

MINUTES OF LDC MEETING via Zoom ON Tuesday 22nd June 2021

APOLOGIES: Alastair Danby Frederick Potieger Hannah Wilmott Jeremy Moore
Maria Browning Tony Walshe

IN ATTENDANCE Jonathan Mynors Wallis- Chair (JMW) Sarah Jackson -Secretary(SJ)
Michelle Carroll- Clerk (MC) John Cobley (JC) William Breen (WB) Amy Roberts (AR)
Saranya Sathumurthy (SS) Kevin Brown (KB) Reg Yeow (RY) Nick Copp (NC)
Debbie Lewis (DL) Beshar Aswad (BA) Tess Fielding (TF)

MEETING WITH MATTHEW JERREAT (MJ) - newly elected LDN Chair

The infra structure of NHS dentistry is changing ,there would be no further money coming from central government

The LDN has 2 roles

- Contractoral
- Developing services and improving oral health

There have been several workshops trying to find solutions to improve OH following the oral health needs assessment for all the 7 regions in the South West. There will hopefully be investment for training and accrediting tier 2 in restorative and oral surgery through flexible commissioning.

The MCM chairs, LDC chairs are due to have a meeting with Peter Wilson and Ian Biggs (Director of public health and Primary care)

MJ discussed the IFR system- JMW explained that before Dorset moved to SW, the IFR system worked well but there were fewer patients now being accepted, and it was necessary to know what criteria was being used and also the numbers being accepted. Funding for IFR's had decreased .JM-W pointed out as there was no access to specialist care and patients found travelling to Plymouth or Bristol unacceptable due to the distance involved Dorset patients were being disadvantaged so there should be increased IFR funding in our region especially as there were no tier 2 trained specialists. It was important to manage patient 's expectations

Trauma to an anterior tooth with an open apex was likely to be accepted

MJ was thinking about creating an APP for GDPs to access where all information would be available as he would update as and when.

One key aim was to appoint a restorative consultant in Dorset, but no time frame for this was offered. Dorset has no training centres.

The AT want to encourage young dentists to upskill, but there is no financial benefit in doing so under NHS, although there would be more job satisfaction. Being trained to tier 2 in oral surgery would allow a more time efficient practice

The Area team have to prioritise their services and allocate money to services in most need such as head and neck cancer etc. Emergency dental care was a huge problem too. . JMW informed TF that the large area team did lack some personal contact which was missed greatly as Dorset dentists did not feel supported. The AT were looking into some salaried practitioners to provide treatment for high need patients

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING: There were none.

CHAIRMAN REPORT – Jonathan Mynors-Wallis (JMW) There was no report

SECRETARYS REPORT- Sarah Jackson (SJ)

SJ and JMW had attended the Zoom LDC conference, and a full report is on the LDC website.

Practices were now struggling to meet the 60% target, set for this financial quarter as dentists and their staff were taking annual leave, this was creating rising stress levels and decreasing moral

SJ attended The Benevolent Fund AGM 24/4/21. There had been a huge rise in applications especially from dental students who were facing increased lengths of courses but no more funding.

They were giving students financial health checks, and also recommending Health Assure, a well-being APP which offers counselling either face to face or via the telephone

TREASURERS REPORT (NC) - Balance - £167,330

No transactions.

Members will be attending MCM meetings funded by the LDC . A review to see if the Dorset LDC can influence these meetings ,and to see whether it is beneficial for a representative from Dorset to be present

SJ had organised 4 courses over the next year ,see the LDC website : all free to members.

Charitable donations – it was proposed and unanimously agreed for an increase to the Benevolent fund and Dental Guild of £10k each.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS Dental Telegram forum

Following recent posts which were not complimentary or helpful, it was agreed that JMW should remind all GDPs of the purpose for the forum – that of information. Personal conversations should be had away from the main group. It was also agreed that posts / adverts for positions detract from the information too and whilst the committee were keen to help in this way, the forum was not the place. JMW would suggest that the LDC website be used for vacancies as a way of assistance.

DATE of NEXT MEETING

Tues 28 September at RNLI