

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE	
Draft minutes of an ordinary meeting	
Date:	30 th April 2013
Venue:	Higham Farm Hotel, Higham
Members:	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: Vicky Taylor, NHS England Robin Blackwell, GDP Richard Birkin, GDP
1.	Apologies for Absence Drs: L Ho, D Monaghan, N Preston, A Watts
2.	Minutes of last Meeting The minutes of the meeting of the 12 th March 2013 were agreed as an accurate record.
3.	Correspondence Dr Moore had received an e-mail from Robin Blackwell regarding a letter that had been circulating by the dental nursing team about discontinuation of the out of hours service in Chesterfield and a move of the service to Derby. This raised serious concerns as there had been no consultation, appearing to be a fait accompli, and there were already capacity issues for the Derby service that had on some previous occasions been unable to cope with their local demand and had directed some patients to the Chesterfield Service. Some of the committee members stated that this information was confusing as they had been asked to confirm that they were continuing providing this service. The committee members felt that if this was the case then a formal complaint needed to be made, although as there was a lack of clarity around who had made the decision it was difficult to know where to direct the complaint. Dr Blackwell also suggested that if the service were to be discontinued, there was a possibility of patients attending A & E instead. Committee members expressed concerns that to abolish the service was a backward step in terms of providing decent dental care in the area, and whilst there were always some patients who abused the system, the majority of attendees were in real need. Whilst it was acknowledged that there were occasions when there were no attendees, this was not the norm, and the previous Friday 7 patients had been seen. Dr North also raised the matter that GDPs were now responsible for updating the information on the NHS Choices website, so emergency and out of hours information for practices may not be up-to-date.

	<p>Vicky Taylor said that she was not aware of this, and that NHS England would be responsible for commissioning this service. She suggested that if the LDC wished to submit their view then it should be directed to the relevant Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Ms Taylor said that she would investigate when she got into the office on the following day and contact the relevant CCG, and let Dr Moore know the outcome.</p> <p><i>(Post meeting note: Ms Taylor confirmed that she had investigated this and that the service provider had been advised that no changes to this service at this time as any changes would be subject to consultation and creation of a business case. She asked that if any GDPs had any concerns that these should be allayed as the service would continue in its current form and any changes would only take place after appropriate consultation.)</i></p> <p>Dr Rodick welcomed Ms Taylor's input and said that now that there were 4 CCGs within North Derbyshire, and that the LDC should make contact with them and start establishing a dialogue.</p>
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The members heard that the committee continued to be very financially sound.</p>
5.	<p>Reports</p>
a)	<p><u>Local Professional Networks (LPN)</u></p> <p>Meetings had been cancelled and it was felt that the groups were still trying to find their feet, however, not much was going on that the LPNs could take forward as of yet.</p>
b)	<p><u>Trent Liaison</u></p> <p>These meetings were held quarterly, and although there was not much to report at this time, Dr Moore gave a brief overview of some of the issues posed at the meeting. Often issues raised were in relation to events happening in other areas, which were taken back to the group for discussion. What Dr Moore had noted from these discussions was that the Derbyshire County LDC had not experienced the issues in dealing with PCTs as had other LDCs.</p> <p>Also raised was the ICPP (Independent Contractor Performance Panel), which occasionally reviewed cases pertaining to dental practitioners. Dr Rodick was unable to attend as the meetings were on a Wednesday. Dr Birkin stated that it was important that the LDC was represented as there was a need for dental input.</p> <p>Dr North agreed to attend, but also suggested that an e-mail be sent out to all performers detailing that they should contact the committee if they were due to appear before the panel.</p>
c)	<p><u>FGDP and FD</u></p> <p><i>FGDP (Faculty of General Dental Practice)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was nothing new to report on this.

		<p><u>FD</u></p> <p>Dr North stated that the year appeared to have gone quickly and exit interviews would soon be taking place. In addition a questionnaire was to be issued to FDs asking what trainers did: Nottinghamshire FDs had received this on Friday. A number of FDs were looking at hospital posts rather than GDP posts.</p> <p>The Deanery had effectively disappeared and in its place was Health Education England.. The Dean was due to retire in the latter half of the year and there was uncertainty about whether they would be replaced or if the function was to be taken over by the Medical Dean.</p> <p>Dr Birkin raised the issue of the number of graduates who did not get FD posts. Dr North said that it seemed that fewer overseas applicants didn't get posts this year, however the system was still being developed. Unsuccessful applicants could apply again, but only within an 18-month window in order to get an NHS number.</p> <p>There was discussion about making FD part of the university course, but Dr North felt that trainees would acquire skills and knowledge more quickly through vocational training rather than being course based.</p>
	d)	<p><u>LDC Conference</u></p> <p>This was taking place in June with 3 attendees from the committee and a report would be given at the next meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Chesterfield Out of Hours – Clinic Closing</p> <p>This had been discussed previously under item 3.</p>	
7.	<p>LDC Website</p> <p>EW-W reported that she had managed to access the website and make some minor alterations, but she still required committee members to forward her a brief professional resume and contact details etc., to be input.</p> <p>A couple of members stated that they had experienced difficulties in accessing the site, and EW-W said that she would contact the website designer to see if he could look at this.</p> <p>Action: EW-W to contact website designer to investigate issues.</p>	
8.		<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a lot of apologies received for LDC dinner on 24th May, and currently only 7 were due to attend. Discussion followed about whether it should be rescheduled or go ahead; it was agreed to go ahead and if anyone wanted to attend to contact Dr Ward to book a place. • Dr A Barr had tendered his resignation from the committee, and this was accepted.

9.	Date, Time & Venue of Next Meetings <u>Unless stated all meetings commence at 7.30pm, at Santos, Higham Farm, Higham.</u> 2013 25 th June 3 rd September
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