

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE

Draft minutes of an ordinary meeting

Date: 4th November 2014

Venue: Higham Farm Hotel, Higham

Members: Drs: J D Al Damouk, H Hammond, D Hannah, R Khatib, H Kshitij, P Moore, (Secretary), A North, Y Nsamba, N Rodick (Chair), J Ward

Co-opted:

Drs:

In attendance:

1. Apologies for Absence

Drs: D Monaghan, N Preston

2. Minutes of last Meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

Dr Moore said that most correspondence came in the form of e-mails, which he forwarded onto committee members.

5. LDC Dinner

After brief discussion it was proposed that the LDC dinner would take place on Tuesday 3rd February 2015, at Higham Farm. The date was agreed. It was also agreed that there would be a short meeting, followed by the dinner.

6. LDC Website

Elaine Woodhall-Windle reported that the website had been up-dated so that it could be accessed without inputting a GDC number, it had been tidied up and recent minutes added. Member's details needed to be submitted so that they could be also be uploaded. However, the website developer had been in hospital again and she had not been in contact with him since.

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	<p>It was also suggested that they look at the Birmingham LDC website as an example of a good website.</p> <p>Action: Dr Khatib to discuss requirements with website designer and report back to the LDC.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>LDC Dental Buying Group</p> <p>Dr Moore reported that this was going very well and expanding rapidly and the more LDCs that joined the more buying power the group had and therefore greater potential savings for dental practices. Lincolnshire and Northants LDCs had both signed up, meaning that all East Midlands LDCs are now involved. Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire LATs were to be joining up with Staffordshire and Shropshire LAT, so the buying group will try to include them as well. Other LDCs that are interested include Bedfordshire and some in London. NO practices had opted out so far.</p> <p>Dr Moore said that from a personal perspective he was finding it very good.</p> <p>There were a number of areas the group were looking at, including trying to find the best energy deals and further expansion being looked at included credit cards, defibs and on-line training for staff. There was also a deal with CNS Media who could set up and maintain a website for £700pa. Having a website was going to be a statutory requirement for GPs, but at the moment there was no indication if it was going to be the same for GDPs.</p> <p>Dr North suggested that practitioners would need a good reason to change their current suppliers for goods and asked if there was a website to look at. Dr Moore said that all practices should have been sent an e-mail with a password and to let him know if this hadn't been received. There was also an electronic and paper catalogue of products available. Dr Khatib said that he had found it useful, and whilst some things were not cheaper than his current suppliers, some were. Dr North said that there was a need to educate those responsible for ordering, so that they checked the site rather than ordering from the usual supplier.</p> <p>The buying group were also giving a presentation and having a stand at the LDC Official's day in December.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>The current balance stood at £70,446. As previously agreed, £1,000 had been paid to Yorkshire LDC as a contribution to the PR/lobbying campaign fund and there were some funds yet to pay out.</p> <p>Levy payments are being distributed to the LDCs according to the ratios determined by the LAT; these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nottinghamshire 51% • Derbyshire County 34.7% • Derby City 13% <p>Monthly income from levy collections is currently £3363 against £2800 under the old system and it might be a possibility that the levy amount is adjusted for next year. No voluntary contributions are being received from PDS contractors and Richard Skeggs from Nottinghamshire LDC was to draft a letter to be sent to all PDS contractors in the area: however, the draft letter had yet to be received and Dr Ward had therefore drafted one. Dr North asked if the levy is voluntary if it could be paid at the previous level. Dr Ward said that he felt that all should pay a similar amount, although it may be possible to have a capping mechanism.</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p>Christmas Opening</p> <p>Dr North reported that he had received a letter from the LAT regarding Christmas opening and he was unhappy with its tone as it suggested that the ‘buddy’ process was not able to continue .</p> <p>Laura Burns explained that the LAT had sent out the letter as received from NHS England.</p> <p>Dr North sought clarification about the ‘buddy’ system, and if it was not to be used during the Christmas period if it meant it could not be used at other times. He felt that the LAT should have discussed the letter with the LDC before sending it out.</p> <p>Ms Burns explained that last year all GP practices had been told that they had to open contracted hours and the Drs had complained that other health services were not required to provide the same access. A previous draft of the letter had permitted the ‘buddy’ system, but NHS England had removed this. MS Burns said that the LAT had no issues with the ‘buddy’ system if it worked, and any comments about this would be forwarded to NHS England, however, the LAT was currently awaiting clarification about why this system was no longer permitted and it was expected to have a response this week.</p> <p>Dr Moore asked how many complaints had been received about Christmas opening hours for dental practices, and Ms Burns said that there had been one in the last few years.</p> <p>Dr North said that the LAT needed to work with the LDC to make an intelligent assessment of what was needed. The requirements of dental patients were different to those of medical patients and could be addressed with a manageable solution to cover pain and emergencies.</p> <p>Ms Burns stated that they had sent out the letters as required by NHS England and if it was a normal working day it should be treated as such.</p> <p>Dr Khatib asked if it would be useful to send a letter from the LDC. Ms Burns said that Derby City had already expressed similar concerns and they had been fed back. She said that she would let the LDC know the response from NHS England.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>GDPUK Discussion on LDC Activity</p> <p>Dr Rodick reported briefly on a couple of meetings he had attended.</p> <p>Performance Screening Group – there were some issues with problematic GDPs, but these were mainly in Nottinghamshire.</p> <p>Direct Commissioning Primary Care Panel – This was mainly about issues concerning GPs and Ebola was high on the agenda. DR North said they had an Ebola poster in the surgery and had been sent details of a website for updates: however, he suggested that there should be Ebola update e-mails if a genuine risk was identified so that practices were made aware, rather than relying on the practice manager to keep checking.</p> <p>Dr Rodick reported that there had been one dental item which was about the OOH dental emergency care in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire: various options were being considered.</p> <p>The next Local Professional Network meeting was on the 25th November.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Reports</p>

a)	<p><u>Local Area Team (LAT)</u></p> <p>No report</p>
b)	<p><u>Trent Liaison</u></p> <p>Dr Moore reported that the Jimmy Steele model in the pilots apparently wasn't successful because of much reduced PCR and access issues.</p> <p>In relation to the proposal for the creation of a Confederation:- all the LDCs were keen, as it was felt that it would create more of an ability to act as one. It was also felt that it would be a possible point of contact with those LATs who don't attend various LDC meetings. It was also noted that Derby/ Notts LAT were combining with Staffs/ Shropshire. Therefore the confederation was agreed to in principle, but future developments were being monitored.</p> <p>Northants LDC reported that the Practice Concerns Committee, run by the LAT, no longer have to have a GDP sitting on their panel. Whilst they do have the DPA, the LDC feel that he is an employee, and therefore they have no faith in him being unbiased. The LDC can send a representative to meetings, but they have no voting rights. Apparently, this is NHS England policy. Unlike all other EMLDCs, Northants supported an alternative contract reform, but not the special LDC conference re the GDC. The Northants group has set up a Facebook page.</p> <p>Leah Farrell has put forward a proposal to define the scope of NHS care, which is to be put forward to GDPC.</p> <p>The newsletter is being updated to an e-format.</p> <p>Lincolnshire LAT last year issued breaches of contract, despite NHS England guidance from 2013 suggested that this was a test year and no breaches should be issued: however, the LAT proceeded anyway. LDC is in the process of agreeing a situation where the LAT removes all but the most persistent practices that have refused to meet and discuss their targets. There were also concerns raised about foreign dentists starting at practices with little induction.</p> <p>Nottinghamshire LDC reported severe problems with OOH service. NEDS are currently with NEMS but latter are moving so loss of security guards, and are have to find new location. Dually qualified member suggests that the GMC takes over regulatory duties.</p> <p>Leicester LDC reported that between April 13-Jan 14, up to 79% of calls to the patient group, Healthwatch Leicester were about dental issues, including access, waiting lists, banding, OOH service and possible breaches. Emergency cover arrangements were also an issue. They also reported that LATs within their area were also merging.</p>
c)	<p><u>FGDP and FD</u></p> <p>With regard to FGDP there was nothing really happening at the moment. It was queried if there was a need to continue paying subscription if practitioners wanted to keep the letters after their name and the answer was that they did.</p> <p>A Train the Trainer course was being funded, but the new admin at Ruddington had not sent out the notice in good time. It had also been sent out via NHS.net</p>

		<p>accounts, so not all practitioners had received the notification. Programme Directors had been asked to contact trainers to promote the event.</p> <p>Dr North reported that all Programme Directors were now responsible for specific workstreams and the new Dean was trying to create space to allow these to be worked on</p> <p>Dr North said that he would no longer have to undertake mid-term visits as the trainers would do these.</p> <p>Dr North reported that previously the FDs had 30 study days a year, but now it would be 100 hours face-to-face and the rest virtual learning. The Virtual Learning Environment was being set up by Dr North for the Deanery.</p> <p>An orthodontic training director had recently been appointed, Professor J Sandler.</p> <p>Dr Al Damouk queried if there was an FT equivalence course. Dr North said that the old Deanery had an equivalence programme that practitioners would be able to deliver and practices would be assessed upon their suitability. Dr Kshitij asked if there were any guidelines for this and Dr North said that he should contact the Deanery at Ruddington, and also that Dr North would raise it when he was next in. Dr Rodick asked what equivalence was. Dr North explained that it was aimed at non-Europeans did not undertake VT training and to undertake the equivalence a practitioner would have to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure they had the right to work in this country • Passing GDC and ILS examination • Find a practice • Apply to the Deanery to do the equivalence • Pay for it • Do a year in practice
	d)	<p><u>BDA</u></p> <p>No report</p>
11.		<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>2014 16th December</p> <p>2015 3rd February (short meeting followed by LDC Dinner) 24th March</p>