

Secretarial Report for the Dorset LDC given at the AGM 18/3/20

Dorset LDC has started to arrange free courses for NHS dentists contributing to the levy. We have had two, one on the TMJ and another on IRMER both of which had a very positive feedback and good attendance. No courses have been arranged by Health Education England for the past 5 years, and so the LDC is trying to fill the lack of post graduate education, so that our members don't need to travel so far.

The secretary has been visiting practices with high UDA contract values, to raise awareness of the LDC, the Free CPD, Performance panels and PASS (Practitioner Advice and Support Scheme). The verbal feedback from these has been great, especially from those dentists who had felt quite isolated in the west of the county.

The new dental contract has been placed on hold due to the General Election last year.

Tier 2 training for Endodontics and Periodontics has also been placed on hold due to the Area Teams with holding the funding.

There was not a smooth transition from the South East Area Team to the South West, which occurred on 17th February, as the communication between the two Areas was quite poor.

The new Dental Electronic Referral System (DERS) went live on 7th February. Feedback at the moment is quite positive. All referrals apart from the 2 week urgent referrals have to use the new system.

Due to Covid 19 the course on Dementia Awareness due to take place on 13th May has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for later on in the year.