

Dudley Local Dental Committee

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Minutes of the AGM of Dudley Local Dental Committee held on Monday 23rd April 2018, at the Queens, Belbroughton.

Present

Sue Stevens (Chair), David Cooper (Secretary), Annette Southall (Treasurer), Ari Kapnisis (Vice Chair), Balbir Bhandal, Jennifer Cooke, Nav Pillay, Stephen Rees, Anjum Sheikh, Joanne Thompson and Lucy Thompson.

Apologies

Dave Cottam and Eddie Crouch.

Minutes

These had been circulated and were accepted by the meeting.

Matters Arising

The RMS scheme had now gone live. There had been some minor glitches but Vantage seemed keen to deal with these as they arose. There is a help desk that can be accessed via email.

GDPG Meeting Report

A report of the January GDPG meeting had been circulated as had the latest edition of 'Henrik's Hometruths'.

Practitioners were urged to contact GDPG if their AT refused to activate force majeure in the wake of the 'Beast from the East'.

The expected 1% uplift in contract value was likely to be delayed until the autumn.

West Midlands LDCs Meeting Report

This meeting had been held in February and a written report had been circulated.

Birmingham LDC was to fund four of their members' training to become PASS mentors. A course was being run by Janine Brooks but it was very expensive and constituted about 80 hours of learning. It was felt that it would not be financially viable for this LDC to fund such training. If practitioners needed PASS advice they could be directed to the Deanery, who held a list of mentors, or services could be 'bought in' from Birmingham LDC.

CPD Event

After discussion at the last LDC meeting, a CPD event had been arranged. Louis Bruzel would be giving a two-hour talk on 17th May at Russell's Hall Post Grad Centre. Catering had been arranged and booking was live on Maxcourse. The course had been limited to 80 participants.

Levies

LDCs, especially Birmingham, are building a surplus from levy collection. It had been proposed that the level of the statutory levy should be reduced from 0.2% to 0.1% of contract value. Some LDCs had commented that a 50% cut might be difficult and a final figure of 0.12% had been decided upon. This amount will be reviewed at the end of 2018 when it could be altered again.

Annette Southall said that we had not received any levy payments for six months and were expecting due payments of around £17k.

LDC Conference

Conference will be held in Belfast on June 8th/9th and Sue Stevens and David Cooper will be attending. Motions for debate were currently being finalised.

Any Other Business

A stakeholder meeting regarding a Community Services review scheduled for today had been postponed. SS will attend the re-arranged meeting and report back to the Committee.

Members were invited to attend the Wolverhampton LDC AGM on May 14th.

Associates who had received letters from HMRC questioning their employment status were urged to contact both BDA and their financial advisors/accountants before replying.

GDPR was due to be introduced shortly. It was felt that the LDC did not need to register with ICO as a data controller. We were a not-for-profit organisation that did not hold any 'special' information about our constituents, although we did need to record that we had investigated our status.

Nick Ransford, Chair of the Special Care MCN, had expressed a desire for LDC representation in the group. Stephen Rees will be attending the next meeting.

Regarding the Emergency Treatment MCN, Balbir Bhandal spoke of the increasing number of complaints from patients who had not been prescribed antibiotics when they felt they should have been. He would be bringing this to the attention of the MCN.

The LDC Chairs/AT meeting scheduled in March had been cancelled and a further date had not been set.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday June 18th at the same time and venue.