



## Welsh Committee for Community Dentists (WCCD)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018  
Venue:  
Park Plaza Hotel, Cardiff, CF10 3AL

### 1. Attendees

David Johnson (Chair WCCD and Clinical Member for South Wales)  
Ken Hughes (Vice Chair and Chair of the Accredited Representative)  
David Barber, Clinical Member for North Wales  
Emmanouil Roditakis, Clinical Member for Hywel Dda  
Jane Williams, Clinical Member for Powys  
Celia Topping, Clinical Member for Cardiff and Vale and Cwm Taf  
Christie Owen (Policy and Committee Officer)  
Katrina Clarke (Chair Welsh Council)  
Alun McLean (Employment Relations Officer)  
Nigel Monaghan, DPH co-opted member  
Eddie Crouch  
Tom Bysouth (Chair WGDPC)  
Sandra Sandham, Member from the Clinical Directors Group in Wales

### 2. Apologies

Tim Harker (PEC)  
Mick Armstrong  
Chris Wall, Representative - Community Dental Services Group in Wales  
Caroline Seddon (Director of BDA Wales)

### 3. Declarations of interest not previously noted

None

### 4. Dental Appraisal System (DAS)

- a. Representatives from the Deanery gave a demonstration of the new Dental Appraisal System. It is currently live with 5% of community dentists currently able to use the system. DAS is not an automated system; a physical check also occurs. Penetration tests have taken place and will

continue to take place regularly. Previous appraisals and any attached files are saved to DAS. Community dentists will be able to book appraisal meetings on DAS. They will also be able to store appraisal information on DAS. The categories have been transferred to DAS from the old paper appraisal system.

- b. Mandatory Training is organised by Health Board to satisfy the different training asks each Health Board has. Constraints can also be added to DAS, as can PDP. Agreed PDP will be added to DAS after the first appraisal. Users are asked to declare that they are aware of the 9 principles of the GDC. A link to the principles is on the page to allow community dentists to make themselves aware of the principles. Multiple clinics, and if necessary health boards, can be added to DAS. There is help information available on each page.
- c. There is also an interactive resource which can assist dentists on every section of DAS. This works on mobiles and tablets as well as computers. DJ asked if 'forgot your password' is an automated service, as it could happen regularly. DAS representatives confirmed that it is. SS struggled with the page on constraints and felt it was too broad, and very different to the paper version. SS argued it had not been previously agreed.
- d. A wider discussion will take place at the joint forum. CT asked if DAS works on Windows 7, as Cardiff and Vale have only recently been upgraded to it. DAS reps assured that it would. The committee was happy with DAS and the presentation. NM asked if this will continue to be available for free, DAS reps confirmed that community dentists won't be charged.

## 5. To Approve the minutes of the last Meeting (13<sup>th</sup> June 2018)

The following amendments were made:

Page 1: DPH not WPH for Nigel Monahan

## 6. Matters arising from the minutes not considered elsewhere in the agenda

None

## 7. Chairs' reports

- a. The Chair of WCCD- DJ emailed the CDO regarding CDS ortho. FP17W could lose orthodontic CDS data. DJ is still waiting for a reply. It will be mentioned again to the CDO, it is important that data are not lost. EC said that blood tests in Northern Ireland has found worrying results in terms of nitrous oxide. There are also reports of it being stolen and used recreationally. DJ is still planning to write to the cabinet secretary. DJ discussed the media training the BDA offered. The chairs agreed that both the training and the media training have been very good. KH and DJ both commended TB on the evidence session with the Welsh Government. DJ is still in discussion with WAST regarding transporting patients to the CDS. A telephone meeting will take place this week.

- b. The Chair of WGDPC- TB updated the committee on the work that has been done on the Inquiry into Dentistry. TB gave evidence to the committee in the Senedd. TB argued that the 2% uplift is still a pay cut.
- c. The Chair of Welsh Council- KC attended various meetings including the BDA media training, the meeting of BDA Wales and WAST, the launch of HEIW and GDS reform steering group. KC asked whether we should challenge Colette on her comments in the evidence session.

#### 8. WCCD Vice Chair's report

- a. The Vice Chair reported that progress has been made with the adaptation of the MARS system for dental use. This has now been presented to the Clinical Directors at their meeting and approved, we will be having a demonstration of the new DAS at the current meeting prior to it being presented to Welsh Government at the CDS Joint Forum. Use of Acorn to be trialled starting January 2019, this will have significant impact on appointment times for the first examination of the year, this is accepted by the Clinical Directors.

#### 9. FP17 and ACORN

- a. ACORN and FP17 were discussed. The problems and barriers charging patients were discussed. Patients paying for the lab work was discussed. Charge exempt patients, and their prevalence in the CDS was also discussed. It is important that dentists do not become debt collectors. Providing care is the role of dentists, not to chase bills. AM believes there is scope for this to be included in the agenda for the joint forum. KH suggested that we ask for clarification and a time table.

#### 10. Pay

- a. DJ discussed the recent 2% uplift. The recent AR conference meant that the CDS would ask for 3.5%. EC said a day of CPD from 10-3 is being discussed. DJ discussed that work to rule had also been raised, as well as saving a day's annual leave. AM raised that there would need to be a ballot to legitimise the industrial action. The CPD idea was looked upon favourably. NM suggested that the BDA invites the minister to meet in a clinical setting. If there was a day of training for CDS, it should be UK wide.

#### 11. Autism Bill

- a. The committee agreed for DJ to send a letter to the cabinet minister regarding the autism bill. CO is meeting with BMA next week and will discuss the possibility of it being a joint letter.

#### 12. BDA reports- Health Board reports from local representatives

- a. ABMU- A new SDO has been appointed. Staff morale is low, lack of a leader or direction.
- b. Aneurin Bevan- Washing disinfectors are now in all clinics and are all working. Annual leave issues still ongoing. The Executive board have not listened, they are getting legal advice.

- c. Betsi Cadwaladr – A New Specialist in Special Care Dentistry has recently started in Denbighshire, (Based at Tŷ Nerys). New CDS/PDS Dentist appointed for Bethesda/Blaenau Ffestiniog. The final CRES (CIP) that was applied to the CDS budget was 2.49% for 2018- 2019 but there have been some additional allowances re: Compressors etc. Total reduced in the CDS budget over the last 4 years = £0.6 million. The development at Flint is now complete and there was an open day on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Corwen is progressing possible completion in October. DB reported that disappointingly there is continued use of MDUs as fixed clinics at Bangor and Pwllheli, although possible permanent sites are being explored. A North Wales CDS response to the Consultation on Dentistry in Wales submitted. The CDS service strategy has been accepted by the HB executive and the Estate strategy is now complete and has been presented to the Central Area.
- d. Cardiff, Vale and Cwm Taf- The aim is to have full management structure in place by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. The CAV management structure is also to be reviewed following the resignation of Prof M Lewis as Clinical Board Director. Prof Chestnutt will be acting-up in the interim. Mr Will Mc Laughlin will continue as CDS director. Dental partnership Forum has been revived. HR statistics reveal the sickness rate for CDS is 3.5% which is the lowest across the HB. Pontypridd HC and Barry Hospital still waiting for implementation of digital radiography while the existing equipment is patched up. Equipment installed in Barry but IT had not completed the work needed for the equipment to be used. Pontypridd is also waiting for IT to provide ports and permit use on the network. In Merthyr Tydfil older patients are now being transferred to GDPs when dentally fit, and new patients asked to try GDP first unless in pain
- e. Hywel Dda- The Elizabeth Williams Clinic refurbishment now complete, with digital OPT and PSP intra-oral X-rays. Plans were announced for further development, wheelchair tipper and main surgery revamp. Plans for 2 new 2 surgery clinic in Carmarthen still going forward. Winch Lane dental clinic in Haverfordwest has now closed, CDS operating 2 surgeries at Withybush General Hospital. 3 sites operating with HSDU (central sterilisation) instruments: Aberystwyth, Withybush and Elizabeth Williams Clinic. System working but financial issues reported. CDO returning from maternity leave. No further vacancies announced. In-house Sedation Training: 2 Nurses trained in Inhalation and 1 in IV sedation.
- f. Powys Teaching- The new mobile unit finally up and running and located in Llandrindod hospital at present. My-dentist handed back the contract for GDS services in Builth Wells Practice in August due to inability to recruit staff. No dentist at all since April 2018 for a list of approximately 4000 patients, plus many non-registered patients. This has now been taken over by the health board, with a view to reopen November 2018. Initially just CDS staff just seeing the emergency patients until a new full time GDS dentist starts in January 2019. Further staff to be recruited for GDS but not

CDS. However, this will ease pressure on CDS staff seeing emergency patients, and also mean that some CDS services can run from Builth rather than Llandrindod Hospital. CDS services at Llandrindod hospital limited and difficult due to ongoing building works and unexpected problems with new mobile. IV Sedation service accepting referrals. Running from Brecon. More nursing staff being trained in sedation (slowly). Ongoing dentist/nurse sickness putting pressure on remaining team members. Constant cancellations of clinics due to sickness and equipment/surgery issues, made worse by issues mentioned above in Builth. No staff vacancies at present, but 2+ staff leaving soon. JL would suggest morale is low. Overall the service is increasing in numbers and levels of expertise, but a reasonable proportion of this is in GDS and is offset by the decrease in GDS dentists in local practices.

### 13. Public Health Wales Report

- a. The latest survey of caries in school year 7 children in Wales (2016/2017) shows steady continuing improvement. The proportion of 12 year olds with at least one tooth affected by obvious dentinal decay has fallen below 30% for the first time. This is a fall of over 15% since 2003/04. The next cohort of 12 year olds examined (2020/2021) will be the first to have participated in the Designed to Smile programme. PHW were delighted to share with the committee a new and exciting online resource that has been developed for use by all members of the dental team. It has been developed by the Designed to Smile Team, in collaboration with Public Health Wales and Wales Deanery. This resource will utilise quality improvement methodology to underpin evidence-based preventive care and advice to young patients. An interim report - based on risk and need data submitted by 20 reform practices - was shared with the GDS Reform Programme Steering Group and participating practices. Evening sessions with Dental Practices has been organised in South and North Wales. North Wales event has been arranged for the 19th September at 6pm in Llandudno, South Wales event has been arranged for 10th September at 6pm in the Village hotel in Cardiff. Flu is not currently circulating in Wales but Health Protection staff in PHW are starting to plan for the forthcoming flu season. Practices can expect emails reminding them of the opportunities for flu vaccination soon. Practices will also be alerted when flu starts to circulate in Wales at high levels – usually this is between December and February. A key group who should be vaccinated and should avoid contracting flu is women in the second or third trimester, a group who are entitled to free NHS dental care.

### 14. Dental referral

- a. CO updated the committee on the work that is being done for the E referral system. Currently the project is concerned with giving each practice an NHS email address. It has yet to be confirmed as to whether this will happen, nor has it been confirmed how many staff members in the practice would have access to this email.

### 15. Clinical Director's Report

- a. SS discussed a range of topics including contract reform, DAS, patient charges, E referrals and the evidence submitted to the dentistry inquiry.

**16. Director's update**

- a. Contract Reform continues to be developed. CDO is looking to the Health Boards to increase the number of practices from 5% to 10% in the autumn on the 10% UDAs prevention contract. A meeting with CDO and Andrew Powell Chandler in August was an opportunity to enquire whether there were plans to expand to 30% UDAs for prevention, but there was not a clear position at that stage. At the Contract Reform meeting on 25 September, however, there appeared to be a delay in the Health Boards engaging with the second round of recruitment of practices and it is therefore unlikely that 10% of practices will be on board by Christmas. Outcomes from the DDRB recommendations in Wales were discussed in a meeting with CDO, A. Powell Chandler, K Clarke, C. Seddon and T. Bysouth on 25 September when we learned about the 0.77% award for expenses being based on RPI. There was a BDA press release in the morning that same day to coincide with the Cabinet Minister's announcement on the uplift, stating he had followed the DDRB recommendations in full. (The BDA press release criticised the government for not going far enough with the awards.)

**17. AOB.**

- a. The next meeting will occur on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- b. There will need to be a representative for both Cwm Taf and Cardiff and Vale in the next Triennium.

| Action  | Committee member |
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| Email the CDO again regarding Orthodontic data for FP17 | DJ               |
| Write a letter to Paul Davies AM on autism bill         | DJ               |