

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 30th April 2013

Venue:	Higham Farm Hotel, Higham
Present:	Drs: H Alzouebi, JD Al Damouk, H Hammond, S Hoyte, R Khatib, H Kshitij, P Moore (secretary) A North, Y Nsamba, N Rodick (Chair), J Ward (Treasurer)
	Co-opted:
	In attendance: Vikki Taylor Robin Blackwell Richard Birkin
1.	Welcome and Apologies for Absence Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and apologies were noted as below: Drs: L Ho, D Monaghan, N Preston, A Watts
2.	Minutes of last Meeting No minutes were available for the 2012 meeting.
3.	Matters Arising There were no matters arising.
4.	Annual reports
	<u>Chairperson's report</u> Dr Rodick reported that there continued to be many changes within dentistry and the NHS. One of the strengths of the LDC had been it's willingness to get involved with the PCTs and the good working relationship that had developed from that. The PCTs had now been replaced by NHS England and the Clinical Commissioning Groups and there was a need to open lines of communication with the various agencies and work on developing relationships with them. In the mean time, it was business as normal. There continued to be the possibility of merging with the Derby City LDC, and previously the PCTs had expressed a preference for dealing with just one LDC, although there was no indication about how NHS England might choose to operate. DR Birkin informed the committee that the BDA's advice was not to merge at this time. DR North stated that if it was put to a vote, he would vote against as he felt it better to keep the LDC's independence.

	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>The treasurer reported that the finances of the LDC continued to be very sound, with a current balance of £44k in the account, although some cheques were waiting to be cleared.</p> <p>Dr Moore stated that FDs in some areas had raised concerns about being asked to pay the statutory levy for the LDC. Dr Moore asked in Derbyshire FDs were required to do so. Dr Ward said that, as far as he was aware, local FDs were not paying the levy; however, he had been trying to get a definitive answer about who was contributing and, so far, had not received an answer. He would make enquiries about the FDs and report back.</p> <p>Brief discussion ensued about how best to utilise some of the funds and it was agreed to investigate arranging a post-graduate training course.</p>
	<p><u>Secretary's report and correspondence</u></p> <p>Dr Moore reported that as part of his duties he had been attending the Trent Liaison group and would provide further details at the next ordinary meeting. However, Derbyshire County LDC had enjoyed a good working relationship with the PCT and did not appear to experience the same sort of issues as other groups. He would continue to attend and report back.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Presentation by Vicky Taylor – new Head of Commissioning</p> <p>Vikki Taylor, Director of Commissioning for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, introduced herself. She had previously worked at Derby Hospitals and had been in post since October 2012, although officially she had started on 1st April 2013 with NHS England.</p> <p>Ms Taylor gave a brief overview of NHS England, which was established along with the CCGs on 1st April 2013. NHS England was working towards a single operating model, so that there was consistency in services and provision across the country, although there would be some local flexibility: however, there was still a lot of work to do before that was reached. The aspiration was for national consistency, but there were no details available at this time.</p> <p>With regard for the LPN, they had advertised for a Dental LPN as NHS England's view and commitment was to support the LPN in future: however, there was no funding except for the chair and venue costs, although Ms Taylor felt that financial support was probably necessary to get it going and they may look at some non-recurrent funding to enable this. There was also a need for a clinical advisor as the view was that this post was necessary to support the LPN.</p> <p>All providers should have received an e-mail/letter with key contacts within the new organisation and if anyone had any queries they should contact them. It had been sent to providers as NHS England wanted to encourage providers to share with all staff, but it was requested if information could be shared with all practitioners and Ms Taylor said that that could be reviewed for future communications. However, Ms Taylor was conscious that there had been significant changes recently and had felt that a point of contact was important to maintain communication at this time.</p> <p>As of yet, Ms Taylor had not received any information relating directly to dental services, but she understood that there would be a dental assessment tool to be used alongside the dental framework. There would be no new contracts at this time.</p>

	A brief Q & A session followed and Ms Taylor was thanked for attending.
6.	Any Other Business There was no other business and the meeting was closed.