

Dudley Local Dental Committee

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Minutes of a meeting of Dudley Local Dental Committee held on Monday 11th July 2016, at the Queens, Belbroughton.
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Present

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

Apologies

Ranjna Sharma and Eddie Crouch.

Minutes

These had been circulated and were accepted by the meeting.

GDPC Meeting Report

The report of the May meeting compiled by our GDPC representatives had been circulated as well as the official BDA report and minutes.

This had been David Cooper's last meeting as an LDC Conference rep to GDPC but he had arranged to receive committee information from Eddie Crouch and Vijay Sudra so that he could forward it to Dudley GDPs.

Items discussed at the meeting had included a debate on the Committee's position regarding the idea of 100% capitation. There had also been discussions about whether to accept a guaranteed 1% contract uplift next year by stepping aside from the DDRB process. A decision on this was deferred until individual LDCs had been consulted.

West Midlands LDCs Meeting

A written report of this meeting had been circulated.

A member from Coventry had been surprised at the length of time taken over a recent GDC ftp hearing that he had been involved with. LDCs were able to give help and advice to members involved in such hearings, but only if approached by the member directly.

Clive Harris was standing down as Treasurer to this committee and will be replaced by Abid Hussein. The LDC was still awaiting a levy payment for the period of November 2015 to March 2016 even though detailed figures had been submitted. This delay was due to the changeover of Treasurer.

Two new Orthodontic MCNs were being set up in Coventry/Warwickshire and Hereford/Worcester.

LDC Conference Report

Sue Stevens and DC had attended Conference in Manchester and a report had been circulated. The event had been held over two days for the first time and the format had worked very well.

Henrik Overgaard-Nielsen had given an update on the Prototypes and warned that the reported annual 1.9% reduction in caries rate would lead to a reduction in UDAs and an eventual further cut to the dental budget.

Sara Hurley had given a presentation. She had plenty of fresh ideas but would she be allowed to implement them? She said that patient charges could be collected in a different way and she warned that a new contract could well not be implemented until 2022. A cynical view at Conference was that a new contract might never be forthcoming.

Matthew Hill from GDC had apologised for its recent behaviour saying that it had been totally unprepared for and unable to cope with the 110% increase in complaints that had occurred. Systems and processes had been overhauled in 2014.

LDC Chairs/AT Meeting

SS had attended the recent meeting.

Unless there was a good reason for UDA achievement falling below 96% there would be clawback. Two years of under achievement would trigger a contract review.

The AT had produced a fairly vague five year plan regarding Dental Strategy concentrating on Orthodontics, Oral Surgery and unscheduled care. SS would be attending a meeting in the near future where unscheduled care would be looked into.

The commissioning of Orthodontics and Minor Oral Surgery would be dependent on reports expected from the MCNs.

Any Other Business

Rajiv Lakhani, having left the AT, had set up a business helping practitioners to successfully negotiate the CQC inspection. Ranjna Sharma had utilised this service and had given it a good testimonial. The e mail from Rajiv advertising his services would be forwarded to members.

Dental Elite had offered sponsorship for LDC events.

DC would be sending out nomination papers for LDC elections in early September.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10th October at the same venue.