

MINUTES OF LDC MEETING AT RNLI COLLEGE ON Tuesday 12th November 2019

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Welcome to Guest Observers who have come for the DERS presentation:

Notes from this presentation are at the end of the minutes.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:

Minutes were approved and any matters dealt with under separate headings

CHAIRMAN REPORT –

WAT meeting - Jonathan Mynors-Wallis

TIER 2 TRAINING IFR referrals are costing between £250,000 and £400,000 each year and therefore NHS England Wessex are looking at training up GPs to carry out perio and endo treatment to take on local referrals.

The training is for 2 days in February and will be in Portsmouth. The training is free.

Applicants will need a portfolio of 5 patients to present to the Area Team that show what they have achieved for these patients.

Endo - The fee is £110 per UDA. Assessment is 1 UDA and a further 2 UDAs to treat.

Perio- £360 for a 3 ½ hour session. These figures are still to be confirmed.

The slides from this presentation and specifications for tier 2 training will be on the website.

CHANGE OF AREA TEAM From 1st April, Dorset will be under the contract from South West NHS England which is based in Plymouth. It is hoped that some meetings will be in Exeter and Taunton will be more convenient. The LDC levy will still be under Wessex as Dorset is still tied in with Hampshire.

JMW has asked the Contracts Managers from both Wessex and South West to come to the next meeting and explain what will happen. It is hoped they will write to all practices about the change too.

GDPC meeting report - Jonathan Mynors-Wallis

NHS uplift 2 ½ % agreed and will be in December schedule backdated from April.

Contract reform It is anticipated that the reform will come into effect in 2021. The reform takes the shape of 2 contracts; Blend A and Blend B.

Blend A The capitation element of this blend will cover Band 1 treatments, urgent and charge exempt treatments for capitated patients. The activity element will cover: Band 2 and Band 3 treatments plus Urgent care, referrals and charge exempt treatments for non-capitated patients

Blend B The capitation element of this blend will cover Band 1 & Band 2 treatments, urgent and charge exempt treatments for capitated patients. The activity element will cover Band 3 treatments plus Urgent care, referrals and charge exempt treatments for non-capitated patients

Clawback In Wessex this year was £7.5 million. JMW has asked where this clawback money has gone as it is supposed to be put back into dental services. As yet, he has had no reply so will be chasing this up.

Pensions 2015 has been deemed illegal as it was age discriminating with older dentists being allowed to opt in both schemes but new dentists having no choice. This has now been agreed by court and the NHS are having to rethink the scheme. This is for all public sector workers not just dentists so may take some time. It is possible that they will revert to the old system until a new one can be agreed so wait and watch.

Ortho procurement The UOA figure decreased from £64 to £56 per UOA which is a 20% paycut.

PASS scheme - Sarah Jackson

2 new cases had been referred to PASS; 2 self-referrals and 1 from the Wessex Area Team. PASS is there to support dentists in trouble or struggling and will attend meetings with them to help and be the friendly face. The LDC find this support as it is better than facing alone and the WAT are supportive of this role.

WEBSITE

This is now up and running and looks good. It is a working progress but initial feedback was good and JMW asked everyone for feedback including what they would like to be on it.

COURSES BY LDC

These were advertised on the website; these are free to NHS dentists and a nominal fee would be charged to private dentists of which this fee would be donated to the Dentists Benevolent fund. The LDC is given the levy and needs to do something with it. As no courses have been organised in the area, it had been agreed that this was a good idea. JMW will be discussing with SW area Team about courses but these may well be in Exeter so anything that can be organised in Poole would be great. The first course on TMJ had 37 dentists booked on which was promising.

JOINT LDC meeting last one as we won't be part of them anymore so will try and link up with those in SW'

TREASURERS REPORT

Current balance £169,000

The expenses will be going out in December which will bring the figure down but still a healthy balance. This money will start to be used for the planned courses too. Claim forms will be going out in the next week to all committee members. It was agreed that the sessional rate would be £300 and mileage to remain at 60p .

SJ explained that over the recent months, she had spent a lot of time going out to dental practices to promoting the LDC which she felt had been fruitful but it was a lot of time and this was being paid for by the LDC. Therefore, SJ asked if the LDC were happy for her to continue to do so. It was discussed and agreed that this particular role would only have to be done once and therefore was an investment and SJ should continue with grateful thanks.

AOB There were none.

Meeting finished at 21.00

NEXT MEETING – Tues 11th February at RNLI

7.15pm for 7.45pm

DERS presentation

Adam Heath from Vantage attended and carried out a live presentation on the new DERS system that will be in place by 7th February 2020. The system is established in parts of North England, Kent and Surrey. Each practice will need an NHS email address to be able to use it including private practices. The system will be in place to refer for Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Orthodontics.

DERS will integrate with most dental software by a template in the documents section of the software. To access, click onto this template and you are into DERS, you will need to log in using the details given by Wessex. There will be a practice login and individual ones with different levels of security. These will be agreed with the practices.

By going through the dental software, the DERS system will automatically open with the patient details and will pick up anything missing from the NHS database such as NHS number and doctor's details.

There are drop down lists to almost every answer required, including reason for referral, medical conditions, wheelchair access requirements, anxiety level and each answer triages the referral so that once all questions have been answered, the appropriate referral choices are left for you to pick. These choices will show the places, how far they are from the patient, where they are on google maps and the waiting times. It will also triage / detect if the referral itself is not suitable and will reject it.

Radiographs can be uploaded and attached to the referral and for OPGs or other documents required, these can be loaded via an app on mobile phones. The app does not save any images taken to the phone and therefore compliant with GDPR. For those practices who are not digital, there is a small device which can transfer the radiograph onto the system. A dental chart is also present.

The system will check that the patient is NHS or private and whether Band 1 NHS fee has been made.

Consent from the patient is also recorded and noted.

Once completed, the referral is submitted; if it is rejected, you can appeal via the system.

If they need further information, this can be added to an amendment window.

There will be a link given for each referral which can be forwarded to the patient who can then monitor the referral rather than keep ringing the practice. It can be then imported back into the patients notes.

A log is kept of all referrals so that the practice can keep check on each one.

There is a LIVE CHAT facility from 9am – 6pm Monday - Friday.

Although there are different parts to the referral form, each part is under a header which remains on the screen for the whole referral and therefore, should you need to go back to a section, you can select the header and amend. If not finished, you can save and then it can be picked up again later by you or reception.

A meeting is taking place at the end of November between the LDC, MCN and Wessex Area Team to match the system to local requirements. It is expected, as with any new system, that there may be further tweaks after February once it is live.

Training packs are due to be sent out at the beginning of December which include training videos , the practice will need to go through the training modules before it will allow you to log into the main system.

Vantage are still ringing practices to ensure they have all the information; they are currently at 60%.

Currently this system is being taken on by Wessex and from April 1st, Dorset will be under South West and no longer Wessex. However this system will still be in place and it is envisaged that South West will jump on board in the next year.