



NHSE and LDC chairs meeting 12.6.17 (Purdah ended today)
St Chads

Present

Mike Buckle Viola Clarke Alex Golden Mary Tomson
Sue Stevens Simon Harrison Suresh Kumar Eddie Crouch Amrik
Bhandal Anoup Deol Afy Ilias Phil Davenport Ravi Solanki Rob
Tobin Thegan Moodley

Apologies

Richard Statham Anna Hunt Nick Gibb Nuala Woodman Janet Clark

Minutes from previous meeting agreed

Matters arising

EC asked how long the “short term” MOS contract at Solihull was continuing. He has referred a patient who has been waiting for 8 months. Adv to contact NW.

Birmingham LDC have spoken to Ben Cochrane at BDH re invoices for diagnostic services and been assured these should not be charged, however BDH finance dept are still invoicing GDPs for diagnostic services.

Simon Harrison reported paying translation fees for a Syrian refugee family, extremely expensive. SS suggests we discuss at WMLDC and contact BDA jointly to lobby.

NHSE updates

EoY collaboration NHSE/WM and BSA. Providers will receive EoY letters from BSA, any queries should be taken up with them. Any shortfall carried forward should be achieved by mid year review (end Sept 2017), plus 30% of 2017-18 activity.

In the event of personal interviews where there are issues, these will be done by AT.

VC to put this in next newsletter.

TM queried that some may be over 102%, and unaware of this at the time as Compass went down for a week at the end of March. NHSE prepared to negotiate on this, so should be contacted.

PCS- still 12-16 weeks for some performers to get on the list, this may cause practices to underperform. NHSE acknowledge there are problems and will look at individual cases.

No breach notices for underperformance 2016-17 will be issued due to the issues with Capita.



Force Majeure- time to raise an issue extended from 21 to 28 days.
At BDA meeting with David Geddes he said that there was an option for NHSE to pay the contract value without carry forward of activity to subsequent years. After the meeting Viola emailed the section of NHSE policy which states that activity may be carried forward, not written off.

Domiciliary/ Sedation services

AG looking at all contracts delivering these services and work being done to try bring all in line. Variations due to PCT area. Desire to keep the services as benefits recognised.

RMS Procurement

38 page document with service specs seen in the meeting. Initially for MOS/oral medicine and ortho, aim to include other specialities after 2 years. AT have included more detailed specs than other areas and now ready to tender. MCNs to review specs this week.

Aiming for transparency in the referral system and patient choice.

Access through NHS.net. Start April 2018.

Expecting 61,400 referrals through system in first year.

PDS Orthodontic Procurement

Delayed due to purdah

EC gave us an update on the challenge to the dynamic procurement system which is inequitable to smaller providers. Judge asked NHSE and BDA to talk and negotiate but there is a judicial review date set for October. It was intimated that this may cause a movement in the end dates of existing PDS contracts, formalisation of this will be notified to providers within the next week. Procurement in this area still likely to start so there would be a longer process, enabling more ordered closure of contracts. Stakeholder event planned for 18 July (not confirmed yet) to go ahead.

MOS contracts

(Coventry and Warks) To be rolled on at present, pending evaluation of the RMS. Currently only see patients within their area, this is likely to change.

Generic inbox/ contacting AT.

The generic inbox now up and running, this should be used for all contacts with local office. Emails will then be forwarded to the appropriate team member. Should improve service to GDPs, and prevent



unanswered emails when staff off due to holidays or sickness. GDPs have received an email with details.

BSA policy book update

Available at

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/clinical-services/dental-handbooks>

AOB

PD and EC raised a query about a recent letter from Kiran Patel, the medical director, regarding fraud, duty of candour and inappropriate examination of patients. EC felt that any suspicion of fraud should be raised with NHS Protect, rather than the medical director, to avoid possible conflict. This will be on the agenda at the next WMLDC meeting in July.

The dental team had not seen this letter.

Occupational Health

Specs are changing on 1.7.17, dentists should get notification. All should have free availability to cover for needlestick injuries.

PHE are doing an epidemiological survey on adults attending dental practices.

PHE teleconference on child dental health on 14.6.17- MT has information.

Office of CDO

£250,000 of clawback money to be used for a pilot to improve access for 0-2s. GDPs also encouraged to see this age group, advice urgently awaited on what to claim. (This was also discussed at length at LDC conference last week)

Next meeting 11.9.17