they wish to put forward at this meeting if it goes ahead.
- For the full report on this meeting please see the Dorset LD website.

4. Meeting with B+P PCT (Martyn Rogers) and Dorset LDC (Reg Yeow and Jonathan Mynors-Wallis)

New Referral System

- The PCT stated that when a lag occurs in the referral system it will be a constant lag.
- The PCT have employed 2 part time staff to help with the referral change.
- The LDC decided to discuss with the PEC how awful the referral system change was handled.
- The PCT wants strategic data, the ortho had fixed volume contracts so would ever have been a problem for the PCT.
- Jeremy Moore and Fiona Boardman are meeting with the PCT soon to discuss the problems with the new ortho referral system.
- The PCT have employed staff to cope with the extractions outside of the oral surgery to cut expenditure.
- **To find out at the next PCT meeting where the inappropriate referrals are coming from**

Oral Health Report has been released – to place on the Dorset LDC Website.

HTMO1-05 meeting with B+P – Sarah Elliott – Director of Dentistry

- Very interesting meeting
- Discussed cross infection control
- Infection control nurse has completed a pilot inspection on 5 practices. This is a very thorough inspection – even mops inspected and checking behind bins etc.
- The chairman felt a secondary care nurse was inspecting at secondary care standards (theatre) on primary care practices and felt this was slightly unfair.
- The infection control nurse will provide an audit and practices will have to follow it.
- A12 is much reader friendly compared to the guidelines

Quality Care Commission

- By April 2011 dentists need to be signed up and will cost around £1,600
- Each practice will have a profile – information will be gathered by PCT by data and may use DRO's.
- Dental Adviser feels there is no money available to help with the cost of this for dentists.
- The LDC feels dentists should be entitled to what doctors get – no charge for commissioning
- Due to general election in May and government may change this could be dragging on for a while.

Incorporation

- Will be taken case by case – practice by practice.
- Not imposed – but will have to re-tender for contract

Access PDC Contracts

- Chris Fuller – In charge of Dental Contracts for B+P PCT
- At the BDA conference it was advised to dentists not to sign the contract.
- The BDA gave handouts about points that need to be changed within the contract – this was sent to Melanie Smoker (Dorset PCT)
- The LDC is concerned as now legal documents – know about commissioning but not about dentistry.
- Advice to dentists is to take legal advice before signing.
- The LDC has misgivings about the contract.

The LDC has asked both PCT's for names of all the PCT staff that are involved within dentistry and their role.

Dispute Resolution

- More non PCT members than members requested.

- John Cobley has ongoing communication with the PCT regarding this.

Mercury Testing and Occupational Health

- Mary Ahearne has important information regarding urine samples for mercury testing – To e-mail information to the chairman
- Occupational health is difficult to deal with – it was discussed the LDC need to raise concerns about how poor this service is.
- Huw James offered to chase this service on behalf of the LDC – Hep B vaccinations/Flu etc.
- CRB checking – awaiting further information from the PCT.
- Advised by the Dental Advisor to complain in writing as has to be logged and responded to within a certain amount of time.

Complaints

- Patients who make a complaint are likely to withdraw when they realise the extent of the complaints procedure.

5. PASS Scheme

- Report from Sarah Jackson
- The scheme is very much moving forward.
- Have another 3 cases since the last LDC meeting.
- The AGM is going to be held on the 16th March.
- Workshops and upcoming conferences are scheduled for March – Sarah to report at next LDC meeting.

6. Report from Paul Kelly

- Nothing to report today.
- GDPC meeting this coming Friday – to report at next LDC meeting.

7. Meeting with John Milne

- The meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th June 2010 if possible.

8. Meetings with PCT Chief Executives and PEC

- LDC members who wish to go to the meeting: Richard Wood, Matthew Mee, Jeremy Moore, and Brian Levy.
- The LDC members were asked to e-mail any questions they wish to put forward to the PCT and PEC to the Chairman.

9. B+P Decontamination Evening

- Details discussed in point 4 of these minutes

10. Dates of next LDC Meetings

- The PCT has asked us to arrange the meetings with tem in advance so the LDC decided to confirm the dates of all their meetings this year so it is easier to arrange meetings with the PCT well in advance.
- The dates decided are:
 - **Tuesday 27th April 2010 – At Poole**
 - **Tuesday 22nd June 2010 – At Poole**
 - **Tuesday 21st September 2010 – At Poole**
 - **Tuesday 23rd November 2010 – At Dorchester**

11. Report from Dental Advisor

- Complaints procedure discussed.
- Clinical governance discussed.
- B+P and Dorset PCT's are very different.
- HTMO1-05 discussed.

12. Treasurers Report

- Out of recession!
- Has had a loss of £2,000 last year.
- £9,000 at present – national levy has now increased.
- Expenses have increased as more LDC members are attending more meetings.
- Chairman advised that more meetings will be held with the PCT this year.
- The LDC has asked the PCT's for £30,000 for the LDC to run – should the LDC ask for more? – The PCT will need to see the LDC accounts for this to be increased.
- The LDC decided to keep the same for this year.
- New Treasurer discussed as Bill is now off of the GDC register. The LDC needs to decide what it wants to do – can appoint Bill or have another member to be treasurer.
- The LDC can appoint Bill but he can no longer be co-opted.
- **To e-mail all LDC members and ask if anyone wishes post of treasurer**

Election for Members

- The LDC need to appoint a returning officer.
- The last 3 Bill has been the returning officer and organised the election for members.
- The LDC decided Bill should do the next election and to be completed by the next LDC meeting.
- A letter will be sent to all dentists in Dorset if they wish to join the LDC and what to do if they so wish with a covering letter advertising the Dorset LDC AGM and the advantages of becoming a member of the Dorset LDC.

13. Reports from other Meetings

- Steele report discussed.
- HTMO1-05 discussed.

- Other meetings have been discussed previously.

14. Correspondence

- All discussed previously.

15. Any Other Business

- Should a dress code be followed when attending meetings with the PCT?
 - It was decided a suit and tie dress code should be followed when meeting with the PCT or anyone when representing the LDC.
- Andy Thomas would like to go to the next Dorset LDC and Dorset PCT meeting.

16. Date of Next Meeting

- See point 10.