



West Sussex Local Dental Committee

**Meeting to be held on:
Wednesday 11th September at 6.30 pm
at the Roundabout Hotel, West Chiltington**

Attendees: Toby Hancock TH, Agi Tarnowski AT, Matt Botha MB, Mark O'Hara MO, Emmanuel Lazanakis EL, Sandra Creasey SC. Ashkan Pitchforth AP, Jo Clark, Mary Green, Kellie Downie, George Billis GB.

Apologies:, Mary Green MG, , Roz Walker RW, David Bryan DB, Stephen Walsh SW, Ellie Taylor ET, Jaina Patel JP, Kellie Downie KD, Jo Clark JC, Parul Patel PP, Anitha Diwaker AD, Simon Quelch SQ, James Grant JG, Christine Hallworth CH

Welcome Guests:

Rob Emanuel

Minutes of previous meeting agreed with no objections.

Summary

Mission is increase visits to patients with early dementia at nursing homes

- Difficult to treat as teeth are more damaged.
- Promote prevention and better oral health.
- Focusing on fluoride.

Research Brighton Medical School on Dental Care for the Elderly

RE Liased with 'Memory assessment clinics'.

Project conducted to check what prevention treatment they received, very few had Extra Fluoride Supplementation. The key themes were to encouraging regular visits to the dentist and leaflets have been given out as an extra resource on the site for people to access.

- Advice on the next steps forward needed.
- Research proposed on barriers to provision

Research in to barrier to provision of dental care in this patient group are being developed

RE presentation was discussed



Dementia project
talk vs4 - shortened

Is this a project that will be accepted?

EL - Most patients will not have a regular dentist? Patients will be still at home and have just been diagnosed with early dementia. First generation that have their own teeth. Patients are diagnosed earlier these days. Also, medication and cognitive exercise advancement delay the dementia.

AG - Survey must be presented by opening up the question on the barriers aiding engagement.

JC – Clear information needs to be issued to the Carers. Online Education needed. Capacity clarity also needed.

MG – SAGE House would be a good collaboration.

MG – Is there a misunderstanding with the difference of children having fluoride varnish compared to adults having this done and the extra cost involved.

RE shared resources on early prevention for dementia patients via the link below, which include a video and information leaflets.

<https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/services/servicedetails.htm?directoryID=16355>

DCQAP report (M O-H)

Normal variations and additions to partnerships

AP - Sub-contracting requests. Not many dental practice relocations. There is under-reporting of serious incidents within GDS, Incident reporting occurs mostly in the community setting. At present the system is failing. i.e. Own up to mistakes and then state that you are undertaking courses to improve. Reporting an incident especially reporting yourself does not work in practice.

AT – Establishing the difference whether an incident is serious or not. The accidental extraction of a tooth for example is a grey area depending on the tooth extracted.

The main aim is to increase patient safety

MB – Reporting problems should be supportive and not punished with the ownership of increased costs to undertake courses etc. therefore at present it is natural that people are not going to report issues or mistakes.

PAG report (M O-H)

20 or more at every meeting and each meeting is once per month, update of on-going cases. Some cases are patient generated cases, some are disagreements, some are Blue-on-blue reporting.

PAG referral from Kent to east Sussex.

AT - Attending the next PAG in October.

October's Social event (M O-H)

12th October at the Gatwick Hilton.

Tickets available via BDA by phone.

After dinner speaker in Henrik Nielson.

Practices encouraged to buy tables for their staff.

MG - New numbers 23 - with the additions there should be at least another 40 in the pipeline. The President of the BDA will be attending.

MOH - Posts on Facebook group – Also pinned to the top of the page.

Two weeks deadline to confirm numbers to the hotel.

Silent Auction contacted by Impulse Decisions.

TH – Any other plans in place to increase attendees. Invite and lobby other practice managers.

LDC conference and motions

(AT) RECAP

Next year's Conference will be in Brighton chaired by Leah Farell in June 2020.

Safeguarding Procedure

New Safeguarding procedure for children, was rolled out in August by West Sussex County Council. Need to register on line the information was shared with LDC and will be put up on web site. NHS E have agreed to share with all West Sussex GDP's.

INFO TO BE SHARED :

From Monday 19th August, West Sussex County Council will be releasing a new online form for the public and professionals to report adults and children's safeguarding concerns. I wanted to give you advance notice, tell you what this will mean for you and why we are doing it.

Why we are introducing a new online form

- Most importantly, the design of the form will help us to gather the right level of information so that we can take the most appropriate action for a better outcome for the adult or child.
- It will allow us to be more efficient and effective with the management of this important responsibility.
- The transfer of sensitive information will be more secure.

The changes you will see

- The first change you will notice is that this is a joint referral form for both adult and children cases. This will help to ensure that the referral is directed to the right service immediately.
- You will be asked the age of the person being referred and will then be asked only relevant questions.
- It will be easier for you to refer cases as you can access the form on a laptop, a smartphone or tablet.
- This facility will provide you with a downloadable and printable copy of your submission for your files.

The form has undergone testing by a number of professionals who currently report on adults and children's safeguarding issues. Their feedback has been valuable in making sure that this improvement supports us and you, and most importantly those we need to safeguard.

As part of this change, Adult services have developed guidance around what constitutes a reportable safeguarding concern and thresholds you need to consider. Threshold guidance in relation to children is available on the following link.

<https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/professionals/working-together/west-sussex-continuum-of-need-threshold-guidance/>

We are also providing a direct phone line for you to consult our adults team if you are unsure whether your concern reaches reporting thresholds. In respect of enquiries relating to children, referrers can still contact MASH via telephone to alert the team of an urgent situation or seek advice about threshold.

The form and guidance can be accessed via our website from Monday 19 August:

Adults - <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/raiseaconcernaboutanadult>

Children's - www.westsussex.gov.uk/Raiseaconcernaboutachild

The form will be available from Monday 19th August and we would encourage you to use this method of reporting concerns. We aim to shift all reporting to the online facility in the near future.

If you have any concerns or specific queries, please contact:

Adults – Russell Hite

Children's – Clare Poyner

Treasurer's Report (MB)

All on track. LEVY payment not addressed.

PASS

AT - George, Mary, Anitha, Mark and Toby volunteer for PEERS. HEE will support Sussex. Training to be given as PASS scheme develops.

GDPC 3rd May Meeting

Report on website.

RD MCN

AT – The routine dentistry MCM – Dental Therapist Foundation scheme was discussed and the flier circulated



Foundation
Therapist Flyer FINA

Health and Social Care Committee inquiry into dental services

The final submission is attached:



Submission RD
MCN KSS to Health :

Any Other Business

- **JC** – Feedback from experience with the new orthodontics services shows that referrals are being put through in the usual way. Although still a problem with special care in hospitals – On REGO provider is not able to refer.
- Feedback Meetings are in November for DER's are planned in November .

Date and venue of next meeting

All meetings will be held at the Roundabout Hotel, West Chiltington

LDC Main 6.30 pm

20th November 2019

Important Dates:

CHARITY GALA 12th October 2019

NEXT LDC MEETINGS:

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Nov 2019	20 th at 6:30pm	Full Committee meeting and AGM	The Roundabout Hotel, Monkmead Lane, West Chiltington, RH20 2PF