

KLDC Minutes January 2019

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FORTH MEETING OF THE KENT LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9th JANUARY 2019

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AT 6.00 PM AT

THE HOLIDAY INN, MAIDSTONE ROAD, ROCHESTER, KENT ME5 9SF

Present: Drs Adesanya, Ahmad, Banvir, Barham, Bhatti, Carstens, Chandni, Davies, Hamill, Hogan, Hymas, Myint, Nugent, N Patel, V Patel, Raghava, Sheridan, Smith, Shivji, Unter, Watts, Winstone, Wood, Willis-Lake, Ye-Kyaw.

Observer: Drs Shrine Ramamoorthy and Muneer Patel.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dr Hogan opened the meeting at 6.10 pm and wished members a very Happy New Year. He gave a warm welcome to observer Shrine Ramamoorthy and welcomed a new observer Muneer Patel from Canterbury Hospital. He thanked members for making a big effort with the written reports and really appreciated it if everyone could please read and prepare any questions they may have prior to the future meetings. This will also help in speeding up the meetings. Dr Unter will use these reports to attach links from the minutes so that they can be uploaded onto the website and readily accessed subsequently.

Apologies were received from Drs Chopra, Elder, Hartle and U Patel.

2. LAST MEETING, WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2018

(a) Confirmation of the minutes - A few minor amendments were made to the minutes which were then approved. It was agreed that they can now be uploaded to the KLDC website.

(b) Matters Arising –

Study Day – There seemed little support for the KLDC to arrange a study day in Kent. Other KSS LDCs have arranged study days. Dr Barham advised that she had attended an LDC study day in Sussex which comprised of various workshops including REGO/DERS. The cost of the meeting appeared to have been subsidised by the attendance of various trade stands.

GDPC - Dr Hartle had been the only GDP Representative of the two elected attending GDPC. Dr Banvir had offered to be considered for this post; however at the last meeting Dr Adrian Lesnyak (the elected E Kent representative) had apparently attended for the first time.

Fluoride toothpaste - Dr Unter previously advised that dentists cannot prescribe fluoride toothpaste without a documented reassessment and GPs are being requested not to issue repeat prescriptions for various products which now includes fluoride toothpaste. He advised that he has no further information but will continue to follow assess this.

Guidance for OPGs (Dan Coleman) - A it was advised that GDPs can send patients into the hospital to have these taken. **Action:** Dr Winstone will email Dan Coleman to speak to Annie to cascade the guidelines on OPGs to dentists and to ask for a prompt box next to the REGO box for OPGs so that the patients can go to their local hospital if the practice did not have OPG facilities.

DERS/REGO – Dr Sheridan advised that she had contacted REGO who had provided some training regarding orthodontic referrals.

3. NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

4. SECRETARY

(a) Correspondence (not reported elsewhere) – Dr Unter requested permission as usual that he mention relevant points as they appear on the agenda.

(b) Report of Meetings (not reported elsewhere) - Dr Unter sought permission as usual to report items as they appear on the agenda.

(c) Notice of Biennial Elections and Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Dr Unter advised that he had been through the database of dentists names in practice in Kent supplied by Will Newport / the BSA. This initially consisted of over 1100 names but includes those with more than one place of work, community dentists, prison services etc. Removal of duplicates brings the number of individuals to approx. 850 eligible dentists. The KLDC constitution indicates one member is eligible for election for every 25 dentists in each constituency. He advised we must increase by one member for East Kent and one for West Kent. There will now be a total of 7 for East Kent, 7 for West Kent and 3 for Medway (no change) for this biennial election. 840 election notifications are due to be distributed by post shortly - he advised that if members do not receive one to let him know. He reminded members to make sure they submit their papers if they are due for re-election as re-nomination was not automatic. Nomination forms can be submitted electronically but must be backed up by a hard copy. The cut-off date is first post on Friday 8th November. Results will be published ahead of the next meeting on 3rd April which is the AGM.

The Clerk Mrs Tracy Moynes had agreed to act as Returning Officer.

(d) Annual Report – Dr Unter advised members to email him anything that they would like included in this. He will present the report in draft form to the AGM in April.

5. TREASURER

(a) [Report attached Item 5 \(a\)](#)

(b) Statutory Levy – Dr Winstone reported that the levy is being received according to the budget he sets and agreed by NHS England South (Kent, Surrey and Sussex). He advised that we needed to agree the donations that we are sending to the various organisations.

It was **agreed** that we make the same payment of £16,575 to the British Dental Guild that we made in the previous year, £10,000 to Dentists Heath Support, £2,000 to the BDA Benevolent Fund and hold £2,000 towards development of the new PASS scheme.

6. LDC OFFICIALS DAY [\[Report attached Item 6\]](#)

The LDCs Official Day took place on Friday, 30th November in London welcoming LDC representatives from across the UK to discuss some of the big issues in dental politics today. Kent LDC was represented by Drs Hogan, Unter and Winstone and a report from Dr Unter was attached.

Drs Hogan and Unter advised a new scheme called PASS (Practitioner Advice and Support Scheme) is proposed. A parallel scheme run by all four KSS LDCs is planned. The scheme has the support of the GDC, NHS England and the CQC. It is an initial confidential and informal point of contact for non-maliciously raised concerns and will support dentists whose performance is recognised by themselves or by others as potentially causing concern and provide support at an appropriate level. It will signpost dentists to other sources of help where suitable. The scheme is to consider cases around communication, confidence issues, practice management problems, career matters, challenges and obstacles affecting a dentist's performance at work, stress and clinical concerns. Dr Hogan has written to Karen Crossland to ask what kind of cases they may consider sending to us rather than through the more formal NHSE route (PAG etc).

Dr Hogan then went on to mention at this point "Vicarious Liability" and advised that the cover from the two main indemnifiers is discretionary only and you need to be aware that as a provider there is some vicarious liability with the performance of associate colleagues. Vicarious Liability can be mitigated if providers check and audit the clinical work of their associates. He advised that a principal was recently made liable for remedial work originally provided by an associate who had left the practice. He advised to make sure you audit the activity of the associate and check radiographs etc. It was also mentioned that a corporate dental provider was recently found liable for performer tax liability – in this case the performer was deemed from an HMRC point of view as an employee. The new BDA contract addresses this and Dr Unter advised to contact him if member(s) needed a copy.

Dr Winstone mentioned the KLDC meeting claim forms had been amended with a disclaimer showing that this is a gross payment.

7. NHS ENGLAND MATTERS

(a) NHS England (South) KSS LO

(i) (a) Kent Local Dental Network (LDN) – Dr Unter tabled a written report [\[report attached 7\(a\)\(i\)\(a\)\]](#). Update on Restorative MCN – Dr Unter had recommended to Dr Millar (Chair) the inclusion of the dental clinical adviser(s) that triage the endodontic referrals for DERS – he advised that there was no response yet. **Action:** Dr Unter to chase. Dr Unter will be attending another LDN meeting on the 21st February.

(b) Dental Electronic Referral Service (DERS) – Judy Barham has already given some good feedback regarding DERS from the Surrey LDC study day.

(ii) KSS Performance Advice Group (PAG) – Dr Unter did not have anything to report as he had not attended any meetings recently. [These meetings are shared on a rotational basis with East Sussex & Surrey LDCs]

(iii) KSS Performers List Decision Panel (PLDP) – Dr Hogan did not have anything specific to mention

(iv) DCQAP – Dental Contracts & Quality Assurance panel [\[Report attached 7 \(a\)\(iv\)\]](#) – Dr Hogan did not have anything much to add to his reports but mentioned that for year ending March 2019 the area team will allow a 4% carry over of UDA above contract value and the additional UDAs will be paid for. This follows the decision to allow the Area Team some flexibility in how the Statement of Financial Entitlement is interpreted. It is a consequence of having additional UDAs following the voluntary contract reduction exercise across KSS that the area team cannot recommission in the short time scales they have. This will not be repeated next year.

Further to his written report Dr Hogan mentioned more information regarding bariatric chairs. Commissioning packets are in UDA lots of 3500, 7000 and 21000. Any lot of 7000 and above will be offered a bariatric chair funded by the commissioners. The bariatric chair range for GDS is deemed to be above 20 stone and below 28 stone as most chairs can take up to 20 stones. Patients over 28* stone can be referred to the salaried services for their special wide fit bariatric chairs. There are no funds available for existing providers to apply for capital for bariatric chairs as the funding stream for the commissioners is only for new contracts. *[Secretary's note: Subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed that the referral weight limit is patients weighing 21st (*approx* 133kg) or more]

(v) SE Coast LDS (Channel Group) – Dr Unter did not have anything to report as he had not attended any meetings. Next meeting is due on Monday 14th January

(b) DentalLine [\[Report attached Item 7b\]](#) – Dr Davies said that she was pleased to report that their use of antibiotics has decreased with an increase in treatment and they have altered their documentation and processes to align with the National Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme. She carries out regular audits.

(c) Dental Practice Advisors – Reports – A very detailed report from Dr Hymas was submitted. [\[Report attached for LDC on Nada Conference Item 7 \(c\)\]](#)

8. 8. HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Dr Elder did not attend and there was no report submitted.

9. ORTHODONTIC MATTERS [\[Report Item 9 attached\]](#)

Dr Sheridan's report was attached. She advised that she was now due to attend meetings of the orthodontic MCN. Her first meeting due on 6th February.

Dr Sheridan commented that Daniel Burford emailed her to advise that DVH no longer comes up on DERS/Vantage Rego as an option for referral. This happened following a meeting with the commissioners. Currently it is planned that orthodontic services will cease at DVH from 1st April 2019. Any new referrals should be made to MMH or if more convenient QMH Sidcup. If the latter the referral may have to go to Kings in the first instance for triage as orthodontic services at QMH are provided by Kings; however, he believed in the future QMH will be an option on the system. **Action:** Dr Unter to write to Annie to express concerns that we have lost a great service and not to the benefit of the patients. Many children have to come out of school to have their orthodontic work carried out and will now have to travel miles which is not practical or helpful. Also they had not been consulted and why?

Dr Hogan added here that orthodontic practices who have lost contracts can still accept patients until the 1st April 2019 but will stop receiving new referral from 6th March 2019.

10. SALARIED DENTAL SERVICES

(a) East Kent – [\[Report attached Item 10\(a\)\]](#).

A report was attached from Dr June Willis-Lake.

(b) West Kent – [\[Report attached Item 10\(b\)\]](#).

A report from Dr Sarah Davies was attached.

11. ORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT (OHI) MCN [\[Report attached Item 11\]](#)

Dr Hogan reported under this item but apologised to Drs Willis-Lake and Davies that it would have been more appropriate if he had let them look at his report before submitting it.

Dr Willis-lake reported that one of the things that they were looking at doing was going out to local schools to engage with children. They would like to take goodie bags with them but funding has been slashed by the KCC which means that they have to foot the bill for this. Unfortunately, the LDC cannot change the budget of the KCC.

12. GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE: REPORT OF KENT REPRESENTATIVE [\[Report attached Item 12\]](#)

Dr Hartle was unable to be present at tonight's meeting but submitted a report from the BDA on a meeting held on 5th October 2018.

13. LMC REPORT

(a) LOC/LPC/LDC/LMC Joint meeting [\[Report attached Item 13\(a\)\]](#)

Dr Hogan had submitted a detailed report regarding his recent meeting with the joint Representative Committees. Dr N Patel raised concerns regarding Heales and needlestick injuries due to the length of time a person was left before treatment was offered. It was advised that any person sustaining a needlestick injury should go immediately to their nearest hospital where they should be offered treatment straight away. **Action:** Dr Unter will request a report from Heales via NHSE following on from other complaints and to challenge them on the service they are providing.

(b) LMC Meeting [\[Report attached Item 13 \(b\)\]](#) – Dr Nugent had attended a meeting on 8/11/2018. The next LMC meeting is 31/1/2019.

14. KLDC WEBSITE (<https://kldc.org.uk>)

Dr Unter has a lot of work in updating the website. Alison Cross has helped recently updating the section on Counselling Information which will be published shortly. Dr Unter mentioned that there was a Deanery course on Health and Wellbeing the following weekend at Gatwick.

15. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Dr Shivji reported that the Deanery did some restructuring in November and Peter Briggs is now the Post-Graduate Dean. There will be four centres for KSS - Canterbury, Chichester, Guildford and Queen Victoria. They are losing Haywards Heath.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 3rd April 2019 (AGM) – Holiday Inn Rochester

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

FUTURE DATES: Wednesday, 3rd July 2019 and

Wednesday 9th October 2019