



West Sussex Local Dental Committee

Topic: WEST SUSSEX LDC MEETING

Date: 21st February 2024 06:30 PM HORSHAM

Attendees:

Agi Tarnowski AT
Toby Hancock TH
Matt Botha MB
Mary Green MG
Emmanuel Lazanakis EL
Harshil Patel
Jane Harris JH
Christine Hallworth Miller CHM
Paulina Bednarczyk
Arijit Ray-Chaudhuri ARC
Kellie Downie KD
Mark O'Hara MOH
Parul Patel PP
Rob Emanuel
Ashkhan Pitchforth AP
Sandra Da Silva-Creasey (Secretary)

Apologies:

Anitha Diwaker AD
Jo Clark JC
Simon Quelch SQ

Guests: Rob Emanuel

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➤ **Actions from previous minutes**

- N.B. Agi will email the ICB about Over Performance and that is to do with the regulation change last year.
- An email will be sent about the rapid procurement with regards to the initiatives that are about to go live as no parties had heard about it yet.
- Dental nurse email to be sent out as well.

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➤ Nominations

○ 6 Vacancies on the committee

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➤ Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

- Agi would be delighted to continue to be the Chair of the WSDC
- Toby to be Vice-Chair
- Mark to continue as Secretary

- Matt to continue as Treasurer

Presentation by Rob Emanuel

Utilising Dental Therapists in General Dental Practice to improve access to Domiciliary Dental Care.

[Domiciliary Dental Care and Dental Therapists \(October 2023\)](#) Click to view PPT

ICB have to answer to NHS England and the ICB committee as well.

MATTERS Arising (AT)

- WS HOSC Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

[Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee - Wednesday 10 January 2024, 10:30am - Start video at 0:01:17 - West Sussex webcasts \(public-i.tv\)](#)

- Went to the County Council
- Went better than expected – full of councillors not politicians and they were fighting our corner. They wrote to all the MPs in Sussex and raised the 3 points minimum UDA rate, Engagement and Contract.
- How many contracts benefited from that – 700 in the country.
- Contract value did not increase it was the value of the UDA that increased.
- Learning about over performance – when Charlotte came to Channel, they admitted that the way the system worked currently was not the best way.
- The announcements will be made earlier next year.
- Fortunate in Sussex that if we over perform, we will be paid but not if you are in Surrey or Kent.
- Kent Health budget is in deficit. Lots of NHS practices in Kent.
- Monthly catch up ICB & Newsletter
 - Levy is £12 and remit stands the same.
 - Keeping lines of communication open.
 - The ICB will have lots of competitive interest.
 - People retire on the South Coast so a large amount of elderly people in this area.
 - Next meeting is 15th March 2024 @ 16:30
- For input WS LDS Workforce Survey
 - Kent did a workforce service.
 - Will do a survey once per year and they would prefer to have a LDC label rather than an ICB label.
 - They have done a survey in the deanery, and they show that younger dentists don't want to do dentistry. Either they are business owners or parents have told them they have to do it.
 - There does not seem to have any evolution. They don't want to do any complex work. They prefer to do the simple work privately that is the most profitable.
 - The prospect of owning an orthodontist practice is non-existent.

- 5 years to do your specialist training.

➤ Dental Nurse Training

[CCG139-CCG Training-Dental Nursing brochure-2](#) Click to view

➤ Recovery Plan

- Estimated to cost 200 million.
- Current underspend & clawback estimated @ over 400million - Most practices are paying back clawback.
- Minimum UDA - £28 700/8000 practices affected.
- It is an election year, so they have to say they are putting money in.
- It's going to be easier to make a contract, but the issue is you don't have huge contracts.
- If you have not signed it please do so, needs at least 200k signatures. Check FB post.
- They will still do something like ORE.
- The supervisions are painful, lots of online CPD courses to complete, in your own time you need to do lots of reading, reviews and then summarising. It takes about 2-3 hours per week to tick the box.
- New Patient Premium Scheme – emails sent out today to tell you that your contracts have been opted or out depending on your contract.
- The NHS need to work on the mindset of the student's leaving university.
- Hopefully the curriculum will change with the change of leadership.
- They don't have the benefit of not having trained for 5 years with grants etc and they walk out of university with a massive debt.
- Also, the way people are treated by the NHS when they leave. They only get support for the first 4 years and in the 5th year this gets removed as they are entitled to the NHS bursary but this is only £2k and the rent has doubled in London.

➤ Conference LDCAC14

- Brighton 6&7 June 2024
- Motions submitted by Secretary via using the online form by Friday 12 April. As part of the submission process, you'll need to state the objective to your motion. Is it to :
 - Is it to re-affirm existing policy,
 - challenge/change current policy
 - a new idea/proposal.
- What does 'Good' look like? Reflect what Good is. LDCs should share.
- Qr code below



- On motions
- The GDPC model on reform is capitation is the answer.
- All guidelines are published by the people who write them, but they never share them.
- I only find out the guidelines have changed from the newspaper.
- The CDO should send out the new guidelines.
- New idea proposal from AJ.
- Can be quite focused.

- 2 places – observer places might be opened as it is in Brighton.
 - Can we run a CPD event to fundraise.
 - Unsung heroes' nominations.
 - Dinner tickets are £85 each. We can try and subsidise some of it?.
- BDA Section Group
- We have been invited to two BDA Events coming up.
 - They want to network with other groups. The meeting is on Thursday in Chichester. One of the new consultants is attending – 6.30pm.
 - Please obtain names of who people are. It will be great to work with the BDA.

The details are as follows and as attached:

Thursday 22 February 2024 – Orthognathic surgery – when to refer – with speaker Walid El-Kininy
<https://www.bda.org/learning-and-development/courses-and-events/bognor-regis-and-chichester-section-orthognathic-surgery-when-to-refer/>

Thursday 28 March 2024 – Tooth wear epidemic – with speaker Birute Bond
<https://www.bda.org/learning-and-development/courses-and-events/bognor-regis-and-chichester-section-tooth-wear-epidemic-agm/>

Both lectures are taking place at the Harbour Hotel in Chichester and the timings are 18:30-20:30.

- SE Liasson Group meeting 9/4/24
- Worthwhile meeting but they cancelled this one at short notice.
- [Flexible Commissioning paper](#) click to read more
- Following the delegation of primary care commissioning functions to ICBs from 1 July 2022 and to all ICBs on 1 April 2023, commissioners are exploring opportunities to commission dental services to prevent poor oral health, protect and expand access and deliver high quality care.

NHS E&I (MB)

- **Dental Advisor Update MB**

TREASURER'S REPORT (MB)

- Funds are good – they are in the black.
- CPD day paid for itself.
- Headline sponsor was a Sussex called dental bill.
- East Sussex was on board.
- Submit invoices by end of March.
- Increased Levi Update £12 really helped.

SECRETARY'S REPORT & PAGG (MOH)

- **PAGG**
- PAGG has evolved – all the areas have merged and now all the cases are being reviewed together. Both Medical and Dental cases being heard at the same meeting.
 - There needs to be an LDC representative at these meetings, it is vital.

- Karen Crossland has now sadly moved onto new ventures; she was an excellent chair and always approached each case with immense fairness and free of NHS bias. I hope the new Chair will be equally professional. The new Chair is still settling in so let's see.
- One case where the dentist had been hauled through, but the system found that the therapists were causing the problem. Therapists were to blame as they had put the referrals through under the dentists' names. Learning from it – please ensure that the Therapists have their own user profile.
- Who has the duty of care? This is a legal question.
- A farm in Chichester has several staff that live and work on site and they are putting on a wellbeing event, which they do every year, and they would like someone to do dental check-ups on their staff. Dentaaid perhaps? They don't have NHS numbers. They have a medical facility on site.

PASS (TH)

- No cases.
- No cases that came from PAGG into PASS.
- **PEER Review and AGM**
- TBC peer review and webinars are possible for us to organise
- To contact AT with ideas
- Dental trauma was suggested

MCN/LDN Reports

- **Ortho (TH)**
- **Oral Surgery (MB)**
- **OH Imp (PP)**
- **UDC (TH, PP)**
- **SCD&P (PP, AT)**
- Contracts being renewed for April 2026.
- Capacity for NHS.
- Surprised by lack of opinions.
- We can circulate on our website.
- The patients have not gone down, but I get referrals from the high street orthodontists.
- I can get access to CBTs.
- Hyper denture for adults and children.
- Cancelling clinics due to nurses' shortages. We have run out of bank people.
- Lack of access for cancer care.
- Paediatric dentistry and children struggling to be seen.
- Ortho in Brighton – 1 unfilled consultant post.
- One commissioning decision has such a ripple effect.
- I have no idea if we can get any funding on the NHS.
- We are inter-dependent.
- Forum used to take place in Sussex.

- Special Care contracts have been extended and they have asked us to work in partnership.
 - Feel that Special Care is trying to recruit in Chichester and worthing for over a year. Dentists should be paid at that level – conversations starting with Sussex ICB. We need conversations with the LDC.
 - A lot of therapists provide the work without sedation.
 - Sometimes referrals we get from other care providers, and someone has gone to their GP, and they are medically compromised so they refer them.
 - Nobody is taking on with GP patients.
 - Let's work together to discuss the referrals. At present there are so many children coming in with trauma.
 - When the sedation clinic can't do it under IS they will send it to us for a GA. They are also changing the drug to sedate them, so the drug is not working anymore to sedate them, so they need to have a GA. This is clogging up the GA list.
- **Restorative (MO, AT)**
 - **RD MCN (AT)**
 - **LDN**

GDPC Report

[Click here to view GDPC Report](#)

Channel & RLG Report EL

- BDA meeting in
- Channel meeting a few weeks ago – bit takeaway is that we are fortunate with our ICB.
- One session a week for 12 weeks which we see patients that have urgent problems and offer pain relief to stabilise.
- The other thing which was very interesting was the rapid procurement project, which was rolled out in West Sussex.
- It was rolled out but in very targeted areas. 10000 UDAs were procured.
- Shouldn't we all know what the scheme is even if it is only for the benefit of certain areas. There has been no letter from the ICB to let us know what they are doing.
- Invite someone from the ICB to attend.

IT and Communications (EL, MO & PP)

- N/A

BDA Country Council (MG)

- New website is finally completed. Much easier to navigate. If you want to pay for multi events you can add them all into one basket.
- One Login and non-members can log in as well to get a certificate.
- Dentaid have recently taken over a contract with the ICB for exempt groups in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Only received finalisation in January. Most dentists will have to give 3 months' notice. 6-hour day with a salary and you can still stay self-employed and choose what you do.

- Referred by 111 and Doctors practice.
- If the deanery in that area was amiable, they could help. It could go towards their experience.
- Asylum seekers are using Dentaaid.

NEWSLETTER

- Click here to read [Newsletters](#)
- Newsletter twice per year, summer one may include a survey

AOB

- Election time might be a good time to engage with private practices.
- Thank AJ for CPD in your practice
- Webinars and Peer Reviews – Topic – Trauma
- Thank Paulina for attending – next one will be virtual
- Thank Rob for Presentation

ACTIONS

- Agi – Workforce survey to be sent out for feedback
- AJ - New ideas proposal raised for motion wrt guidelines home, p
- Motion on capitation>?
- MOH - Email AT with regards to the following recent PAGG case - the LDC want to seek verification on whether a therapist should sign off any referral.
- AJ - Email AT with regards to Urgent stabilisation care.
- Parul – Email AT regarding how dentists can help input on what CDS acceptance criteria might be in the future
- KD to link with research initiative
- Consider reaching out to secondary care consultants to build contacts

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

Reports from committees

[Data Security Policy](#)

[Test Positive Guidelines](#)

[Dental Practice Risk Assessment](#)

[Guidelines for Prioritisation of Dentoalveolar Oral Surgery Treatment](#)

[Report of the General Dental Practice](#)

[Sussex UDCS pilot Eol letter for providers](#)

[DCP Changes](#)

Next Meeting:-

Wednesday 17th April

Wednesday 19th June

Wednesday 25th September

Wednesday 4th December