

# Sandwell Local Dental Committee

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**Minutes of a meeting of Sandwell Local Dental Committee held on Thursday 24th November 2016, in Meeting Room 3, Lyng Health Centre.**

## **Present**

Owain Rees (Chairman), David Cooper (Secretary), Rav Kumar, Suresh Kumar, San Qamar and Phil Tangri.

## **Apologies**

Shubnum Abaab, Ateef Azam and Tariq Mahmood.

## **Minutes**

These had been circulated. They were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

## **West Midlands LDCs Meeting**

David Cooper had attended the most recent meeting of this Committee. The major topic discussed had been the conversion of PDS+ contracts to GDS. 51% of contract value was typically being offered but in some cases this resulted in a UDA value of around only £13. BDA was suggesting that a more reasonable figure would be around £21 as £13 was deemed an 'unsafe' amount.

There were problems in contacting the new Dental Hospital both for GDPs and patients. Owain Rees was asked to seek clarification as to exactly what services the DH was offering when he attended the next West Mids LDCs meeting.

## **GDPG Meeting Report**

DC had circulated the report of the October GDPG meeting produced by Eddie Crouch.

## **LDC Officials' Day**

OR and DC were to attend this event in London in December. A provisional agenda had been circulated with the meeting papers and a report would be given at the next meeting.

## **Oral Surgery MCN**

OR reported that some audits have now been completed. The DH was to go live with an electronic referral system and an engagement event to introduce this was scheduled for 12th December.

## **Levy Payments**

In the absence of the Treasurer, DC reported that the long overdue levy payments had now been received. However, there had been no breakdown of the figures involved nor any indication as to what period had been covered, just a cheque in a plain envelope.

## **LDC Elections**

These were due in early 2017. There would be seven vacancies. Six retiring members were eligible for re-election and although DC was continuing as a lay secretary he would need to resign his membership as he was no longer on Sandwell Performers' list. The closing date for nominations would be 24th February with the new Committee meeting for the first time in April 2017.

## **Any Other Business**

The BDA leaflet regarding patients' charges had been circulated to all practices.

The Antibiotic Toolkit was also available from BDA. It did commit participants to an audit, but this could be useful when it came to CQC inspections.

Emergency cover arrangements over the Christmas period would be the same as last year.

The LDN was appointing Clinical Audit Facilitators. DC had accepted the role but ideally there should be two for each LDC. Phil Tangri offered to put his name forward too.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday February 23rd at 6.30pm at the same venue.