



West Sussex Local Dental Committee

Topic: WEST SUSSEX AGM MEETING

Date: 14th December 2022 06:30 PM London

Attendees:

Agi Tarnowski AT
Toby Hancock TH
Shahla Minai SM
Matt Botha MB
Parul Patel PP
Lisa Norri
Jane Harris JH
Emmanuel Lazanakis EL
Mary Green MG
Mark O'Hara MOH
Helen Bullingham
Amera Anmari
Gaynor Kimber
Christine Hallworth Miller CHM
Sandra Da Silva-Creasey (Secretary)

Apologies:

Anitha Diwaker AD
Simon Quelch SQ
Ashkhan Pitchforth AP
Mariam Shahid (MS
Jo Clark JC
Kellie Downie KD
George Billis GB
Oliver Trefgaime OT
Katrina Broadhill KB
Richard Simons RS
Andrew Hobkirk AH
Marian Nooran MN

Guests:

Brett Duane – Sustainability in Primary Dental Care

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Presentation by Brett Duane – Sustainability in Primary Dental Care

- Understanding How Dental Practice might become more sustainable
- Objectives
- Share knowledge and experience
- Advice on Practical steps and quick wins
- Increase awareness of what could be done tomorrow

BD presented his work on sustainability.

Where does your footprint come from? Huge amount of data gathered. Raw materials bought, used and disposed off plus how much we travel etc

Our Primary dental carbon footprint is hugely affected by patient travel.

Encouraged practices to think about having a sustainability policy, with a lead and a method to engage staff and patients.

Education options are available, and resources were shared.

A FDI sustainable toolkit is available

[Home \(fdiworldddental.org\)](http://fdiworldddental.org)

– so you can choose your top 20-30 things in the business.

A green Impact website also has resources.

[Green Impact for Dentists | CSH Networks \(sustainablehealthcare.org.uk\)](http://sustainablehealthcare.org.uk)

[Sustainable Dentistry How-to Guide: Measuring and embedding sustainability | Centre for Sustainable Healthcare](#)

This kind of evidence can help meet the sustainability aspect of any potential bid for NHS work in the future

Table 1 Evaluation indicators for sustainable dentistry		
Indicator	Process evaluation examples	Outcome evaluation examples
Energy use	Insulation used LED lights installed Zero emissions supplier now used	Energy use change in kWh Cost Percentage renewable energy
Travel	Travel policy Use of teledentistry Use of electronic referrals Secure cycle parking, showers	Number of appointments Patient and/or staff travel reduced (using patient or staff questionnaires), increased active travel etc
Procurement	Use of supplier's questionnaire Social value in contracts	Amount spent per patient on procurement Amount spent locally Social value achievements in contracts
Waste	Waste audit Waste policy	Amount of waste sent under each category
Biodiversity	List of actions undertaken to improve biodiversity	Increase in biodiversity for example, insect counts
Embedding sustainability	Appointing a lead Staff education Practice policy	Sustainability widely understood, evidence of narrative and action

Prevention efforts can be aligned to what has the Least carbon footprint.

What can we do to help in the community, water fluoridation has been shown to be the best method with least carbon impact nay program which has travel patient or staff will have a worse carbon footprint.

The electric toothbrush is quite harmful on the planet and weighing up the benefits for the patient. For example, a bamboo toothbrush sounds good in practice but has a high footprint due to the land it needs to grow the bamboo. [Unilever Report on Recycled Toothbrushes](#)

Procurement – how do you work with suppliers – we came up with an idea that perhaps we should manufacture our own products. Not practical. We need to select manufacturers that tick the most boxes with regards to sustainability.

When looking at purchases one might consider the environment impact and rank and score before purchasing. Consider packaging and feedback to manufacturers.

IPC was discussed, the Carbon footprint shared of different PPE. One might consider many aspects of decontamination relative to their evidence base. Considerations whether re-usable rather than disposable options are possible like gowns.

Energy costs and use was discussed, energy saving methods should be part of the sustainability policy.

Biomaterials are evolving and maybe of more use in the future.

The take home was to rethink your environment with a view to sustainability question everything you do.

- Discuss as a peer group
 - CM -Tiger waste is treated as chemical waste and has a big impact.
 - PP - HTMO 105 is a guideline but until things change from up above, we are still mandated to follow.
 - BD –Someone is now looking at sustainability @ the CQC's so things may change
 - MB, EL – there has been pushed back on this for a while but unfortunately, we still have to follow the IPC guidance
 - AT – We can put a motion forward that a group should look at HTMO 105 which will put a political stance on it.
 - MB – Would love to see the review

AT- What should practices do if they only had one thing they were changing?

- BD - Do a waste audit, buy solar panels, remove your grass lawn and be more biodiverse, so many things that can be done.
- LN - We go through so many Tepe's in recycling
- BD – Teracycle will pick up toothbrushes specifically – partner with Teracycle
- The amount of waste is completely unnecessary
- PP – The whole thing needs to be simplified
- TH – Brett's comments to travel were very interesting. Virtual consultations
- BD – Reduce the footprint by treating the person completely in one day, but how would the model work? If we were funded to reduce our carbon footprint.
- MG – Sometimes the most sustainable items are not great for everyone, as a previous school governor we were looking at a biomass boiler but when we looked

at it carefully we realised that the biomass servicing was very far away and building the new storage for the biomass was going to have a higher footprint than a regular boiler.

- Action a GREEN motion for conference to be worded and agreed

Summary of LDC Activities 2022(AT)

MATTERS Arising (AT)

- **Elections for 2020.**
 - 4 years cycle, our membership will be up for re-election in 2024
- **Year-End Reconciliation**
 - AT – shared advice given by BDA
- **LDC Meetings**
 - AT – Have a mix of both hybrid and face to face, perhaps winter we can have hybrid and then Face to face in the summer. We can try different meetings rooms. Please forward any venue ideas.
 - TH - We have a dinner and a drink and then a meeting.
At – One exec ad-hoc
- **Goals**
 - AT - Focus on this at the next meeting – how we want to improve

Action GROW to be discussed for our LDC @next meeting

- **DER's Feedback-** this was actioned report written and shared with NHSE @ the focus groups in the Autumn
- **Meeting with Jeremy Quinn**
 - AT – Some LDC's invite MP's to come to their meetings and most are keen to engage with local practitioners. They are going to be commissioning.
 - AT – At the moment NHS England are there commissioning but as their role is changing they are in a unsettling position. We have had talks with some of them and we shall try to meet the Sussex one. Channel would be a good way to meet.
- **CPD Core day evenings 2022**
 - AT – 100 places taken up on the day events and 70-90 people would come I have noticed that the webinars there were slightly lower numbers attending. Generally positive feedback from those who attended
 - EL - Why were the spaces limited?
 - AT -The platform they were using probably had limitations.
 - EL - The best one was the rules and regulations and the one I liked the least was the medical emergencies.
 - EL – Also 2 webinars in the evening might be too much.
 - PP – A massive well done to Agi.
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Conference Motions

A number of ideas were discussed as a group

Sustainability

Not enough NHS Dentists – EL - the government has to prioritise the workforce in the NHS and has come up with solutions

EL – Overseas students streamline applicant process

EL- Overseas registration examinations – it is like a Glastonbury ticket release. The people who register with the GDC first should be the ones that are prioritised.

ERP - There must a mutual agreement to recognise international qualifications

The PLP process should take no longer than a week.

Disband the NHS Performer number

AP - Write off Clawback

We want the government to be open about the NHS dentistry

MG- Government don't want NHS dentistry they want private companies – therefore they don't want the performers list to grow or the OR list easy to achieve. Treasury agenda

MB – We need to show we value the public sector workers but they can get more out there as Brexit has created a vacuum to give them more money in other jobs.

TH - We want the Government to be honest about the NHS - Commission emergency access services only and control contracts

Action AT to circulate motion ideas to narrow down to 2 to submit.

Treasurer's Report (MB)

➤ **Accounts so far 2022**

- MB – Setting money aside for education and the level of the levy is good and fair. We can afford what we are doing. We have good funding and last year I was able to make reasonable donations.
- AT – Well done to Parul for all the donations from East Sussex.
- PP – Everyone's best interest to support this.

[LDC Conference Report](#)

NHS E&I (MB)

➤ **Dental Advisor Update MB**

- MB –

PAG (MOH)

- **MOH – Not many cases, themes are whistle blowing, financial, sexual harassment. Will always be virtual – the areas we cover is so large that it does not make sense to have person in person meetings.**

➤ **Secretary's Report (MOH)**

- **GDC Strategy report was discussed**
- **OPG Access -was discussed**
- **Newsletter**
 - Click here to read [Newsletters](#)

PASS (TH)

- TH- 2 cases in the last year.

- Hampshire don't get involved in finances, only through PAG. PASS had been quite good and receiving some good feedback, 4-5 hours every quarter spent on it. Demand is relatively low

PEER Review and AGM (AT)

- AT – 3 PEER Reviews this year
- Last year we had per review on Children, Dental Indemnity & sustainability
- Ideas sought for next Year

PEADS Day

- Funding has been agreed for speaker with East Sussex LDC
- Venue is PRJH
- Admin via HEE
- Date 11/5/2023

MB-Sponsorship – still haven't got any sponsors. We can't get any more into the venue.

- AT – Tracey from SDI would be able to help?

Action MO to try to secure sponsorship for Peads Day

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MCN/LDN Reports

Ortho (JC, AT)

- AT -

Oral Surgery (MB)

- MB –

OH Imp (PP)

- N/A

UDC (TH, PP)

- AT –
- PP –

SCD&P (PP, AT)

- AT –

Restorative (MO, AT)

- MOH – Same discussions and nothing comes of it. Spoke about Endo several times but nothing comes of it. NHS E send a different commissioner every time.
- AT – I haven't had new referrals For TSL for 18 months now. A lot more cases that perhspa have a more SCD aspect to their care
- Restorative has two meetings twice a year.
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RD MCN (AT)

- AT-We put together some project ideas – Additional access one is the only one that seems to have some appetite to take forward.

LDN (AT)

Channel Report & RLG

- EL – First meeting in over 2 years. Our last RLG meeting there was a young person who resigned and his final speech about feeling hopeless was sad to see. He said that he has stopped trying to reform the NHS system but only felt that he could on a case by case basis at his own practice.

GDPC Report (TH)

- **Mid-Year Reviews**
 - 2/3 of practices are not where they should be.

[GDPC Report](#)

LDC Official's Day

- -report was discussed
 - AT – one of the things that some LDC's are doing is having 'Freedom to speak up' guardians as a way of brokering peace deals in the community. Some LDC's are involved with that.
 - PP - How are you protected legally. Is there training on it? I think it is a government incentive. How do you manage it.
 - AT – it would be to manage at a LDC level
 - The LDC was not of a view this should be take forward
 - AT – I went to 'How to make the most out of conference' workshop.

IT and Communications (EL, MO & PP)

- N/A

BDA Country Council (MG)

- MG - We had a UK council meeting, so it was interesting to hear that other countries like England, Wales and Northern Ireland were also aggrieved so every where there is discontent. It would cost a lot of money to ballot everybody. Very strict trade union rules. General feel was that everyone was walking away from the contract.
- MG - Another interesting fact, Hannah Woolmouth has become University of Suffolk as a dental advisor and spoke about an outreach at the university for under graduates as a path into dentistry.
- AT – Chief Dental Officer is dabbling in a hub in Suffolk. BDA sent out a circular about the Brighton section. We have LDC in Sussex and we can do joint working and we have our virtual days but haven't heard anything back.
- MG - Kingston, Tunbridge Wells, Bromley, Beckingham and Croydon. Most are running webinars. We have a whatsapp group.
- AT – Should we have a Whatsapp group? Include LDC's on it.
- MG – Haven't had an English country council for some time.
- AT- Thank you for your good work with Dentaaid.

AOB

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Reports from committees

[Data Security Policy](#)

[Test Positive Guidelines](#)

[Dental Practice Risk Assessment](#)

Guidelines for Prioritisation of Dentoalveolar Oral Surgery Treatment

Next Meeting – **Wednesday 8th February 6.30pm – 9.30pm Bills Horsham**

Dates for Diary

LDC Meetings:-

8th February 6.30pm – 9.30pm Face to Face

19th April 6.30pm – 9.30pm Face to Face

21st June 6.30pm – 9.30pm Face to Face

13th September 6.30pm – 9.30pm Virtual

6th December 6.30pm – 9.30pm Hybrid