

MINUTES OF LDC MEETING – Tues 23rd November 2021

IN ATTENDANCE

Jonathan Mynors Wallis - Chair (JMW)	Sarah Jackson –Secretary (SJ)
Michelle Carroll - Clerk (MC)	Nick Copp - Treasurer (NC)
John Cobley (JC)	Kevin Brown (KB)
Alistair Danby (AD)	Amy Roberts (AR)
Tony Walshe (TW)	William Breen (WB)
Debbie Lewis (DL)	

APOLOGIES:

Reg Yeow	Besher Aswad
Frederick Poteiger	Hannah Wilmott
Sanarya Sathumurthy	

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING: There were none.

PRESENTATION FROM SHABIR SHIVJI – Primary Dental Care & Senior Dental Advisor, CVD Prevention Lead

Shabir gave a short presentation via zoom to the Committee on the above on a pilot scheme that is being prepared to dental providers to test patients' blood pressure and detect previously unknown cases of AF or hypertension. The PHE CVD prevention ROI model calculates that 43,738 CVD events would be avoided over 20 years saving the NHS and social care £48,204,486. The Committee's thoughts were that it was not good timing when dentists' morale is low. The funding has yet to be agreed although pharmacists were paid £11- £16 for each blood pressure test.

There is an initial cost of £250 for each cuff required to carry out these tests. Anyone interested, can contact Shabir at england.cvd-dentist@nhs.net

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Jonathan Mynors-Wallis (JMW)

JMW is to attend the LDC official day the following day and notes of this meeting will be published.

In the monthly LDC chair meetings, Wiltshire LDC had reported that Labs were struggling as fewer crowns are being made and lab fees for dentures had increased making it increasingly unprofitable for dentists to make them. JMW asked for all committee members to ask their labs if this was the case and report back to him, so he could inform the Area Team. The care home initiative has come to a halt as there is no funding. The system works in Sheffield but it not available in Dorset.

SECRETARYS REPORT- Sarah Jackson (SJ)

The course on Cross Infection had positive feedback. Not many nurses attended even though the course was open to the whole of the dental team.

Suggested ideas for future courses to be forwarded to SJ, ideas included CQC inspections, restorations, Medico legal issues.

It was agreed that we should inform the area team of the courses being offered and ask them to publish them to Dorset practices

Reminder of courses already booked:

- 19 Jan: Rules and regulations on the NHS
- 17 Feb: Treatment planning
- 22 March: AGM, Eddie Crouch as the speaker
- 17 May: Safeguarding
- 5 July: Oral cancer

TREASURERS REPORT - Balance - £170,967

It was agreed that a report of the activity of the last 3 years finances be reviewed at the next meeting to discuss the levy currently being taken. NC agreed to do this.

REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Restorative MCN – KB attended this meeting and stated that Dorset seems quite stable but other counties have had dental contracts handed back to their Area Team.

Restorative referrals – there is no more money even though we need the service. A restorative diploma course for restorative is being set up in Plymouth which will be funded by the NHS.

Community - DL and team will be giving a presentation on 25th January on how to improve referrals to the community service via DERS, This will be an open meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Committee membership – recruiting and retention of new dentists to the LDC was discussed

Elections for places are due in 2022.

DATE of NEXT MEETING: 25th January 2022 at the Grasshopper, Bournemouth Road, Poole.
(private room)