

Minutes for the Dorset LDC Meeting
Held on the 29th April 2008

1. Apologies
 - Jeremy Moore, Huw James, Anne Williams, Claire Burton, Alistair Danby, Sarah Jackson, Fiona Boardman

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting
 - To go on the website
 - Chairman arranged a meeting with Bournemouth and Poole Chief Executive – Debbie Fleming to increase her awareness of dentistry
 - Any questions the LDC would like to ask please ask Chairman to ask on behalf
 - Somerset are allowing Dental practices to be bought and sold

3. Election of Officers
Chairman – Jonathan Mynors-Wallis
Vice Chairman – John Cobley
Secretary – Brian Levy
Treasurer – Bill Field

4. Co-opted Members
It is difficult to co-opt and gather more LDC members if dentists do not put their name forwards, there were vacancies for members after the election
To put on website that the LDC is light on members and we have the power to co-opt more members

5. Report from the Dorset LDC AGM
 - 50% of dentists who said they would be attending actually did
 - Tim Parsons presented a talk on tendering – the report can be found on the Dorset LDC website
 - No dentists attended the meeting who are keen on buying a practice
 - It was discussed the difficulties involved in a practice going out to tender
 - Discussed it is the LDC's job to challenge PCT's decisions
 - It is still not clear what goes out to tender and when

6. PASSE Scheme
 - Report has been sent to all LDC members
 - To discuss further at next meeting

7. Meeting with PCT's
 - The chairmen met with both PCT leads
 - They are still very 'woolly' on what was to happen in the future
 - Dorset – Unsure if RCT's will be added to the contract value
 - B+P – No-one is going to be renegotiating their contracts – they may tinker with them but that's all
 - B+P - Have UDA contract values ranging from £19-30, will be rounding the value up and down
 - Chairman feels there will be an issue with changing these values

- Chairman felt that Dorset PCT were still not as far as B+P with what they want from the contract
- Talk = Paul Vater said it was not negotiable on putting contracts out to tender, as it is all put through the solicitors it is very tight.
- Chairman to discuss with Debbie Fleming that this is very unfair
- Have PCT's put in writing that the contracts are safe for 2009?

Capital Spending

- B+P = 50% of capital funding was sent back as many dentists did not claim
- Dorset = letter going out to all Dorset dentists as money is being rolled over from last year

No 9% Rise

- Dentists got 3.4% not funded for rise
- Dorset = Money going to new practices Bridport / Sherbourne
- B+P = Doing the same

Orthodontics

- Very keen for money to go on ortho
- Year waiting list is unacceptable
- Money going into this to try and bring the waiting time down

Melanie Smoker

- New Dorset PCT Lead
- Martyn Rogers B+P newsletter very wordy and difficult to understand

Children's GA's

- Waiting time is appalling
- Money should be going towards this problem

CPD for Nurses

- Julie Brown – B+P co-ordinator
- Lectures available to cover core subjects
- Would like this to happen for Dorset – will hopefully be available soon as information was given to Melanie Smoker
- Nurses have to pay for CPD and registration
- Can claim back for tax?
- Conflicts of interests when nurse/dentist is paying insurance, who is covered under what etc?
- It was discussed that it was very unlikely patients would sue nurses over dentists.

Meetings with PCT's very important

- It was discussed that it was very important for the LD to meet with the PCT's to discuss matters
- Dorset – Endo money is not being carried over so dentists need to apply for endo instrument funding again
- B+P have said no to this 3-4 months ago.
- To ask again at the next PCT meeting for funding

8. LDC Conference

- Held on 13th June 2008

- Jonathan Mynors-Wallis – Chairman and Brian Levy- Secretary attending
- Dental Committee would like to see UDA's given for PCT meetings

9. Report from Dental Advisor

- Given by Jonathan Mynors-Wallis
- Dorset- Seriously looking into Clinical Governance days for dentists to attend
- B+P – Smile
- Good Practice it was discussed was worth working towards as easy to follow and covers core areas

10. Treasurers Report

- Balance £1,000
- Discussed time spent on committee work – only paid when working in surgery hours
- Discussed to put up the statutory levy as we need more money
- It is impossible to hold meetings in a lunchtime as not a lot can be discussed
- It is very important that the meetings with the PCT's are taking place regularly as the LDC is representing all the dentists
- If LDC members were paid more dentists may come forward to represent the LDC
- OHAG meetings should be paid and not held in an evening
- Dentists would be losing UDA's if held in surgery hours
- Mike Wills-Wood to write to PCT's to see if dentists can be given UDA's for attending LDC meetings.

11. Reports from Other Meetings

- No reports – child protection discussed

12. Correspondence

- None

13. Any Other Business

- None

14. Date of next Meeting

- Tuesday 1st July 2008