KLDC Minutes Apr22

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING (AGM) OF THE KENT LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL 2022 AT 6.00 PM AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON “ZOOM”

Present: Drs Barham, Banvir, Batistoni, P Chopra, R Chopra, Davies, Elder, Hamill, Hogan, Mauthe, Momin, Myint, Nugent, A Patel, M Patel, Power, Raghava, Sheridan, Smith, Unter, Winstone and Wood.

Observers: There were no observers present at this evening’s meeting.

The current secretary (Dr J M Unter) took items 1 - 3(a) of the agenda

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE AGM AND WELCOME TO OBSERVERS

Dr Unter welcomed everyone to the 77th meeting and AGM of the KLDC. He advised that they would be electing officers and committee representatives at tonight’s AGM Meeting. He said that there were no observers present at the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Drs Bhatti, Hartle, Kolozvari, Lone, N Patel, U Patel, V Patel, Shivji and Willis-Lake.

3. APPOINTMENTS

(a) Chair: – Dr Unter thanked Dr Hogan for his previous service as Chair. Dr Hogan indicated that he would be willing to stand for a further term. Nominations were sought by Dr Unter. Dr Hogan was **proposed** by Dr Banvir and **seconded** by Dr R Chopra. There were no other nominations therefore Dr Hogan was **re-elected unopposed**.
Dr Hogan advised that this really would be his last year as Chair to the KLDC. He said that he was involved in a couple of projects which were still unfinished but that it had been an honour to serve as Chair for the last 20 years and thanked the committee for their continued support.

The secretary handed over to the new Chairman (Dr T Hogan) to take the remaining agenda items

(b) Vice-Chair (s): – nominations were sought by Dr Hogan.
Dr Wood was **proposed** by Dr Banvir and **seconded** by Dr Barham
Dr Nugent was **proposed** by Dr Banvir and **seconded** by Dr Batistoni
No other nominations were sought therefore Drs Wood and Nugent were **re-elected unopposed.**

4. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND HONORARIA

(a) Secretary – nominations were sought by Dr Hogan.
Dr Unter was **proposed** by Dr Smith and **seconded** by Dr Wood. There were no other nominations therefore Dr Unter was **re-elected unopposed**.
The Honoraria for Secretary was **agreed** at 70 sessions (no change) .
Dr Unter advised that this would also be his last year as after 31 years as Secretary it was time for another colleague to take over. A modest weekly time commitment would be needed to fulfil the role. Dr Winstone added that the work could easily be shared with a deputy secretary and not to be put off by the volume of work and emails that Dr Unter received. **Action:** Dr Unter requested that if anyone was interested in discussing the role further and perhaps shadowing for the next year to email him.
(b) Treasurer – nominations were sought by Dr Hogan.
Dr Winstone was **proposed** by Dr R Chopra and **seconded** by Dr Wood. No other nominations were sought therefore Dr Winstone was **re-elected unopposed.** The Honoraria for Treasurer was **agreed** at 12 sessions (no change).
(c) Chairman (Honoraria only)
The Honoraria for Chairman was **agreed** at 12 sessions (no change)
(d) Confirmation of co-opted members – Drs Elder, Davies, Power and Willis-Lake advised that they were happy to continue on the committee as co-opted members. Dr Hogan thanked them and said they the committee really valued their input and appreciated the time that they gave to the LDC. He said that although they were not able to vote they can claim for the meeting attendance and travel expenses at the prescribed rate.

5. REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEE [Attached - Click Here]

Dr Hogan gave a quick synopsis of each of the committees and the representees. Dr M Patel said that he would be happy to report on the Oral Surgery Forum/MCN as he already attended this meeting in his hospital role. Dr Sheridan said that she would be happy to represent the Orthodontic MCN if this should start up again. Otherwise there were no changes.

6. LAST MEETING, Wednesday, 12TH January 2022 – Held virtually on "zoom"

(a) Confirmation of Minutes [Attached - Click Here Minutes] Report of Action from minutes - Pg 2: Dr Sheridan to draft something to put on the KLDC website under the Ortho section - this has been done; Pg3: Dr Hogan advised he would put something together on AMR – this has been done. There were no other corrections.
Action: the minutes will be uploaded onto the KLDC website as usual.
(b) Matters Arising – there was no matters arising.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dr Banvir advised that he wanted to add an AOB regarding help for a colleague. Dr Hogan suggested that this could be discussed under PASS.

8. SECRETARY:

(a) Correspondence (not reported elsewhere) – Dr Unter advised that he had received some correspondence regarding retendering of an NHS Ortho contract in Dover which had previously been awarded but the successful bid had failed to proceed. He had sought a view from Dr Sheridan. The tender is for 11,000 UOAs – which apparently is only just enough for two dental chairs. He asked if anyone had any further views to email him and **Action:** he would respond to NHSE/I SE on behalf of the KLDC.
Dr Unter advised that the KLDC received an award from Healthwatch Kent & Medway. Dr Davies went along to the ceremony and received the award on behalf of the committee. The picture of her receiving the award was shared with members. He added that the Healthwatch recognition award can be used on our communications and headed notepaper if we wished.
Dr Hogan advised that the video presentation he and Healthwatch had taken part in is being used for training purposes. Dr Hogan had written a testimonial for Healthwatch to help with their renewal tender to KCC.
(b) Report of Meetings – All other matters will be reported where they appear on the agenda.
(c) Annual Report 2021/22 - draft for approval ~ {Attached} – The Secretary's element of the report states what has been done by the LDC over the last year. If Statutory Levy payers want to know what LDC members do [for them] they are asked to read the Annual Report which also includes financial matters and member details in its final publication format. The very recent Healthwatch award has been added since the draft was circulated to members. Dr Unter commented that inevitably the report contained some repetition from previous reports but that "churn" in dentists leaving and joining the Kent list meant that this information needed in part to be repeated. Dr Unter sought approval from the committee along with the Treasurer's report (Item 9(a) refers) to be published – which was **agreed** by members. Dr Hogan thanked Dr Unter once again for writing the report.

9. TREASURER

(a) Annual Report 2021/22 – this was tabled. Dr Winstone asked members to email him if they wanted a copy of the accounts - a copy will appear in the Annual Report. He explained that the time spent on LDC matters had increased and there was the cost of the "Owl" so that future meetings can be held virtually as well as in person. The cost of the Annual Conference had gone down as this was held virtually along with most of the KLDC meetings. He also explained that the KLDC carried insurance which covers everything they do but that fortunately so far they have not had to use it. He said that he was in the process of preparing next year's budget. He also added that he was keen to adopt the Guild rates but that this could increase and gave examples what that might be. He sought permission from the KLDC and this was **agreed** for him to hold off payment for members until the Guild Rate had been set which would be in a few days. The last date to submit was the 10th of the month. Since the successful development of virtual meetings it was agreed running a physical study day was not necessary but that we would support suitable webinars run as a group by the SE LDCs (for example).
(b) Donations to Ben Fund, BDGDHST and correspondence had been circulated with the papers. [Donations Attached Report]

10. NHS ENGLAND MATTERS

(a) NHS ENGLAND SE & NHS IMPROVEMENT (NHSE/I) [Attached Report] – Dr Hogan said that he was asked to help Kate Langford prepare for an interview for Chief Medical Officer for Kent & Medway Integrated Care Board (ICB) from the 1st July 2022. Dr Hogan said that he helped her by giving her information to support the role and she subsequently advised she had been successful securing the position. She wrote to thank him and said that she will set up a meeting with him once she is in the post. She looked at the KLDC website and thought that it was very Dr Winstone added that he felt Dr Langford was very approachable and was very pleased that she got the job. Healthwatch have expressed an interest to approach Dr Langford. **Action:** Dr Hogan will write a letter and will let the Committee know if he gets a response.
(i) Unscheduled Care Recommissioning Steering Group [Attached Report] – Dr Hogan advised that currently the group are focussing on 3 specifications; In Hours, Out-of-Hours (F2F) and Out-of-Hours initial triage (but not F2F). The Out-of-Hours non-F2F is known as the Dental CAS (Clinical Assessment Group) and currently includes providers such as 111. Currently the focus of the Task and Finish Group is on the CAS Specification. There was a debate with the Task and Finish group as to whether triage should be able to remotely prescribe antibiotics. There was concern over patients who present with swelling and who cannot have treatment until the swelling has gone down and whether CAS should be allowed to prescribe (remotely). It was felt that there needed to be governance in place and that Neil Sikka and the Urgent Care MCN will be beneficial in feeding into this group. Dr Davies also agreed that some governance was required otherwise some patients will not be offered emergency treatment and will have to wait. She said that DentaLine did prescribe remotely and because of AAA are still able to do so. **Action**: Dr Hogan said that he would mention this at tomorrow's meeting.
(ii) (a) Kent Local Dental Network (LDN) [Attached Report] – Dr Unter reported that the last meeting was the 23rd February and the report attached were the joint notes made by himself and Dr Tarnowski (Chair W Sx LDC). Alison Cross (NHSE/I SE) presented some data regarding the extra funding for emergency care in Q4 that had been made available. These sessions had to be provided outside usual contracted surgery hours ie evenings and weekends. Despite NHSE/I SE contacting practices, inevitably take up had been modest. If sessions are not undertaken before the end of March 2022 this extra funding will be lost. The next meeting is in June and will be F2F in Horley.
(ii)(b) Orthodontic MCN & Orthodontics [Attached Report] – Dr Sheridan commented that the last meeting was cancelled at short notice. This was a shame as she had had to cancel patients and would have to be careful not to move the same patients twice. The BOS IOTN app has been a useful resource to signpost referring GDPs for several years. However, technology does move on and the app in its current form is likely to stop working over the coming months. This may well be a funding issue – but the BOS are currently looking at alternatives to replace this.
Dr Hogan was not sure what the life span was for the MCN's in general (due to imminent NHS reorganisation) but felt that it would be beneficial if they could get it up and running again.
(ii)(c) Oral Health Improvement MCN – Dr Wood advised that there had not been a meeting since the KLDC last met, therefore there was nothing to report.
(ii)(d) Restorative MCN – Dr Wood's advised there had not been a meeting and there was nothing further to add.
(ii)(e) Routine Dental Care MCN [Attached Report] – Dr Smith advised that there was

nothing else to report.
(ii)(f) Urgent Care; Oral Surgery & Special Care MCNs – Dr Unter reported that there was nothing substantial to add since the last meeting other than what was already noted in his report (Item 10(a)(ii) refers).
(ii)(g) KSS Antimicrobial Prescribing Network (KSSAPN) – Dr Hogan advised that he had written two applications for antibiotic funding. Neither of them has been approved. He asked three dentist colleagues if they were to carry out a data collection for an AMR audit what they felt would be a reasonable amount to be paid if this required a collection of two lots of data. He was surprised that they said £500, £1000 and £1500 respectively. This was disappointing because antibiotic audits are something all dentists should be doing anyway.
(iii) Dental Electronic Referral Service (DERS) – Dr Winstone said that he had not spoken to Alison Cross recently and that Vantage had been sold to new owners NEC Software Solutions (Summer 2021) .
(iv) KSS Performance Advisory Group (PAG) – Dr Unter reported that the next meeting was next Thursday 14th April.
(v) KSS Performers List Decision Panel (PLDP) – Dr Hogan said that there was nothing specific to report.
(vi) LDC Liaison Group – [Attached Report] - Dr Unter said that he had attached notes prepared by himself and Dr Tarnowski (W Sx LDC). There are 9 LDCs in this liaison group. He felt that the overall quality of the meeting was poor due to the wide range of matters covered at a superficial level with little chance for detailed discussions. Inevitably there are different agendas across the patch. The meetings tended to be arranged at the last minute. It was however currently the only way LDCs are able to speak directly to the commissioners.
(vii) SE Coast LDCs (Channel Group) [Attached Report] – Dr Unter advised that the last meeting was in February. The discussion topics are always wide ranging with comparisons of individual and joint problems across KSS. The next meeting is in mid-May 2022.
(b) DentaLine [Attached Report] – Dr Davies said that they were trying to recruit more dentists for DentaLine and asked if anyone knew any dentists who had lots of energy and time to let her know. Dr Elder said that he had some keen DCTs who might be interested and would refer to Dr Davies. **Action**: Dr Power said that he would put a message up on the East Kent WhatsApp group. Dr Hogan suggested it might be worth mentioning the remuneration.
(c) Dental Practice Advisors – Reports:
Dr Hamill said that she had been busy as usual. She had been involved in PAG, complaints, Ortho and record card reviews.
Dr Winstone said that he had been dealing with a lot of complaints about access. There have been a lot of dentists new to the NHS or returners. He has been involved in Ortho appeals and second courses of treatment, Endo triage and restorative.
Dr Shivji was not at the meeting but had been involved in some complaint reviews and record card reviews.

11. THE LDC CONFERENCE – to be held on Thursday 9th (dinner) and Friday, 10th June (Conference) at the International Conference Centre, Newport, Wales

(a) Members attending the dinner and conference – (Members had been circulated by the Secretary seeking expressions of interest prior to tonight's meeting). Drs Batistoni, Hogan, Shivji and Smith attend as members and Drs Hartle and Wood as GDPC Representative(s). Dr

Hogan said that he had requested the BDA for Kent members to share a table with Hampshire and IoW LDC.
(b) Motions for Submission – there were no motions submitted.

Action: Dr Smith volunteered to provide a report of the Conference to submit with the July minutes.

12. PASS

Dr Hogan advised that he had recently been involved in a PASS case. Unfortunately the practitioner had given a limited response despite much effort. The PASS case has now been closed. He added that you cannot always make the dentist do what is required.

Dr Banvir said that he had a patient who was a qualified dentist in Hong Kong but working here as a hygienist and struggling to get on the register and needed assistance. Drs Hogan and Winstone advised the correct process to get on the Performers List. Dr Winstone added that if dentists were having problems getting their evidence that they should contact NHS England.

13. HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Dr Elder explained that he has managed to source funding for three more surgeries in his department in Ashford. He said that he had enough dentists and consultants as well as patients. Subsequent to a question from Dr Unter, he advised that the patient car park at the William Harvey Hospital has been re-tarmacked and the "Nightingale Hospital" has been taken down. Dr Hogan thanked Dr Elder for giving up his time to the KLDC.

14. SALARIED DENTAL SERVICES

(a) East Kent – [Attached Report] – Dr Willis-Lake was unable to attend the meeting therefore there was nothing further to add to her report.
(b) West Kent [Attached Report] – Dr Davies reported that they are actively recruiting and they are doing their best to manage patient expectation. They are struggling to get access with GA as this is very limited. The joint paediatric clinic is up and running in Medway and is working effectively.

15. GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE: REPORT OF KENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)

https://kldc.org.uk/gdpc-reports (see website)

Dr Wood advised that there was nothing new to report. There was to be a meeting in May and an election for the different subgroups. Dr Hogan commented that he was glad that they now had two representatives for Kent.

16. LMC REPORT

(a) LMC Report – Dr Winstone said that there was nothing of note to report.
(b) LMC/LDC/LPC Officials Meeting - Dr Unter advised that the next meeting is in May.

17. **KLDC WEBSITE https://kldc.org.uk**

Dr Unter advised that he had been busy updating the website – particularly the section on Covid requirements and practice support. There is also a new document from SDCEP on anticoagulants, an update to availability of Hep B vaccines in Kent pharmacies and a copy of Dental Services 2021/22 year end arrangements.

He requested as usual that if anyone has anything to add or notes that something is out of date to please let him know.

18. **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Dr Shivji was unable to attend but Dr Mauthe reported that there had been issues with the courses in the KSS areas and that they had not been taken up by practitioners. Foundation training was about to start with the restarting of trainers this week.

19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is at 6pm on Wednesday 6th July 2022 at the Bridgewood Manor Hotel, Walderslade Woods Road, ME5 9AX and virtually by "zoom".

FUTURE DATES: Wednesday, 5th October 2022

Dates for 2023

- Wednesday, 11th January 2023
- Wednesday, 5th April 2023
- Wednesday, 5th July 2023
- Wednesday, 4th October

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