

Meeting Minutes

Title of Meeting	Somerset Local Dental Committee (LDC), Quarterly Meeting / End of Year Christmas Evening, December 2019
Date	Wednesday 11 December 2019
Time	19.00 – 20.30
Venue	The Mount Somerset Hotel & Spa, Lower Henlade, Stoke Hill, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5NB

Somerset Local Dental Committee Members Present:

Dr Geoff Worrall, Chairman, South Somerset Constituency Representative (GW)
Dr Andre Louw, Secretary, Somerset Coast Constituency Representative (AL)
Dr Mike Biccard, Treasurer, Taunton Deane Constituency Representative (MB)
Dr Lucy Parke, Somerset Coast Constituency Representative (LP)
Dr Peter Hollins, Taunton Deane Constituency Representative (PH)
Dr Gary Irvine, South Somerset Constituency Representative (GI)
Dr Jane Foggin, Taunton Deane Constituency Representative (JF)
Dr Susan Williams, Mendip Constituency Representative (SW)
Dr Vinay Shah, Mendip Constituency Representative (VS)
Dr Ahmad Nounu, BDA GDPC committee representative for the Somerset region (AN)

In Attendance:

Dr John Smalley (former Somerset Coast Constituency Representative) (JS)
Emma Childs, Secretarial Support (EC)

Apologies:

Dr Simon Albiston, South Somerset Constituency Representative (SA)
Dr Lucy Silk, Mendip Constituency Representative (LS)
Dr Nick Webster (NW)
Dr Alice Havard (AH)
Dr Mehrdad Soheili (MS)
Dr Lorna Hollingsworth, Clinical Director/Specialist Special Care Dentistry, Primary Care Dental Services (LH)
Dr Patricia Thresh, Primary Care Dental Services (PT).

Item	Item Description and Action	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions	
1.1	GW welcomed everyone to the meeting and personally welcomed JS who attended the evening as a guest as a thank you from the LDC in recognition for his many years of service to the Committee.	
1.2	GW and the LDC also thanked EC for her 6 ½ years of service as the Secretarial Support to the Somerset LDC. EC tender as secretarial support will officially cease in late December 2019.	
1.2.1	EC informed the LDC that she had sent to GW/AL in September 2019 a comprehensive handover document for her successors information and use.	
1.2.2	The LDC discussed a replacement for EC's role after she steps down from the post, and AL is currently scoping out a replacement. To be discussed further at the next LDC meeting.	AL LDC

<p>2</p> <p>2.1</p>	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies were noted for those listed above.</p>	
<p>3</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p>	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting, 10 September 2019 and Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes of the last LDC meeting were reviewed and the following was noted –</p> <p>MB requested a correction to item 11 on the minutes – ‘John Snelling’ to be amended to ‘Rob Snelling’.</p> <p>GW received an email from Occupational Health confirming that the inoculations service at this stage is available for Dentists and not Dental Nurses.</p> <p>The LDC meeting minutes on 10 September 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p>LDC Officials Day</p> <p>AL attended the LDC Officials Day and provided a summary of the main discussion topics to the LDC -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health and sustainability was discussed at length which included the following sub-topics – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sustainability – reducing the disposal of clinical waste, managing carbon emissions with patients travelling to the practice and there is currently a review of looking at re-writing NICE guidelines re. controlling plastic waste disposal. ○ Mental health - the ‘NHS Practitioners Health Programme’ provides mental health support for all practitioners struggling with mental health or burnout issues. AL agreed to circulate the information regarding this London based organisation to the LDC members. It was also agreed that the LDC should send this information out to all GDPs in Somerset. • New contract – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new prototype contract is still progressing forward, and there are currently 100 prototypes left across the country. ○ The proposed roll out date of the contract is 2021 – this will be a blend of capitation and performance. ○ Contract remuneration – the Department of Health (DoH) have not yet clarified how the payments / remuneration back to the contract holders will be undertaken. ○ A national capitation rate is proposed rather than variances across each of the counties. ○ Different tariffs per patient are proposed to be applied depending on the patients gender, age and oral health status. 	<p>AL LDC</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Connecting with Colleagues</p> <p>LP organised the most recent ‘Connecting with Colleagues’ (CWC) forum held on 07 November 2019 at The Hankridge Arms, Taunton. LP provided a summary of the evening to the LDC –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outcome of the evening was a success, however, there was a disappointing number of PVLEs who attended the evening. A total of 6 PVLEs had informed LP they would attend and only 2 attended. 	

	<p>Those who attended said they thoroughly enjoyed the evening and will be telling their colleagues about CWC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LDC discussed how they could target a wider net and agreed that for the next CWC they will not only contact PVLEs but also general practices in Somerset as well. LP commented that the message and functionality of the CWC going forward needs to be made clearer to the GDPs, as some attendees were expecting 'hands-on' training courses. LP informed the LDC of potential speakers covering more dental related topics including – LH (covering the primary care dental services), a Pharmacist and a Hygienist. The LDC agreed that this would be good speakers for future upcoming CWC forums. The LDC agreed to commission another CWC forum and this will be held in the Spring 2020 on a Thursday. LP agreed to contact potential speakers and investigate the forum further, and this would be discussed / signed off at the next meeting. 	LP
7	Clinical Governance Event 2020	
7.1	The LDC agreed to commission a future Clinical Governance Event again in the Spring/Summer 2020 focusing on the topic of perio. It was agreed that the item would be discussed further during the next LDC meeting in March 2020.	LDC
8	Local Dental Network (LDN)	
8.1	JF informed the LDC that the LDN meeting which was meant to be held last week but was cancelled. Therefore, was unable to provide a LDN meeting update.	
8.2	<p>JF did provide the LDC with an update regarding the South-West special dental care early market engagement event as detailed below –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are x8 areas across the South-West but the Commissioners have not been clear how these areas will be divided up for tendering. The Special Care teams highlighted the challenges they are facing in terms of recruitment due to limited funding to offer new Clinicians a defined career progression to a Consultant level. Somerset special care raised concerns during the engagement event as their existing special care contract is intertwined with urgent care (re. Dental Access Centre). However, the Commissioners intentions are to only tender special care and consequently how this may impact on the whole service. Funding issues (i.e. no new money) was raised during the evening. Talks were held of an educational programme to train the GDPs locally to be able to take on more difficult cases. 	
8.3	JF agreed to inform the LDC of any other further updates from NHS England or LDN related matters.	JF
9	MCN Oral Surgery Symposium	

9.1	<p>SW provided to the LDC a summary of the MCN Oral Surgery Symposium which was led by Chris Bell.</p> <p>A summary is outlined below –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of referrals has increased after the new contracts have been put into place. • The intention is to increase the Tier 2 service. • There are currently 58,000 patients on a waiting list across Devon and Cornwall. • The flexible commissioning model could include oral surgery. • Confirmed that the electronic referral system will be rolled across the service but the timescales for this implementation process is not yet known. • The Dental Hospital has confirmed they will accept e-referrals via nhs.net. • The results from the provider survey highlighted that one of the concerns/challenges the local providers are facing is bariatric children which the service cannot currently accommodate. • Paul Coulthard provided a comprehensive presentation on the referrals system – this included more focus on the GDPs who require greater support and training how to refer an appropriate case for oral surgery. • Across the service there should be more focus on oral surgery specific CPD training. • PROMs/PREMs protocols were covered and more focus on this to measure patient experience related specifically for oral surgery. • There are new NICE guidelines for the removal of third molars – at the moment whilst the new guidelines are being written hospitals are now looking at patients on a case by case basis whether to undertake apicoectomy surgeries. • The Clinicians unanimously agreed that there should be further communication and training across the oral surgery service pathway. 	
9.2	<p>JF updated the LDC there is an upcoming oral surgery training course for extractions which will be released around January/February 2020. The LDC agreed to pass this information onto their members.</p>	LDC
10	MCN Orthodontics and MCN Restorative	
10.1	<u>MCN Orthodontics -</u>	
10.1.1	<p>AL attended the MCN Orthodontic meeting and updated th Somerset LDC that they have finalised and signed off the new orthodontic referral form. The form will be rolled out across Somerset in the next few months. AL advised that the new form is much easier to us and classify individual cases appropriate for an orthodontic referral. This is in particular if the</p>	

	GDPs are not familiar with the IOTN referral protocols.	
10.1.2	AL also advised that there has been a few issues across the South-West regarding the commissioning of the new orthodontic contracts.	
10.1.3	AL agreed to keep the LDC up to date regarding the roll-out of the new orthodontic referral form.	AL
10.2	<u>MCN Restorative –</u>	
10.2.1	Ahead of the LDC meeting, AL circulated to all of the LDC members a powerpoint presentation from the MCN Restorative group. AL provided a summary of the presentation which included topics such as: ‘retainers after orthodontics’, ‘setting up clinics to undertake periodontal referrals’ and the ‘new referral form’. The LDC members agreed to read through the presentation and if they have any queries then to liaise with AL.	LDC
11	Treasurers Report	
11.1	MB as Treasurer of the LDC informed the Committee that he had been in contact with Rob Snelling regarding the LDC levy collection. However, the collection of the levy has still not taken place in Somerset as Avon is currently not collecting.	
11.2	MB advised that even though the Somerset LDC is solvent the levy needs to be collected again from next year, to compensate for the outgoing expenses of clinical governance events, dental guild rates, connecting with colleague forums and LDC meeting fees.	
11.3	GW advised that during the last September 2019 LDC meeting, Debbie Freeman (NHS) queried why Avon needed to start collecting the levy and why Somerset cannot start this. Normally c£20,000.00 pa is collected from Somerset for the levy.	
11.4	The LDC agreed that they would start collecting the levy again from 1 April 2020, and investigate how they can remove Avon from the levy collection so the process is more streamlined.	
11.5	GI raised a query if the BDA should be notified of the issues the Somerset LDC are having with the levy collection. The LDC agreed to look into this.	LDC
11.6	AL also raised that during the LDC Conference a list of LDCs were listed who are currently not contributing to charities, which included Somerset’s name. However, the LDC agreed that once the levy collection started again then they can make charitable contributions again.	
11.7	MB agreed to liaise with Avon again and this item would be discussed again during the next LDC meeting in March 2020.	MB LDC
12	Any Other Business	
12.1	<u>PASS Scheme (SW)</u> SW attended the PASS meeting which was presented by Rory O’Connor, Clinical Lead Dentist Support Programme, and provided the LDC with a summary of this meeting as detailed below – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health issues are an increasing problem at the moment – this fed into a presentation covering ‘Why Dentists burnout’. 	

<p>12.1.1</p> <p>12.1.2</p> <p>12.2</p> <p>12.3</p> <p>12.4</p> <p>12.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW advised that the presentation would be a useful tool for the Somerset LDC to use when setting up their own PASS scheme. <p>Following the presentation, SW informed the LDC that it would be more appropriate if the Committee was to operate as a Level 1 signposting service. This is due to the fact the LDC members not having the appropriate PASS qualifications to deliver a higher-level intervention service. The training course per person is £2,500.00. However, SW also mentioned that Janine Brooks could provide mentoring training for the LDC if the Committee believe it to beneficial.</p> <p>It was agreed that SW will wait for the new BDA PASS scheme guidance to be released. Once the guidelines have been published SW will cross-reference this against her initial framework of how the service will operate. This will then be discussed and debated by the Somerset LDC during the March 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>GDPC Update (AA) –</u> AA provided an update following the recent GDPC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scotland has been given a pay rise but this has not filtered down into England. The re-commissioning of the orthodontic contracts has been delayed. There was a discussion regarding the pensions reform. The total clawback for UDAs underperformance was £189million but this has not been re-invested back into dentistry. Due to the rise in patient NHS dental charges it appears to have led to a decline in the number of Band 2 and 3's courses of treatment (COTs). <p><u>Somerset LDC Website (LP) -</u> LP commented on the current Somerset LDC needs revamping and is out of date, and the Committee requires a Facebook page as well. The LDC agreed this should be investigated and discussed again further at the next March 2020 meeting. LP commented that this could also form part of the new Secretarial Support's role.</p> <p><u>LMC Meeting (AL) –</u> AL will be meeting with the LMC in the New Year 2020.</p> <p><u>GW – Radio –</u> GW updated the LDC that he spoke on the local radio recently regarding oral health improvement, prevention specifically regarding managing dental decay and childrens teeth.</p>	<p>SW LDC</p> <p>LDC</p>
<p>13</p> <p>13.1</p> <p>13.2</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Somerset LDC meeting will be on Tuesday 03 March 2020 at 19.30 and to be held in The Bear Inn, Street. EC agreed to book up the March 2020 meeting venue on behalf of the Somerset LDC.</p> <p>The December 2019 meeting was closed.</p>	<p>EC</p>