

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE

Draft minutes of an ordinary meeting

Date: 24th March 2015

Venue: Higham Farm Hotel, Higham

Members: Drs: J D Al Damouk, P Moore, (Secretary), A North, Y Nsamba, N Preston, N Rodick (Chair),

Co-opted:

Drs:

In attendance:

1. Apologies for Absence

Drs: H Hammond, S Hoyte, H Kshitij, J Ward

2. Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

Dr Moore had contacted Laura Burns and had asked for clarification of the geographical distribution of patients seen at the out of hours service over Christmas. Unfortunately, she was unable to provide a breakdown of this, but was contacting DCHS to see if they could provide this and she would forward this on to the LDC when she had a response.

Brief discussion ensued. It had been reported that once the available slots for Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire patients had been filled, then the phone service was shut down and patients were referred to the nearest out of hours service, which in this case had been Derbyshire.

4. Correspondence

There was none.

5. Goodbye LAT, Hello NHS England North Midlands

Dr Rodick reported that prior to the LPN meeting on 11th March, there had been a meeting regarding the LAT which had been dissolved and there were to be some redundancies. There was significant confusion and clarity regarding the situation had been sought.

There had been a variety of changes. Dr Black had retired, and the umbrella organisation was now called NHS England, Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire, North Midlands. Shropshire and Staffordshire were also part of North Midlands. They were still based at Birch House, but it was felt that they may move to Derby in the future. The general feeling was that poorly performing LATs had been taken over by better performing ones.

	<p>There were now to be 2 LPNs. Any contractual problems should still be referred to Laura Burns, but whilst she would attend meetings by special invitation to address any particular concerns, the intent was that Area Team members would not attend general LDC meetings as a matter of course. The suggestion had been made to have 4 meetings a year between the Area Team and LDCs and Dr Rodick had been asked to organise this.</p> <p>Dr North expressed concern that the Area Team did not appreciate that those members who ran practices could just come out during the day to attend meetings and these issues needed to be raised with the Area Team.</p>
6.	<p>Derbyshire County LDC Website</p> <p>LDC members were reminded to submit a profile to Dr Khatib for loading on the website.</p>
7.	<p>LDC Buying Group</p> <p>Dr Moore reported that he had been asked to write a testimonial for the group, which he was happy to do.</p> <p>Dr North felt that they were not very high-profile and that they needed to be more proactive in promoting their services and that they needed to target practice managers, rather than practitioners/practice owners, as they tended to be responsible for ordering goods etc.</p> <p>Dr Moore said that he would forward these comments onto the group.</p>
8.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Dr Ward had sent his apologies but had provided a brief report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LDC was financially sound at this time. • As agreed at the last meeting, £1000 had been paid to the Yorkshire LDC for the LDCs fighting fund, bringing the total contribution from Derbyshire County LDC to £2000 to date. • The annual LDC conference dues of £1595 had been paid on 19th March 2015.
9.	<p>GDC</p> <p>There was nothing to report at this time.</p>
10.	<p>Midland Group of LDCs.</p> <p>There was nothing to report at this time.</p>
11.	<p>Report on CQC Dental Stakeholder Event</p> <p>Dr Moore had e-mailed out the slides for this event to all LDC members.</p> <p>Dr Moore reported that it had been a very good event, with a good spread of representatives from across the different relevant organisations and attendance had been about 70=80 people.</p> <p>There had been very good discussions around organisational structures and regulating bodies and how they linked in together. A particular issue was the need for reducing red-tape. All organisations were to meet every 2-months to get a unanimity of what was wanted from an inspection. The aim was for practices to not be over-burdened with numerous</p>

visits, but with a potential for groups to visit, with representatives from a number of organisations. It was hoped if this could be achieved, that practices would be disturbed less frequently. The GDC had been targeted by all the tables and the chair of the meeting had been surprised that the GDC did not actually inspect practices.

There had been discussion around public health and there were key issues relating to dentistry and it was felt that practices would have more involvement.

There had also been discussion around the sharing of information, who held what information about whom, if this was the correct information and if it was duplicated in any way.

Barry Cockcroft had been the final speaker, talking about communication, who communicates with whom and how better to engage in the communication process, particularly with patients and key stakeholders. Currently, it was felt that this was something that was done, but very poorly and significant improvement was required

Whilst nothing much had been achieved it was felt that it had been a good starting point for discussion and that hopefully things would move forward.

Initial feedback had been provided, but a more detailed response would be circulated as soon as they became available and if anyone was interested in joining the programme board workstream subgroups these were:

- Risk, data and information
- Standard setting, roles and responsibilities
- New models
- Communication

12. Reports

Performance Screening Group

Dr Rodick reported about the Dental and Optons section. An anonymous complaint had been received regarding the Leeds Dental Hospital and issues with cross infection.

Dr Rodick was unable to attend the next meeting of the Performance Advisory Group.

LPN

This was Richard Hayward's last meeting and Christine Utting would be chair from now on.

There had been a presentation regarding Friends and Family and practices had to participate in this. Dr North said that it was possible to participate in a webinar about this, but it was not compulsory: however Dr Preston said that she had not found it very helpful.

Dr Preston said that there were also issues around storing the completed forms, which had to be kept for 2 years. If a significant number were completed practices would experience issues around storing them.

Dr Rodick reported that Julie Theaker had given an update regarding the commissioning of

	<p>services. This included an MOS service in Nottinghamshire and £4m in non-recurring funding had been received to set this up. Also being looked at were better out of hours service across practices in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and better access to services in Derby City.</p> <p>Dr North reported on a meeting he had attended where they were looking for champions across the dental community. They were also looking for champions in smoking cessation and alcohol dependency.</p> <p><u>Trent Liaison Meeting</u></p> <p>There had been no meeting recently.</p> <p><u>Post Graduate and VT</u></p> <p>Dr North reported that a year into the new Deanery and much had changed, including a new system for appointing training practices and trainees. There were still a few problems to be sorted out. However there was room for improvement and it would be re-designed for next year.</p> <p>Trainers were appointed for 1-year, but that would change. Also being explored was education for dental nurses, hygienists and therapists. Dr Moore asked if there had been many applications. Dr North reported that they had received more applications than needed, and while some had not been appointed, all were appointable.</p> <p>Dr North was now Director of Innovation and was developing a virtual learning environment, with on-line training supporting face-to-face sessions. There were only 3 post-graduate tutors in the area.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Nothing was raised.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Date, Time & Venue of Next Meetings</p> <p><u>Unless stated all meetings commence at 7.30pm, at Santos, Higham Farm, Higham.</u></p> <p>2015 19th May (AGM) followed by an ordinary meeting – buffet from 6.30pm, 7pm meeting start. 30th June 15th September</p>