

Dudley Local Dental Committee

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Minutes of a meeting of Dudley Local Dental Committee held on Monday 11th April 2015, at the Queens, Belbroughton.
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Present

Sue Stevens (Chair), David Cooper (Secretary), Annette Southall (Treasurer), Balbir Bhandal, Jennifer Cooke, Stephen Rees, Anjum Sheikh and Eddie Crouch.

Apologies

Naven Pillay and Ranjna Sharma

Minutes

These had been circulated. They were accepted by the meeting after the following adjustments; the entry that referred to 'two prototypes' was changed to 'three prototypes' and there had been no decision on the actions regarding 24 hour retirement.

Matters Arising

All the potential prototype practices in Dudley had now signed up for the process.

The arrangements that had worked successfully with regards to Christmas opening could be duplicated for practices that were closed for CPD events, religious holidays or annual leave. No breach notices would be issued if the criteria were adhered to.

LDC Website

This was now up and running and updates were being applied swiftly and efficiently by the site operator.

LDC Chairs/AT Meeting

A report from Sue Stevens had been circulated the main points of which were as follows;

Orthodontics - the £600k of recurrent funding from a closed contract had not yet been apportioned, apparently due to the courses of treatment that were still open. These needed to be taken into account before a final figure was agreed and there was still no guarantee that any funding would remain in the Dudley/Sandwell area.

Prototypes - There had been reported problems with software, and a lack of adequate training and support.

Incorporations - there seemed to be a total lack of transparency in the process. NHS England had produced a guideline document but there might be room for local flexibility.

Compass - this was generally performing poorly and it was difficult, if not impossible, to access DAF figures for all performers.

The idea of creating Clinical Assistant posts in minor oral surgery had progressed no further.

West Midlands LDCs

The next meeting of this Committee will be held at the new Dental Hospital in May.

Meetings with CDO

Representatives from the region's LDCs had attended a dinner with the CDO on 5th April. Reports of this meeting and of the one held at St Chads two days later had been circulated with the meeting papers as well as the powerpoint presentation given by Eddie Crouch before the dinner.

The CDO was impressed that our LDCs were trying to be proactive by looking for solutions and not problems. She was very interested in the outcome of the prototypes but was not keen on the type A version. She was also anxious that clawback money should be kept in Dentistry.

She feared that under the prototype system, one practice's success may depend on another's failure. Any future contract would be rolled out gradually with the possibility of mentoring practices being used to ease the process.

LDC Conference

This year's Conference will be a two day event. Members were asked if they had any issues that could be presented as a motion at Conference.

Any Other Business

Eddie Crouch reported that there had been a 1% uplift in contract values for this year's pay award. However, because the Consumer Price Index had fallen by 0.3%, this was being converted into only a 0.7% uplift.

DMF scores were now to be recorded on FP17s although this was not yet a legal requirement.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday July 11th at 6.30pm at the same venue.