

Dudley Local Dental Committee

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**Minutes of a meeting of Dudley Local Dental Committee held on Monday 29th
October 2018, at the Queens, Belbroughton.**

Present

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

Minutes

These had been circulated and were accepted by the meeting with the acknowledgement that although LDC Conference had not been discussed a report had been tabled at the meeting.

Matters Arising

Annette Southall had still not received an invoice for the CPD event held in May. The slides from that event were now available and would be posted on the website.

LDC Chairs/AT Meeting

There had not been a meeting during the summer. The next one was scheduled for November 6th.

GDPG Meeting Report

The report of the October meeting from Eddie Crouch had been circulated as had the official BDA report.

NHSE seemed to be accelerating the contract reform process. There would be 50 more prototypes by early 2019 and roll out was being targeted for April 2020. Providers may be able to decide which model of contract to enter or even to stay with UDAs.

The delay in the 2% contract uplift until October had the effect of reducing it to 1% over the year. GDPG found this unacceptable and the ATs were also unhappy with the difficulty in administering a staged award. BDA are pressing for the full 2% to be awarded across the board.

Starting Well

Sue Stevens had been to an initial meeting on this initiative in July. There will be no extra money but the aim is to increase access for 0-2 year old children. There had been some training events earlier this year and information had been circulated to practices.

A detailed examination would not be necessary in order to claim a UDA, merely a notification that dietary and oral hygiene advice had been given.

There was a feeling amongst members that a responsibility to inform also lay with midwives and health visitors. GDPs and their staff could encourage expectant mothers to attend with their newly born and not wait until teeth had erupted. There was some scepticism that this initiative would not bring in many new patients and that it would not reach those who were at the greatest risk and needed to be seen most urgently

West Midlands LDCs Meeting Report

There had been no Dudley representation at this meeting but it seemed that in the future, LDC levies could be collected on an individual LDC basis. This would enable a more detailed Performers' List and individual LDCs would be able to set the level of their own levy.

Tier 2 Accreditation

Some accreditation documents had now been published. There were issues with CDS practitioners in that they might need to be doubly accredited for paediatrics and special care. There might also be a concern around indemnity. GDPG do not support Tier 2.

Any Other Business

REGO seemed to be working but replies from hospitals were not being put through the system.

There was a GDPG Council meeting being held in Birmingham in January. LDC members were being urged to attend in order to encourage GDC accountability.

GDC was moving its admin department to Birmingham but many staff had refused to move and were taking redundancy.

SS had now retired from clinical practice and intended to stand down as Chair after the next meeting which would be the AGM following LDC elections.

AS said that the reduction of the levy to 0.12% of contract value would mean that a deficit was likely at the end of the year. This figure was due to be reviewed but maybe in the future if the levy changes happened we would be able to set our own level.

A new model LDC constitution was an item for discussion at the forthcoming LDC Officials' Day. The aim was to update and streamline the constitution.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 25th February at the same time and venue.