KLDC Minutes July 2021

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE KENT LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th JULY 2021 AT 6.00 PM AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON "ZOOM" DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Present: Drs Barham, Bhatti, Batistoni, P Chopra, R Chopra, Davies, Elder, Hartle, Hogan, Kolozvari, Lone, Mauthe, Myint, Nugent, A Patel, M Patel, V Patel, Raghava, Sheridan, Shivji, Smith, Unter, Winstone and Wood.
Observers: No observers were present.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dr Hogan welcomed members to the 74th KLDC meeting. He advised that there were no observers present at the meeting. Apologies were received from Drs Banvir, Hamill, N Patel, Ramamoorthy and Willis-Lake.

2. LAST MEETING, 31ST MARCH, 2021 (AGM) – Held "virtually"

(a) Confirmation of Minutes – {Report Attached} There were a few minor amendments to the minutes otherwise they were approved. The corrected minutes will be unloaded onto the KLDC website.
(b) Matters Arising – (Pg2) - Dr Unter has written two emails and one letter to (new member) Dr Lesnyak regarding attendance and reiterated that the constitution states if you miss three consecutive meetings you are automatically removed from the committee. To date, Dr Unter has not received a reply. (Pg4) – The expense claim form was circulated after the meeting by the clerk as requested. (Pg 5) - PASS – Dr Hartle was to report any changes across England; however, there has been nothing yet to report. Dr Hogan said that he had put together a training module if anyone was interested in being a PASS facilitator. (Pg6 14b) – Dr Davies was to share patient details about a motor neurone patient with Dr Willis-Lake. Dr Davies advised that she had not yet done this.

3. NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) News From Scotland - Dr Sheridan
(b) Dr Shivji – Cardio-vascular disease ~ Finding in General Practice (Presentation)
Dr Shivji delivered a short presentation on Cardio-vascular disease and its place in dentistry. He explained that it is the biggest cause of premature mortality in the older population, many of whom are just over 40 and with many patients with atrial fibrillation and high blood pressure being undiagnosed. During Covid the figures could be a lot higher. He talked about the impact of obesity, diabetes and lifestyle improvements and how dentists could collaborate with cardiologists to review patients. If there is a case finding by the dentist, patients can then be referred on to the GP. It would not be the responsibility of the dentist to treat the patient. Dr Shivji advised that he has a seat on the clinical leadership group. He explained that the pilot is HEE and NHSE CVD funded and that after the pilot has ended, it would be an addendum to the contract rather than being part of it. He explained patients would have their blood pressure taken with a blood pressure monitor which detects AF. There was an underspend of £7 million in dentistry but unfortunately Covid took all of this funding. Dr Shivji is putting together a training package with senior nurses and to make sure that indemnifiers are happy with it. Pharmacists are currently being paid between £12 and

£15 per patient for this service. Dr Shivji asked if anyone was interested in further information on this pilot to email him on England.cvd.dentist@nhs.net.

4. SECRETARY

(a) Correspondence – (not reported elsewhere) – Dr Unter advised that as usual he would report on matters as they appear on the agenda.
(b) Report of Meetings (not reported elsewhere) - Dr Unter again advised that he would report meetings as they appear on the agenda. He advised that he had attended a Peer Review webinar for referral pathways in West Sussex. The presentation team has offered to do the same for Kent and a date of 14th October has been pencilled in.
(c) Annual Report – This has been sent out electronically with the updated email list used during covid. .

(d) Future meetings - Dr Unter advised that the meetings on "zoom" had received good attendance but that our usual meeting room at the Holiday Inn (pre-Covid) had been taken over by the HM Government Courts. All meetings for this and next year had been cancelled by the hotel. After some negotiation Dr Unter had managed to secure the existing planned meeting dates to now be held at the Bridgewood Hotel (located less than 0.6 mile from the Holiday Inn). He asked members how they felt with regards to future meetings and whether they had a preference to a physical meeting, "Zoom" meeting or a combination of both. An online (Zoom) vote took place and it was agreed by 73% of members that they preferred to have a split of physical and "Zoom". This would allow for members to attend virtually if they had other meetings to go to on the same evening and would mean that they could join a virtual meeting without the need to travel. Dr Winstone said that due to all the meetings being held virtually travel costs had decreased with a saving of around £3000. Hotel meeting venues did not seem to have available "in house" virtual meeting equipment yet. It therefore seemed sensible to buy a virtual meeting camera like a Meeting Owl Professional. Expenses which would be saved over time would mean that this equipment would cover its cost. A second voting ballot took place to see if members agreed or disagreed to the purchase of meeting room hardware. It was agreed by 100% of members that we should purchase the necessary equipment.

5. TREASURER

(a) Report – {Report Attached} Dr Winstone advised that the money was being received and that we had sufficient funds to honour the first quarter payments with a healthy continency reserve. He advised that despite Barclays increasing their bank charges from £6.50 to £8.50 this tariff has not changed for several years and as we do not pay any cheques in or out and we do not bank cash, he advised we accept this change which was agreed.
(b) Statutory Levy – {Report Attached x2 - Item_5_b_BDA_BEN_Fund_letter_of_thanks.pdf & Item_5_b_Dentists_Health_Support_Trust_Donation_2020_2021.pdf } Two thank you letters were received from the BDA Benevolent Fund and The Dentists Health Support Trust for donations made by the KLDC. Nothing yet has been received from The British Dental Guild and Dr Winstone has written to them asking them if they would like to share their accounts.

Dr Hogan advised that during the pandemic they had received many enquiries from private practices seeking help and turning to the KLDC website as they had no other source to turn

to. He felt that the KLDC should welcome private practitioners and suggested we set an equivalent charge to that paid by colleagues from the levy of around £15 a month.
Action: Dr Unter is looking at putting a suitable post onto the KLDC website welcoming private practitioners, this would also include dentists who are getting rid of their NHS Contract(s).

6. NHS ENGLAND MATTERS

(a) NHS England SE & NHS IMPROVEMENT (NHSE/I) – {Report Attached x2 - 6a - UDC_RSGRReport1_May21 - 6a UDC_RSGReport2_Jun21} Action: Dr Unter has a copy of a paper titled "Developing Statutory Integrated Care Systems" published by NHSE/I covering the SE of England. Dr Davies asked if he would kindly forward her a copy.
(i) (a) Kent Local Dental Network (LDN) – {Report Attached} A copy of the minutes for the Kent, Surrey and Sussex LDN was attached.
(i) (b) Orthodontic MCN & Orthodontic – Dr Sheridan advised that she had not attended any meetings and explained that there was to be a re-organisation and she was not sure if there will be an LDC Representative in the future.
(i) (c) Oral Health Improvement {Report Attached}
(i) (d) Restorative MCN – Dr Wood advised that she had nothing to report but that the next meeting was in September.
(i) (e) Routine Dental Care MCN {Report Attached}
(i) (f) Urgent Care; Oral Surgery & Special Care MCNs – A summary of the recent MCNs reports were included at item 6(a)(i)(a) There is an LDN next Wednesday which Dr Unter will be attending.
(i) (g) – Kent Infection Prevention & Control Antimicrobial Stewardship (KIPCAS) – {Report Attached} Dr Hogan advised that there is a new AMR Group for KSS and he has been invited to attend. He advised that they are putting together an AMR programme
(ii) Dental Electronic Referral Services (DERS)– Dr Winstone advised that there had been some meetings of user groups in the Hants/Isle of Wight areas to discuss DERs.

(iii) KSS Performance Advice group (PAG) – Dr Unter advised that there was a meeting tomorrow and that cases were still being processed efficiently .
(iv) KSS Performers List Decision Panel (PLDP) – Dr Hogan advised that he had not attended a meeting since the KLDC last met and therefore he had nothing to report.
(v) LDC Liaison Group – Dr Hogan advised that Drs Unter, Winstone and himself had just attended a two hour meeting. He had to leave before the end of the meeting so that he could be at the KLDC meeting. He advised that Kent and Medway have handed back some 34,000 UDAs with a number of contract holders terminating their contracts. They are receiving enquiries from dentists regarding asking to hand back their contracts in the SE region. He felt that the liaison group was very useful and our only real regular direct contact with the NHSE/I commissioners now.
(vi) SE Coast LDCs (Channel Group) – {Report Attached x2 -
Item_6_a_vi_BDA_Regional_Liaison_Group_meeting_04Jun21.pdf /
Item_6_a_vi_SE_Coast_Channel_Group_01Jun21.pdf }Dr Unter advised that it was important to read these reports to know what is going on.
(b) DentaLine – {Report Attached} Dr Davies advised that they are now re-opening their remaining clinic in Canterbury and just sorting out the ventilation.
(c) Dental Practice Advisors – Reports – Dr Shivji advised that he had been involved in

complaints, practice visits on new sites and contract groups. Dr Winstone advised that he has been involved in triaging endodontics, practice visits and managed clinical networks.

7. PASS

Dr Unter advised that he had been involved in a couple of cases where colleagues needed support. One particularly urgent case had had prompt support by Annie Godden which was reassuring. This was subsequent to an adverse CQC practice visit. Dr Unter said that he felt it was a really positive group and showed the ability to give prompt support and advice to a colleague in some significant difficulty.

8. HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Dr Elder said that he was busier than ever with all the delayed cancer cases. He was disappointed with the quality of the referrals and felt that it needed the senior clinicians to step in with more effective triage of cases. He said it would be nice to think that referrals are not being sent in just for the sake of it rather than passing them on.
Dr Winstone said that 75% of the endodontic referrals are being refused because they do not say what the problem is. Also that X-rays do not match. Alison Cross is looking at the algorithms. Dr Elder said that he would like the clinicians to be in the room so that he can ask why a patient has been referred!
A discussion took place and Dr Hogan wanted to know how this can be solved. He said that providers had medico-legal culpability to provide appropriate care. He felt that this meeting was not the place to solve this problem.

9. REPORT OF THE LDC CONFERENCE – held "virtually" on Saturday, 12th June 2021

{Report Attached x3 Item_9_LDC_Annual_Conference_Saturday_12Jun21.pdf /
Item_9_LDC_CONFRENCE_2021_MOTIONS.pdf /
Item_9_Report_on_the_2021_LDC_Annual_Conference_additional_paper.pdf } Drs Batistoni, Hartle (GDPC), Hogan, Smith, Unter and Winstone attended the conference. Dr Hogan thanked Dr Batistoni for her report and interpretation of the conference. There were over 280 attendees. All but one of the motions were voted through. Unfortunately a lot of the side discussions were lost because it was not a physical conference and the software did not facilitate this type of interaction. This was something which was fed back. There is possible contract reform from the 1st April 2022.

10. SALARIED DENTAL SERVICES

(a) East Kent – {Report Attached} Dr Willis-Lake was unable to attend the meeting and she did not provide a report. It was mentioned that she has been using electric hand pieces (which avoids aerosol generation). Graduates are also using these in training and it seems to be an effective way of avoiding AGPs. Dr Davies added that you can actually do quite a lot with them.
(b) West Kent – {Report Attached} Dr Davies said that she was frustrated with the quality of the referrals and said that ultimately it was the patient who missed out. She felt there needs to be a way for the system to work for everyone. She has already reached out to Alison Cross and has not yet heard back. She said that sometimes 3 referrals were sent for the same patient which was a complete waste of time. Education does not seem to work. She asked that providers pick up the phone if they are not sure. Dr Lone advised that he was struggling with the referral of a patient who was originally sent to Gibraltar House and who

actually needs to go to the Hospital. Rego said they would pass this referral on but as yet nothing has been done. Action: Dr Winstone asked that Dr Lone send him the details so that he can look into this.

11. GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE: REPORT OF KENT REPRESENTIVE(S)
https://kldc.org.uk/gdpc-reports
Dr Hartle's reports were uploaded onto her web page. She added that she had not seen Dr Lesnyak and he had not attended any of the GDPC meetings. She said that there was evidence of an increase in costs especially in multiple practices from 2019 to 2020, which was not just for clinical waste and PPE. She advised that they were having a vote to have protected seats for younger dentists (on the GDPC) and she would be interested to hear everyone's opinions. They were anticipating many contracts being handed back. There was a problem getting extra small gloves.

12. LMC REPORT
(a) LMC Report {Report Attached}
(b) LMC/LDC/LPC Officials Meeting {Report Attached}
There was nothing further to add to the reports.

13. KLDC WEBSITE
Dr Unter advised that the website had been updated and that the Covid advice had been amended.

14. EDUCATION AND TRAINING – DENTAL FOUNDATION TRAINING ~ {Report Attached Click Here}
Dr Shivji advised that the new skills laboratory had opened in Canterbury and would like to know what courses members would like to be included.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 6th October 2021 – this will be held at Bridgewood Manor Hotel, Walderslade Woods Road, ME5 9AX and by Zoom. Details will be sent to members nearer the time.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
NHS Decision to remove all patient Charges (Scotland) – Dr Sheridan advised that this decision has not gone down well in light of the already severely stretched NHS underpayment for existing NHS Items of treatments and most clinicians would prefer a properly funded core service.

FUTURE DATES: Wednesday, 12th January 2022
Wednesday, 6th April 2022 (Note: Easter Sun 17th April)
Wednesday, 6th July 2022 and
Wednesday, 5th October 2022