



West Sussex Local Dental Committee Meeting

**Meeting Held On:
Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 6.30pm
at the Roundabout Hotel, West Chiltington**

MINUTES

Apologies, Attendees and Welcome

Attendees:

T. Hancock, A. Tarnowski, M. Botha, A. Pitchforth, P. Mellings, E. Lazanakis, G. Billis, P. Patel, M. O'Hara, D. Bryan, C. Hallworth, K. Boles, M. Green, B. Okeze, J. Clark.

Apologies: R. Sethi, F. Banki.

Guests Welcomed: M. Lee, M. Patel, V. Amin.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

1. Officer and Executive Membership Elections

- P. Mellings (PM) opened the meeting requesting nominations for a Chairman. A. Tarnowski (AT) nominated T. Hancock (TH). Seconded by M. Botha (MB). Thus T. Hancock elected as Chairman unopposed.
- PM has stood down as Treasurer but will remain on the Committee.
- Further Elections (chaired by TH):
 - Treasurer - MB Proposed. Elected unopposed.
 - Secretary - AT Proposed. Elected unopposed.
 - Four Positions of Executive - E. Lazanakis (EL), G. Billis (GB), A. Pitchforth (AP), Mark O'Hara (MOH) all elected unopposed.
 - Chanel Representative - EL elected unopposed.

2. LDC Funds for Support of Charities and Dental Guild

- Currently LDC funds are used for the expenses of the LDC, with donations yearly given to the Dental Guild, Ben Fund and the Health Support Programme.
- The BDA have stated that the LDC Statutory Levy collected is to be used for GDPC and LDC expenses only (administrative and reimbursement of committee members loss of earnings). It should not include any payment to charities. Historically, payments to charities were made from income received from the Voluntary Levy.
- TB has raised this issue with Henrik Overgaard-Nielsen who was keen for the use of the levy for charities such as the Guild and Ben Funds. However, if the Local Area Teams check, it is

hard to justify payments to these charities as being administrative in nature. MB asked rhetorically what the LAT would do if this were brought to light.

- The Kent LDC have stated they will continue to fund expenses only but will not donate to charities from the Statutory Levy.
- TB suggested we put this to the vote of the committee members.
- PM reminded the committee that in the last 20 years the LAT has not inspected the LDC accounts and that the dental guild actually funds GDPC, so in effect this is not a charitable donation.
- Committee members unanimously voted in support of continuing to donate to the three charities.

3. LDC Conference in Manchester

- PM, AT and GB will attend as our LDC Representatives.
- PM stated that the Health Minister will be the first speaker on Thursday. Friday morning S Hurley (CDO) will speak followed by Matthew Hill (a director from the GDC).
- There are 8 main motions.
- iPads will be used to vote.
- There will be a soap box for attendees to voice their personal thoughts in.
- Our reps will feedback after the meeting.

4. HEKSS Challenges Conference

- The report is on the website.
- Within this discussion, D Bryan voiced his concerns about being locked out of DERS for a week but now functioning. EL highlighted that one cannot put two different reasons for the referral of two or more teeth through the system (except in the final 'Notes' section at the end of the screen).
- M Green (MG) raised the point that the choices do not cover all possible lesion types/ scenarios.

5. Anti-Microbial Stewardship Group

- T. Hogan from Kent LDC is taking this forward.
- We have been invited to attend the meeting in Weybridge but the Executive committee felt this was not worthwhile. The rest of the committee members agreed.

NHS England South (South East) Update (PM/ MB)

- The dental guild rate has increased to £280 on 1st April 2016.
- The advert for new dental clinical advisors was released. There were 20 applicants. Interviews were held on Wednesday 6th April.
- The 4 appointed are Simon Quelch (from West Sussex), Claire Hammer (from Kent), Shabir Shivji (from Kent) and Tina Tanner (from Surrey).
- They will spend one year shadowing and training.
- These newly appointed advisors will concentrate on a particular field, such as performance issues/ complaints/ contracts, whilst MB and PM are more generalists.
- The compass is not working smoothly and problems have been highlighted.
- AP to email EL the SLC form to put on the website due to some having difficulties downloading this from their NHS mail account.
- There are no triaging of complaints now due to large admin mistakes. All complaints now go to PAG (Performance Advisory Group).
- Alan Lewis has now retired.

- PM and MB are allowed to go to the National Association of Dental Advisors Conference in November.
- The LAT are now moving out of the Lewis premises due to increased rental costs, and they are now looking for alternative premises.

Secretary's Report

West Sussex's LDC Conference Motion

- AT is putting forward the motion around dentists obtaining funding for education and training as other NHS providers (such as GPs).
- The rest of the committee are happy with this motion.
- AT also suggested putting forward a second motion based around stopping No Win No Fee solicitors to stop dentists needing to perform 'defensive dentistry'. AT to email the Exec committee a motion to put forward.
- PM stated that a dentist has challenged the recording of the batch number and expiry date of Local Anaesthetics and has been successful. This has previously been raised as unnecessary requirement by medical protection society (MPS) in their Risk Wise publication. However, AT advised that for members who are covered by the DDU, they are still encouraged to record this.

Core Training Day Update

- This will take place on Thursday 24th November in Worthing.
- The following speakers have been confirmed:
 - M Doshi - Safeguarding
 - S Quelch - Consent
 - AJ Ray-Chaudhuri - Treatment Planning for the Older Patient.
 - TH - LDC Update
 - MaxFax Consultants (Various) - Medical Risk Assessment and Medical Emergencies.
- Attendees will be signposted to access the free e-resource for Oral Cancer.
- S Lambert-Humble has informed AT he is happy to help but this has not been followed up yet.
- AT will formulate the learning objectives and email them to S Lambert-Humble to put them on DEBS which will take care of the bookings and the certificates.
- If anyone knows of any sponsors, then to contact AT. PM would like as many sponsors as possible to cover the majority of the costs. MG to approach the stands at her forthcoming BDA event on 28/29th April to enquire if they are interested.
- It is undecided whether to charge dentists/ DCPs to attend. EL suggested a nominal fee (such as £30 for dentists, £15 for DCPs) to discourage time wasters.
- PM suggested that income received from this day would be donated to our charities as above, since this is not Statutory Levy.
- At the LPN Joint meeting with Kent it was mentioned that unscheduled care will move towards an NHS 111 approach as per the current arrangements in London.

Treasurer's Report

- PM finishing off the account for last year.
- MB is now on internet banking.
- Previously the Stat Levy was collected as a percentage of the NHS turnover of the practice. However, from the 1st April 2016 it will be £10 per performer. If a performer works in multiple practices, they will only be charged once.
- They are waiting for a report from the LAT of a list of all performers and how many in each patch.

- Last year, £500 surplus existed (PM) in the account.

GDPIC Report

- On the LDC website.

Channel Report

- AT and EL attended.
- DERs is acting quickly on the feedback they are receiving. To roll out in East Sussex in October/ November.
- DERs was the only talking point.

Any Other Business

- PM stated that some LDCs have abolished the Guild Rate to pay members for loss of earnings. They are instead paid a certain amount based on the work required. TH to enquire of what other LDCs are doing at the next national meeting or conference.
- The LDC are continuing to support a colleague in distress in Crawley.
- MG attending the BDA Presidential day at Goodwood.
- P Patel (PP) mentioned that Special Care not yet on DERS but should be in the next month. Now acting as 'Acting Clinical Director' for Special Care.
- J Clark (JC) stated that S Walsh (SW) welcomes feedback from DERS referrals going through Chichester.
- AP sent an email to Annie Godden requesting the potential for funding for practices that are incurring costs to meet the specifications to run DERS on their computers. GB to follow up with J Graham.
- DCQAP Update (GB)
- There were problems with claims that were being sent to DPB through old versions of Microsoft but now all sorted.
- Two orthodontic practices have incorporated and this has been approved, with a UOA of between £55-£58.
- Some breach notices were issued for non-compliance with Christmas opening times.
- UDAs maybe available in Surrey next year.

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The next full meeting is on Wed 15th June 2016 at the Roundabout Hotel, West Chiltington at 6.30pm.

Exec 4.30 pm
Wed 11th May
Wed 13th July

LDC Main 6.30 pm
Wed 15th June
Wed 14th September