



West Sussex Local Dental Committee

Topic: WEST SUSSEX LDC MEETING

Date: 14th September 2022 06:00 PM London

Attendees:

Agi Tarnowski AT
Toby Hancock TH
Simon Quelch SQ
Shahla Minai SM
Matt Botha MB
Kellie Downie KD
Parul Patel PP
Anitha Diwaker AD

Sandra Da Silva-Creasey (Secretary)

Apologies:

Mary Green MG
Mark O'Hara MOH
Ashkhan Pitchforth AP
Jane Harris JH
Emmanuel Lazanakis EL
Mariam Shahid (MS
Jo Clark JC
George Billis GB
Oliver Trefgaime OT
Katrina Broadhill KB
Richard Simons RS
Andrew Hobkirk AH
Christine Hallworth Miller CHM
Marian Nooran MN

Guests:

Simon Wyndow – Buyers Guide to Dental Indemnity

[AGENDA](#)

[Minutes of Previous Meeting](#)

Presentation by Simon Wyndow – Buyers Guide to Dental Indemnity

[Buyers Guide to Dental Indemnity PPT presentation](#)

[Dental Indemnity Buyer's Guide CPD - google form evaluation for CPD cert](#)

- SW - We would be delighted to offer Dental Indemnity to any of you who might be looking for alternative quotations over the coming months. When compared to Medical Defence Organisations we can offer more robust cover and at a lower annual cost.

The outcomes of the presentation were:

- Understanding the differences between Medical Defence Organisations and UK insurance companies
- Understanding the mechanics of insurance policies; Claims Made; Claims Occurrence; Run-off cover
- Discussing the *Statute of Limitations* for when a patient can make a claim against their treating dentist/s and practice

Presentation ends, please click above to view full presentation.

ACTION AT To send link for evaluation and facilitate CPC certification

MATTERS Arising (AT)

[LDC Meeting PPT](#)

- **Contractual Changes**
 - The committee discussed the changes coming into place on the 1/10/2011 all agreed that at least it is some change and for so long there hasn't been a change, but the committee were not convinced the changes would stop the exodus of practices from the NHS.
- **Year-End Reconciliation**
 - AT – Mark sent out a Year End Reconciliation the updates email was discussed.
- **SE – LDC Liasson Meeting**
 - AT - Meeting attended in July. We saw the commissioners say that in our patch there was 50Million and about 20% was spent. They shared the government structure.
 - TH – Is the ICB the treasurer for the government
 - AT – Yes in the past it was the Commissioners that said no but now it is the ICB but also now the ICB will control the whole budget.
 - AT – Even more worrying is that the day to day running will be affected.
 - PP – I have emailed today to get the dates so we can get a seat at the table.
- **DER's Feedback**
 - AT- Aim to capture issues from refers in primary care using referral service in DER's System
 - MB – It works ok, I have had a few problems lately when I tried to refer someone onto hospital but believe it was a temporary glitch.

- KD – No issues to report with DER's although we had issues with referring patients to maxillofacial centres.
- PP – From EDS they have to go to A&E first there is no other path unfortunately.
- KD – It is such a roundabout way to get a referral sorted especially when it could be life threatening.
AT – There is a patient safety here and perhaps we can have a synopsis drafted so we can highlight it as an issue.
- MOH – It's quite common they us not to send the patient if we call them. They always think we are exaggerating.
- SQ – Issues with getting people into QVH, all hospitals seem to have the same battle.
- AD – Always had issues with referring patients into hospital.

ACTION – KD, PP, SQ, MO to send in a case summary of experience.

➤ **Meeting with Jeremy Quinn**

- AT – We shared our concerns and we spoke for about an hour. Will speak with him again in future.

➤ **CPD Core Day evenings 2022**

- AT – 5 places left on October - 7 places left for the first date in November places are filling up fast on the other dates. A request has been made to open up more spaces

NHS E&I (MB)

➤ **Dental Advisor Update MB**

- MB - A large updated checklist document has been produced, it is a useful document if you have a CQC inspection.
- MB – Still inundated with complaints about access.

ACTION MB to share Dental Practice checklist for website when it becomes available

Treasurer's Report (MB)

➤ **Draft accounts year-end 2022**

- MB - Signed off accounts for last year and will published on website. Slightly overspent last year but plenty in reserve. Account is healthy. Uncertainty last year on levy etc. but now all sorted.
- TH – historically it was £70 but now has moved to £88 for a main LDC meeting for members – flat fee no additional travel.
- TH proposed, AT seconded - objections
- **Agreed Flat rate of £88 for West Sussex LDC meetings either virtual or face to face.**
- All other meetings will be paid at Guild when representing WS LDC with the expectation of a report ideally written.
- Chair remuneration being piloted as discussed at 2 session I of guild pcm

Secretary's Report (MOH)

➤ **GDC Strategy report on meeting**

- MOH - ARF is going up, but they are not increasing it as much as they want to.
- KD – An undergrad issue at universities
- MOH –GDC is working with the unis.
- **OPG Access**
 - The new pathway which was shared by NHS E was discussed
 - AT - The problem seems to be with us as others i.e., Surrey don't have a problem.
 - TH – Have not tried so cannot say I have failed.
- **Newsletter**
 - click here [Newsletters](#)

PASS (TH)

- TH- All quiet from PASS point of view apart from what we discussed i.e., contractual changes.
- AT – Request from CQC looking to understand the landscape. If anyone wants to help, please email Agi.

PEER Review and AGM (AT)

- AT – I would like to use resources that are available. What do we want to know about sustainability in dentistry? What questions should we be asking? What could we potentially do?
 - MB – Energy consumption – we need to run practices. Waste – re-use more and change the single use rule. Plastic cups are the worst we could have. We need to investigate.
 - KD – Will nitrous oxide be phased out? As it is bad for the environment therefore will GA rates rise? Very good article in British Dentistry Journal regarding sustainability 26/8/22 vol 233 252-254
 - PP – Carbon Trust heads have already approached me to discuss, the alternative is general anaesthetic
 - AT – Let's explore further.
 - AT – IMOS guidelines not presented yet.
 - AT – **AGM date will be Wednesday 14th December 2022 - will be face to face**

ACTION AT to arrange Peer Review maybe tie in with AGM or before MCN/LDN Reports

Ortho (JC, AT)

- AT - Setting up a study day – new provider is quite unhappy with the remuneration.

Oral Surgery (MB)

- MB – Last meeting was cancelled. All the MO's contracts have been extended.

OH Imp (PP)

- N/A

UDC (TH, PP)

- AT – Pull cases and hit all angles so it is viewed as live issues.

SCD&P (PP, AT) PP – Waiting for procurement

Restorative (MO, AT)

- At – Meeting coming up.

RD MCN (AT)

- DER's feedback main conversation
- GDS procurement coming up

LDN (AT)

- AT – Have a set of priorities which were set previously

GDPC Report (TH)

- Meeting 03.09.2022

[GDPC Report](#)

Channel and RLG update (EL)

- AT – No meeting for a while and EL has sent his apologies

IT and Communications (EL, MO & PP)

- N/A

BDA Country Council (MG)

- N/A

AOB

KD – Check dental courses that are available – Tooth surface loss on 4th October and Posterior indirect restorations on 1st November.

ACTION – KD – to email courses regularly to Agi/ Mark .

[Click here to see all communication on the website](#)

Date and venue of next Hybrid meetings TBC

AGM 14th December 22