

Buckinghamshire Local Dental Committee

Meeting Minutes

18th January 2018 7pm -9pm

The Bull Hotel, Gerrards Cross

In Attendance

Nilesh Patel, Bobby Degun, Satnam Moonga, Jasmeen Basra, Aneel Jaisinghani, Asha Chandaria, Sanjay Rayarel

Hugh O'Keeffe (HO)- Area Team

Chair Person- Nilesh Patel

Treasurer – Bobby Degun

Secretary – Satnam Moonga

Minutes – CM

1. Chairs welcome and announcements

The meeting was called to order by NP at 7pm.

2. Apologies for absence

Hardeep Basra
Tiyasa Bagchi
Helen Travess

3. Minutes

Agreed as correct

4. Matters arising

HO was going to obtain some information from NHS Digital, there is a meeting planned but nothing conclusive to update yet. Practices need to keep details up to date. HO to update at the next meeting.

SM expressed concern at the last meeting regarding the Oral Surgery MCN, SM stated that this would be discussed at an LPN meeting which is due to take place shortly. To update at the next meeting.

A joint Thames Valley meeting is due to take place. This has now been confirmed for 19th January 2018.

5 Thames Valley Team Update

PCSE Self-service- Practices can now add performers to contracts via Compass. AT will validate the contracts. Information on this has been sent out to practices.

Mid Year Update- There is only one practice in Buckinghamshire at the mid-year point that is working at less than 30%. Bucks are expected to deliver at contract value. Notification has been sent to practices in the Thames Valley who are under performing, they have been informed that they need to log any circumstance with the AT that fall under the Force Major policy in the contract.

Non-recurrent UDAs - AT has contacted 20 practices that are eligible for non-recurring UDAs, these are practices that performed over 96%. Of those practices seven have contacted the AT to apply. The money has not yet been allocated.

NP stated that the late offering on non-recurrent funding creates bad habits, practices need to be informed earlier that non recurrent funding is available. Practices that are consistently underperforming are being rebased downwards.

Bucks LDC will consider speaking to other LDCs about formally requesting that the AT have a system in place regarding the allocation on non recurrent funding. Money lost to rebasing does not go back to dentistry. A pool of resource should be available to dentistry that is made up of funds being spent each year and clawback.

HO informed the LDC that the Dental budget is contributing to a pharmacy shortfall this year.

Orthodontics Procurement – Currently working through feedback received from Orthodontists, Dentists and patients. Procurement starts in February 2018 and should be complete by April 2019. Over 2000 patient responses were received.

Safeguarding contacts have been sent to practices.

Practices need to ensure the legal entity that is registering with the CQC is the same entity that has the contract with NHS England.

The AT are now part of the South East region and will no longer be known as South Central from September 2018. In 2019 there will be another major reorganisation. CCGs will be working together in larger groups.

Oral Surgery MCN- HO stated that there will be a meeting about this on the 19th January. SM and NP attended the last Oral Surgery MCN and it was stated at the meeting that Bucks referrals have improved, they are working on a set of criteria and a single referral form.

SM stated that there needs to be a provision to address the needs that patients have. This will be discussed at the next LDN meeting. An update on the LDN meeting will be fed back to Bucks LDC via the LDC representative.

New Oral Surgery referrals from the 1st March 2018 will be assessed in Marlow, Buckingham and Thame. Patients will still be treated in Amersham or Stoke.

SR asked HO if there were problems with Brookside and Children referrals. HO stated they are struggling with waiting times. SR said that two forms need to be completed and the referral is returned for minor errors which is frustrating for Practices.

Lindy is leaving the AT. Thanks to Lindy for all of her support from the LDC. Debbie Watts is replacing Lindy.

SR was concerned that some dentists are missing out on LDC information, SM stated that Berks LDC have called all practices and asked for associates details. Chettina has previously called all practices and asked for information and emailed all practices that have an NHS contract and asked for the email addresses of all associates. It was suggested that this exercise is done again.

Action- CM to email practices every two months to request up to date information on associates.

6. LPN Update

Bucks are representing Thames Valley LDCs at numerous meetings. It has been suggested that retrospective funding is paid to Bucks to cover the costs of attending these meetings. Payments to LDCs should be proportional to the representation at meetings.

Action – Bucks LDC to ask for retrospective funding from the Joint LDC

7. Reports from officers

7.1 Chairs report –

NP discussed the meetings he has attended since the last LDC meeting including Dental Commissioning group, LPN as representative of Thames Valley LDCs, Restorative MCNs. NP is attending less meetings in his role as LDC Chair as he is also attending meetings as South Central LDC Chair.

7.2 Secretaries report –

A joint Thames Valley LDC meeting will be taking place shortly. SM will update the LDC following that meeting.

LDC finances will be discussed as there needs to be transparency with the transfer of LDC funds. An agenda has been circulated to the other Thames Valley LDCs. The Treasurer role for the joint LDC was discussed, Bobby stated that he would consider this position. Top slicing will be discussed. When there is a vote at a meeting a representative from all three Thames Valley LDCs should be attending meetings, when there is no vote one member is enough and that member should be paid from a joint fund. There is an aim to have an annual joint LDC meeting with executive team attending.

LDC events were discussed, SR suggested opening events up to other members from Thames Valley LDCs and possibly charging them. Charging Bucks LDC members a nominal amount for attending events was discussed.

7.3 Treasurers report

Bucks LDC have received no levy payments for over a year. This will be discussed at the Joint LDC meeting. Bobby will have a summary of the accounts available for the Joint meeting that will detail what Bucks LDC are owed.

It has been agreed that from the 1st January 2018 invoices will be issued no later than one quarter or three months, following the end of the financial year.

8.GDPC Update

NP has forwarded the minutes from the October meeting to members. Elections, contract reform and LDC motions were discussed. GDPC are mostly against having tier two accreditation as there is a concern it could take work out of the hospital and practices. NP stated it could be an opportunity for Dentists to develop and Practices to expand. The discussion is ongoing through working groups and documents.

LDC Day – One initiative that came out of LDC Day is the recommendation that children from the age of one years old visit the Dentist to encourage a healthy association with the Dentist. Some practices are concerned if they have more children attending they will go over their contracted target, the AT will be approached to request that if you go over 100% of your contract and you have seen a large proportion of children you can be paid for these attendances.

LDC Day update from SM- Pilots were discussed and the fact that they will be screened by NHS England. The new contract was discussed. There is serious concern about UDAs and UDA values.

PCSE update MPL 1,2,3's. They hope to have a two week turn around by January. Dentist that couldn't get onto the list for 16 weeks can claim compensation, they need to email in.

9. Hospital Report

Report from Aneel –

From the 1st March 2018 there will assessments taking place in Marlow, Buckingham and Thame. They will be in Community hospitals on one day of the week. Patients will still be treated in Amersham or Stoke. There will be strict referral criteria and it will have to be adhered to. Aneel is still waiting for the criteria to be sent to him. If the criteria is received Aneel will send it onto Chettina.

There is now an Orthodontist Therapist in the department, this should have a positive impact on the waiting list. Only complex referrals are being accepted.

There is pressure to deliver treatment within the 18 weeks target. Oral Surgery have historically not met this target.

10Salaried Services Report

No recent reports

11. Pass group update

Next meeting on the 26th February, new members are attending this group. Currently In discussions with the BDA to see if a mentoring program can be set up. GDC will also be approached to seek advice on how Practitioners can avoid being investigated by the GDC. There have been no referrals for a year and a half. Expenses have not been paid to members. Funding will be discussed at the next meeting. SM will add this to the agenda for discussion at the Joint LDC meeting.

12. Event Planning

Nothing currently planned.

It was agreed that there would be one event in early June and the AGM this year.

GDPR was considered as a topic along with radiation, regulation-based events, Cross infection, Oral Cancer and handling complains. Bobby and Chettina to work on this outside of the meeting. Core events will be considered for events.

13. Date of next meeting

18th April 2018

14. AOB

- Aneel asked for feedback on GDP appraisals.