



West Sussex Local Dental Committee Meeting

**Meeting Held On:
Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 6.30pm
at the Roundabout Hotel, West Chillington**

MINUTES

Apologies, Attendees and Welcome

Attendees:

T. Hancock (TH), A.Tarnowski (AT), A. Pitchforth (AP), M. O'Hara (MO), M. Botha (MB), D. Bryan (DB), M. Green (MG), B. Okeze (BO), R. Walker (RW), C. Halworth (CW), E. Lazanakis (EL), S. Quelch (SQ), G. Billis (GB), J. Parry (JP).

Apologies: S. Walsh (SW), P. Patel (PP).

Guests Welcomed:

Louis Hall (LH) Registrar for Public Health, West Sussex County Hall
Jackie Sowerbutts (JS) Public Health Consultant
A. J Ray-Chaudhuri (AJRC) Consultant Restorative Dentist

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

1. Louis Hall (LH) Registrar for Public Health, West Sussex County Hall

- LH is the registrar for public health at West Sussex County Council and is running a 2018 Oral Health Needs Assessment along with focus groups. This is to include the standard of oral health in West Sussex; the provision of Dental services in West Sussex; risk factors and wider determinants of oral health; as well as recommendation to improve the oral health of children in West Sussex.
- LH is a medical doctor by background.
- LH is suggesting dental decay has deteriorated in five year old children in West Sussex from 2011 to 2015 but this could be a data issue as opposed to a true representation.
- LH has highlighted that Worthing and Chichester have lower access rates than nationally, and West Sussex has lower than national access rates in the 0-2 year olds.
- LH highlighted that Worthing, Chichester and Crawley had higher than average Band 4 (Urgent) Courses of Treatment performed but AT pointed out that these areas had emergency dental services in these areas.

- GB stated that he has been to schools (3) near Burgess Hill to encourage registration of children at his practice but the uptake was very poor.
- TH mentioned that dentists are pushed to perform Fissure Sealants and Fluoride Applications which can affect LH's results.
- JS meeting with Director of Public Health next week. MCN's are starting to move forward. A lot of work undergoing about Special Care Procurement and identifying the needs in the population. Has identified that patients and the profession should be engaged early in procurement/ contract preparation work. Urgent dental care will be procured in the future. Reaching a final product concerning the Sugar Toolkit and aiming to roll out in the last week of May 2018 (which is half-term week).

2. PASS Case

- A case came to EL through the website and TH dealt with this.
- General comments were to make terms in contracts reasonable; to always act professionally; and to not state associates are employees when they are self-employed.

3. DERS Update

- CH finds she takes a very long time to make a referral through Rego.
- DB finds the referral system is possibly being abused to push referrals through.
- AJRC mentioned learning needs might need to be identified for some practitioners/ performers sending inappropriate referrals. To note that AJRC will not appear on Rego, so to send him a letter in the post.
- TH believes it will take at least 1 year for performers to get used to the system; and performers need to enter the information in and let Rego decide where the patient needs to be referred to.
- JS mentions that DERS needs to report on what is happening to referral trends and this information could be useful.
- Any significant issues (except of a technical nature) to contact Alison Cross at NHS England otherwise for technical issues to contact Vantage.
- AT feels having some common guidance would be beneficial.
- Practitioners seem to be felt they have to lie to push referrals through.

4. Orthodontic Procurement Update

- Orthodontic Procurement - 1st batch - has already begun.
- Moderation scheduled for next week.
- Batch 2 is closed.
- JS raised a concern that feedback should be held off because Batch 3 and 4 (etc) would be in a better position than previous batches.
- RW can only accept complexity 3b or above at St Richard's Hospital.

5. CDO Office - Phasing of Dental Treatment and Amalgam Phase Down

- Letter from CDO to authorise phasing of dental treatment.
- You may be aware that a new European Union Regulation 2017/852 on mercury) has been published regarding the use and disposal of mercury. Specifically Article 10 of the regulation introduces provisions that will need to be implemented by all dental professionals in the UK:

- Article 10[1]- With effect from 01 January 2019, dental amalgam must only be used in pre-dosed encapsulated form.
- Article 10[2]- From 1 July 2018, dental amalgam shall not be used for dental treatment of:
 - o Pregnant or breastfeeding women
 - o Children under 15 years
 - o Deciduous teeth except when deemed strictly necessary by the dental practitioner based on the specific medical needs of the patient.
- Article 10[4]- With effect from 01 January 2019 dental facilities must be equipped with an amalgam separator, and by 01 January 2021, all separators must retain at least 95% of amalgam particles. (This latter requirement applies to any new separators installed from January 2018 onwards).
- Article 10[6]- With effect from 01 January 2018 - Dental practitioners shall ensure that their amalgam waste, including amalgam residues, particles and fillings, and teeth, or parts thereof, contaminated by dental amalgam, is handled and collected by an authorised waste management establishment or undertaking.
- It is recognised that three of the provisions (Article 10 [1], Article 10[4] and Article 10[6]) are already accommodated by the majority of practices in England:
- Amalgam waste should be handled by authorised waste management establishments.
- Similarly, for dental facilities in England, separators capturing 95% of particles are presently a prerequisite.
- Exclusive pre-dosed amalgam is widely available in the UK; usage within dental practice has been ubiquitous for some time.
- In relation to Article 10[2] the provision on restricting amalgam in certain patient groups; consultation and careful consideration continues to be given to how implementation may be best supported at practice level. Further guidance is in development with the Chief Dental Officers for Wales Scotland and Northern Ireland and will be published in due course.

NHS England South (South East) Update (MB)

- Most of the time has been taken up by Orthodontic Procurement.
- Practice Visits have been lessened since Ortho Procurement is finished.
- 2nd Learning Line should be coming out shortly.

Secretary's Update, MCN/ LPN Report (AT)

LDN Strategy Day

- AT asked for the committee's views on priority areas to report back to the LDN which is tomorrow.

OHP MCN:

- See Appendix for Notes

CPD Day Update

- HEE agreed to do booking through E wisdom Date booked at Worthing Health Education Centre Free CPD
- Looking for sponsors
- Thursday 22nd November 2018 Problem Solving in Primary Dental Care
- Aims Update on local and national issues facing dentists; Support Dentist and DCP's in problem solving in primary dental care
- Confirmed speakers are:
 - Rob Emanuel - Dementia Friendly Dentistry

- Arijit Ray- Chaudhuri - Problem solving in primary dental care
 - Simon Quelch - Complaints
 - Jackie Sowerbutts - PHE
 - Steven Walsh - Medical Risk Assessment
- MO and AP going to the LDC Conference in 2018:
 - Our motions are:
 - AP - *This conference calls for the government to ease the burden of practice management by covering the costs of regulatory bodies such as CQC, RQIA and HIW and professional indemnity.*
 - AT: *This conference supports the ECDS committee and urges NHS England and the BSA to find a solution that prevents the most vulnerable members of our society being unfairly fined when attending dental services.*

Treasurer's Report

- Still need to collect the levy and collect the levy at £10.
- We need to consider factoring money on the website. EL reported might cost approximately £1,500.
- MB mentioned that bringing back the Executive meetings will be good.
- Otherwise the accounts look promising.

GDPC Report

- Last meeting in Jan 2018 and the report is on the website.
- 4th May 2018 - notes will be published on the website.

Channel Report

- Meeting held on 16th April 2018
- Report on the website.

Any Other Business

- HMRC Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has written recently to a number of associate dentists indicating that they are reviewing the employment status of associates. If you receive a letter from HMRC we advise you to contact your accountant before responding.
- A little bit of good news is that we have had clarification on the issue of hospitals charging GDPs for OPGs (panoramic x-rays). It is now clear that if a GDP refers to a NHS hospital for an OPG then neither the GDP nor the patient should be charged for this. The only exemption is if the GDP holds a non-mandatory contract, eg. an IMOS contract, then it depends on the contract whether there will be a charge or not.
- Commissioning guide for Paediatric Dentistry has now been published according to JP.
- All existing IMOS providers in West Sussex, Kent and Surrey will be approached to ask if they wish to subcontract services to East Sussex to bring the 38 week waiting list down. Subcontracting means the earnings will be non-superannuable.

- EL having issues with claims overlapping on IMOS contract and his normal GDP contract. Advised to speak to contracts manager.

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The next full meeting is on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at the Roundabout Hotel, West Chillington.

LDC Main 6.30 pm

Wednesday 13th June 2018

Appendix

OHP MCN

- Agi joined the teleconference
- OHP MCN structure is in the evolving stage currently there are three, Surrey & Sussex and Kent MCN local groups feeding in to a core group which feeds into the LDN. This structure was established as Surrey and Sussex have not really had a OHP MCN before Kent having a local established one, the structure and number of meetings will be reviewed at 12 months.
- The attendees are from dental, the Ldn, local authorities and PHE. West Sussex LA where present as was the commissioning arm for B&H and East Sussex.
- The terms of reference are in draft the aims were discussed which reflect this is more about population and engagement with LA and less about individual personalised care, how this OHP MCN will work though is yet to be seen as there are rather a lot of meetings.
- Reports from the different area were quite interesting
- Brighton and Hove, OHP is contracted with SCD (Ali Mcneally) they are commissioned to work with vulnerable groups such as homeless, travellers, care homes, special care schools. They have specific targets by which they are measured, which included training trainers within each environment on a rolling basis.
- Surrey, No one from Virgin was there, Milli Doshi has a small OHP contract from SASH (Surrey and Sussex Healthcare trust) 1 individual 3 days a week, who has undergone training for CBT and delivers 1:1 intervention to target vulnerable patients who have had to have GA or treatment.
- Mouth care matters; HEE will no longer be hosting this, the community side will just stop in the acute sector individual trust have signed up the MCM teams either on 6-12/12 contracts some permanent, all but 2 are signed up across KSS. Milli was looking for an alternative host organization has approached OCDO and STP's locally but no joy, the scheme is successful and is influencing the national agenda it will carry on and Milli will continue to work on it. She is also raising the need though the SCD MCN for a pathway for patients in secondary care who need dental treatment.
- East Sussex. Leona Lewis update the SCD service is in the final stages of agreeing contract with the LA based on 2 dental nurses delivering OH working along side PHE and Victoria Spencer Hughes (who also commissions for Brighton) updated on their program with health visitors nursery schools. They have had funding to help improve nutrition and physical activity, have 4 individuals working with nurseries called Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Co-ordinator's (HEPA's) who help with allocating the resources and supporting nurseries. They have identified a need in the parents of children with disabilities and are working on supporting resources for this group.
- West Sussex OHP has been taken on by the local authority, a PH consultant has been recruited, Louis Hall updated about the structure which is integrated with the children's health program run by school

nurses and health victors. A OHNA which he is working on si in draft form and he has an event coming up with it, the OHNA includes accessibility and standards of service in the area. Also Ali Thompson is working with Jackie on a sugar smart local resource pack which will be trialled by local practices soon.

- HEE although no one was there from HEE it was discussed that core CPD would no longer be provided but workforce development, Brett mention a questionnaire on level 2 -3 tiering and workforce training needs is planned and will be sent to MCN chairs fior feedback.
- PHE the adult survey is underway and they are planning on how to get the survey of 5 year olds is set up which is next up.
- Dcby1, I update on this 260 practices signed up OH starter kits sent out, prezzi CPD tool ready to go to support inhouse CPD for practices on this , Jackie working on getting the list of practice willing to take on to health visitors. Victoria requested can practice display Dcby1 logo or support on their NHs choices site. Ash ,Mark Emmanuel if you are still reading this can you tell me if this is possible and how to do it? 3The logo is attached... if it is possible could you write a quick how to instructions?
- There is some scope for additional spin off to this project which could benefit practices so I will be asking to keep them on a data base with the hope of developing a child friendly practice database.
- Overall I though the meeting was good and things seem to be moving especial in West Sussex LA which for the first time seems to be engaged , definitely needs someone to go but as there are rather a lost it would be good to share this out and it great that Parul will be able to do some , the next one is the core meeting on the 9/4/18....