

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE	
Draft minutes of an ordinary meeting	
Date:	7 th January 2014
Venue:	Higham Farm Hotel, Higham.
Members:	Drs: H Hammond, R Khatib, P Moore, A North, N Rodick, J Ward
	<p>Co-opted</p> <p>Drs: R Birkin</p>
1	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Drs: JD Al Damouk, H Alzouebi, N Preston, A Watts, D Monaghan, Y Nsamba, A Watts,</p>
2.	<p>Minutes:</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as accurate with the following amendment: 9c) The term of the appointment should read 1 year and not 4 years.</p> <p>The Dean was Dr Andrew Dickenson, a Max/Facs consultant from Derby.</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Dr Moore had sent an e-mail to Dr Locke about the contract the LDC would sign for the proposed LDC Buying Group. The LDC had wanted to examine it and get advice regarding it from the BDA.</p> <p>He had also outlined that the LDC was not happy with the idea of it gaining commission from profits and asked if this could be paid to a dental charity of the LDC's choosing. He was informed that quite a few LMC's preferred that option and it could easily be arranged.</p> <p>Brief discussion ensued about the benefits of the buyer's group to practitioners if it should prove successful. It was felt that if advice from the BDA was positive, it could be a useful thing for practices and give them more choice.</p>
4.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>There was no correspondence at this time.</p>
5.	<p>Election to the LDC</p> <p>A list of those up for election had been circulated with the agenda pack. Nine places on the committee were up for election, with a number of the places being actual vacancies with current members not seeking re-election.</p> <p>Discussion ensued around timescales. The members needed to be in place for the AGM which normally took place around April/May.</p>

	<p>Brief discussion ensued. EW-W agreed to amend the documentation and forward it to Dr Moore for distribution. Closing date would be 14th February 2014, which would allow enough time to resubmit paperwork if necessary.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EW-W to forward the election notice to Dr Moore by 12th January 2014. • Dr Moore to forward to GDPs.
<p>6.</p>	<p>Derbyshire County LDC Website</p> <p>EW-W reported that she had tried contacting John Geddes for an update, but that he had been in hospital since before Christmas. She had received a message that he would look at the website once he was well enough.</p> <p>Meanwhile, if committee members wanted to submit a short CV they should do so to EW-W.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The LDC continued to be financially secure.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>LDC Officials' Day – 6th December</p> <p>Drs Rodick and Ward had attended this and gave a brief overview of some of the main points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Milne had given a presentation on contract reform. The Government were calling it a contract review rather than a new contract as they couldn't afford to tender all new contracts. It was not anticipated to happen before the next election as there wasn't enough parliamentary time, but any reform would still be based on UDAs. The DDRB had suggested that there should be an uplift, but Dr Birkin said that any uplift would involve practitioners making 4% efficiencies. Discussion ensued for the committee. The pilots were illustrating that the checks required were taking far longer than anticipated, the average being 15-20 minutes, but Dr North reported that FDs in some places were reporting it taking 40-45 minutes as the questions to be asked had to be followed. Dr Birkin said that the government weren't happy with waiting lists yet the amount of time checks were taking meant that in some areas there were access issues. There was a possibility that patients may be able to opt out of the assessment. Previous issues around IT had now been resolved, but in reality this meant that the pilots had only been going 8 months. • Judith Husband gave an update on Foundation training and the lack of places. It was unlikely that the government would reduce numbers for next year and Dr North said it would take 5 years to reduce numbers and the talk was of a 25% reduction, but if there were not enough graduates then this could lead to increased waiting lists. • Another talk had been around enhanced skills for dentists. Dr Rodick explained that the career structure was anticipated to be 4 levels: level 1 was the newly qualified FDs; level 2 dentists with specialist skills; level 3 Specialist list and level 4 consultant. However, Dr Birkin said that there was a big gap between level 1 and 2 and there was a lack of

	<p>clarity around how many specialists were needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Federation of London LDCs gave a presentation outlining the benefits of federation to LDCs. It worked very well in London and it was felt that Area Teams didn't want to talk to just one LDC. <p>Overall, it was felt to have been a very interesting day and attendance was recommended for LDC members.</p>
9.	Reports
	<p>a) <u>LPN</u></p> <p>A meeting had taken on 19th November with the new Chair, Richard Heywood, and there had been a very wide agenda. The new Chair was very enthusiastic and keen to take things forward. Topics covered included bariatric patients, topical fluoridation, skill mix, clinical networks and peer review.</p> <p>The LDC briefly discussed peer review that used to be very popular and Dr Rodick had felt that it could be useful and wondered if it could be something that the LDC could facilitate, with possibly Drs Monaghan and North to facilitate. Dr Birkin said that Sutton Coldfield ran something along those lines and that there was a possibility that it could be part of revalidation.</p> <p>Dr North said that peer review and mentoring were two of the most important areas in dentistry and that it tended to work well.</p> <p>Dr Rodick said that it had been a very interesting meeting although the group was still finding its way.</p>
	<p>b) <u>Trent Liaison</u></p> <p>A meeting was due to take place next week.</p> <p>The LDC Constitution needed to be forwarded to the Area Team. Dr Moore had contacted other LDCs in the area and all of their contracts were based on the BDA model. Some had minor alterations such as Leicester had a clause regarding who can stand and ensuring that no more than two practitioners can stand from an individual practice/corporate body. The group agreed that this would be a useful clause to include. While Northants had a clause about termination of membership of committee members whose behaviour is deemed as unacceptable ie, offensive, intimidation or bringing the profession into disrepute. This was also felt to be useful.</p>
	<p>c) <u>FGDP & FD</u></p> <p>There was nothing to report for FGDP.</p> <p>Dr North reported that Dr Franklin had retired at the end of December. Andrew Dickenson had other commitments and was unable to take up the post immediately, so the Deanery was technically without a Dean, so Paul Cook, Post-graduate Dean for North Yorkshire had been appointed</p>

	<p>as interim Dean for the East Midlands. It was felt that this was a large area to be responsible for.</p> <p>A lot of the same people would remain in post within the Deanery for the time being, but there would probably be some changes ahead. London Deanery had sacked all the programme directors and programmes were being run by administrators and it was felt that Chris Franklin had been going in the same direction.</p> <p>There were quite a few concerns around the changes: Dr North reported that the current FDs ended in July and the new ones commenced in September, so there was a bit of headroom. London had cancelled all teaching commitments and Dr North agreed that the way in which teaching was delivered needed to be reviewed, with Mentoring and Peer review being a better approach. Dr North felt that for FDs most teaching would be practice based and while he felt that it should change, he wasn't sure where it was heading.</p> <p>Overall, there was lots of instability. The new dean did not understand primary care as he was secondary care based.</p> <p>There had also been boundary changes so that Sheffield and Doncaster were now in Yorkshire and Paul Cook was keeping Don Valley House as a base in the south of the county. The result of the boundary changes was that the East Midland Deanery did not now have a dental school, although this situation was not unique. It was one of Andrew Dickenson's ideas to move secondary care training away from Sheffield. There was a move to set up mini-schools where consultants and trainees could be brought together to undertake training.</p>
d)	<p><u>BDA</u></p> <p>There had been concerns that membership of the BDA had been falling for the last 4-5 years and the service provided had not been very good value for most members. In 2012, the BDA had introduced a tiered service allowing members to choose the level of service they wanted, with 75% opting for the lowest level and 25% going for the top two levels. Twenty staff had been made redundant but the advisory/policy and events teams were still in place and the BDA was now more financially stable although there was still a possibility of further redundancies dependant on members re-joining or not.</p> <p>However, the work still continued and there had been record numbers at the O2 arena last year, although feedback had been negative around the poor acoustics and although exhibitors liked the venue it was doubtful that they would go back. The next three years were to be held in Manchester.</p> <p>There was a new rep at the BDA to liaise with the LDCs and help sort out problems. Dr Birkin said that there were variations between LDCs about the rate applied to the levy, but they have been advised that they all should do the same. Dr Ward agreed that there were anomalies in the payments and that all practitioners were supposed to pay £10, but that was not the case and the amount received varied each month. Payments were also not received on time, and whilst they were</p>

		<p>eventually received there could be nothing one month and then two payments the next. It was very inconsistent.</p> <p>Dr North said that he was signed up as an expert member and found the website difficult to navigate: when he had requested advice he was unhappy with the response. Dr Birkin agreed that whilst the look of the website had been improved it was not intuitive and the search engine was not very effective.</p>
	e)	<p><u>NCB</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>
	f)	<p><u>PCT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>
	g)	<p><u>Direct Commissioning Primary Care Panel</u></p> <p>Dr Black spoke about a number of things including the primary care strategy, seven-day working and infection control. Dentists were ahead of medics when it came to cross infection controls.</p> <p>Also discussed had been the relocating of the MoS services at Alfreton, possibly to Swannick although it was not known when this may happen.</p> <p>There was also discussion about a practice in Nottingham area that was under-performing and the contract value had been clawed back. The practitioner had wanted to keep the contract and had suggested going out to do domiciliary visits. Dr North said that there was no payment for domiciliary visits but the CQC were looking at care homes ensuring that residents have dental care. Dr Rodick said that there were issues around what constituted domiciliary care.</p>
9.	AOB	<p>There was none.</p>
10.	Date & Time of Next Meeting	<p><u>Unless stated, all meetings start at 7.30pm and take place at Higham Farm Hotel, Higham.</u></p> <p>11th March 2014</p> <p>AGM 20th May</p>