MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY - SECOND MEETING OF THE KENT LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY5TH JULY AT 6.00 PM AT THE BRIDGEWOOD MANOR HOTEL, WALDERSLADE WOODS ROAD, ME5 9AX AND VIRTUALLY ON "ZOOM"

Present: Drs Arinze (v), Batistoni, R Chopra, Davies (v), Hamill, Hartle, Kolozsvari, Mauthe, Nugent, O'Sullivan, Muneer Patel, Uj Patel (v), Raghava, Ramamoorthy, Shivji, Unter, Winstone, Willis-Lake (v), Wood

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
   Apologies for absence were received from Drs Bhatti, Hogan, Myint, Nash Patel, Smith and Tracy Moynes (Clerk)

2. LAST MEETING, 13TH APRIL (AGM) -at the Bridgewood Manor Hotel and via "Zoom"
   a. Conformation of Minutes - {Attached Report} The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with minor alterations and corrections and will be uploaded to the KLDC meeting by Dr Batistoni
   b. Matters Arising – from item 6, co-option for Ortho MCN; two vacancies on East Kent LDC (Surinder said he had approached someone but they were not interested.)
      Item 7 Accounts for last year have been reviewed by Ken Hymas,
   Item 7 "Meeting Owl" handover was completed between Dr Unter and Dr Batistoni
   Item 9(a) sessional payments in other areas, Dr Hartle has provided information and this will be raised at the upcoming LDN meeting on 19th July 2023
   Item 16(a) Dr Shivji in touch with Health and Equality Team and suggested he would help with a template for the ICB to help access Health and Equality Fund,
   Item 19 Dr Batistoni still to provide photo for website.

3. NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS
   To discuss arrangements for a possible LDC Committee Meal.

4. SECRETARY
   a. Dr Batistoni reported on correspondence received from KCC relating to veterans accessing dental treatment and whether there is a veteran friendly accreditation for dental practices similar to GP practices (such a scheme does not exist for dental practices).
      West Sussex LDC have been in touch looking for interest in a joint core CPD event. Suggestions for a whole day, F2F with six speakers, located possibly at Gatwick were discussed. Agi to be asked for a quote on costs as LDCs would be covering costs. Discussion around a Saturday event, virtual had been a success in the past. Committee **voted** by a show of hands in **favour** of it remaining a virtual event as more accessible to all. Location, cost and lost time from surgery being cited as reasons. Noted GDC about to publish a change in CPD core elements on 25th July **Action:** Dr Batistoni to feedback to West Sussex
   b. All other reports to be addressed later in the meeting where they appear in the agenda

5. TREASURERS REPORT {Attached Report1} {Attached Report1}
   Letter from Ken Hymas attached as he has reviewed and approved the accounts. As previously agreed he had been paid a session for his help. Dr Winstone confirmed all payments were up to date. An updated Payments from the KLDC Account Report has been submitted for approval by the committee. The document will be circulated to

members. The expenses claim form has been updated and is to be submitted by email to Dr Winstone in a timely manner after meetings.

6. KENT AND MEDWAY INTEGRATED CARE BOARD (ICB) {Attached Report}
A written report was circulated further to a meeting with the ICB and LDC representatives. A proposed listening event for dentists has been put forward by the ICB as this has been a success in other areas (E & W Sussex – which had been attended by Dr Mauthe and Shivji). Discussion around timing of this event and how to invite all relevant parties – members felt an evening or possibly a Saturday event would attract more attendees *inc* DCPs. CDS asked to be included, whole dental team should be able to express opinions. LDC will be in attendance. It was suggested that we try and shape the agenda for this event to get most out of it. Members felt we need to capitalise on communication with the ICB and colleagues.

7. NHS ENGLAND MATTERS
(a) NHS England SE {Attached Report} A report was attached and the new 90% tolerance of target for year end was highlighted. The GDC v Williams case judgement and implications for mixing NHS and private treatment were also highlighted.
(a)(i) Unscheduled Care Recommissioning Steering Group – there has been no meeting since last time
(a)(ii)(a) Local Dental Network {Attached Report}– there was nothing to add to the written report provided by Dr Batistoni
(a)(ii)(b) Orthodontic MCN – there is currently no orthodontic representative on the LDC and no LDC representative on the MCN, so nothing to report
(a)(ii)(c) Oral Health Improvement MCN {Attached Report} The chair thanked Dr Arinze for her written report. Dr Arinze added that she had not been sure who all of the speakers were but mentioned DentAid operating in Maidstone (as discussed at a previous LDC meeting) and new OH promotion initiatives being proposed
(a)(ii)(d) Restorative MCN – no meeting has been held since the last LDC meeting
(a)(ii)(e) Routine Dental Care MCN {Attached Report} – Dr Smith had provided a written report but was no present this evening so there was nothing further to add.
(a)(ii)(f) Urgent Care, Oral Surgery and Special Care MCNs. {Attached Report} A written report on Oral Surgery was provided by Dr Muneer Patel. Additionally discussed procurement Clinical Governance Survey on Out of Hours Oral Surgery provision. Urgent and Special Care were covered by the LDN Report at item 7(a)(ii)(a)
(a)(ii)(g) KSSAPN {Attached Report} – a written report was received from Dr Hogan and he was commended for this work.
(a)(iii) DERS Dr Winstone reported that there have been no recent changes for Kent. Alison Cross is working on the Cancer referral pathway and 2WW.
(a)(iv) KSS Performance Advisory Group (PAG) – Cases are confidential, preventing in depth reporting to the LDC. The nest meeting is next week and Dr Batistoni will attend along with Dr Unter as an observer as she will be taking over this role in due course. The Clinical Advisers also reported that they are sorting out many issues preventing them reaching the point of requiring attendance at PAG. The Framework Guidance Consultation for PLDP and PAG has just closed, and a new NHSE Guidance Document proposal should be issued in a few weeks.
(a)(v) KSS Performers' List Decision Panel (PLDP) – Dr Hogan will be retiring from this role as the process is now under review. Karen Crossland has retired and Jeniene Scott (Head of Professional Standards for NHS England South East) is taking over her role. Dr Unter has previously asked Karen Crossland (and now her replacement) to arrange Discipline Specific Practitioner Training for Dr Batistoni as she will be taking

over the PAG observer role. We wait to hear about the Framework Guidance document update which will influence this.

(a)(vi) LDC Liaison Group {Attached Report} – Written report was submitted by Dr Unter. Members discussed the contract reductions and contract hand backs. Kent had almost 90,000 UDAs returned. More accurate figures should be available shortly from Year End data. The awarded extra contracted (temporary) UDAs were not all completed.

There are attempts by the ICB's to avoid the dental underspend being lost from dentistry. ICB interested in ring fencing dentistry clawbacks. They will be flexible with commissioning and need inventive ideas. Dr Shivji said Yorks & Humber have already been awarded sessional rate of £645 for ring fenced money. **Agreed** he will contact Simon Henshaw for advice. A Peer review proposal from Dr Hogan had been discussed previously as well.

(a)(vii) SE Coast LDCs (Channel Group) – oral report from meeting on 23rd May attended by Drs Batistoni, Wood and Unter. It involves all the KSS LDCs sharing ideas. Two of the ICB commissioners attended. They commented they can only communicate via Provider email list, so Performers don't get opportunity to be involved. Louise Matthews is the main contact in Kent. ICB are keen to improve their communication with both Providers and Performers but GDPR is a barrier. Members asked to help disseminate information in their constituency.

(b) Dentaline {Attached Report}– Written report submitted - Sarah is currently recruiting for Canterbury Centre and asked committee to spread the word.

(c) Dental Practice Advisor Reports - Dr Hamill mentioned she was busy handling complaints, record card reviews, PAG meetings, and involved in RAG ratings for CQC report.

Dr Shivji is currently very busy with PLVE list entry requirements as this has now transferred form HEE to NHSE domain. There is an ongoing fraud case, DECOG and development issues.

Dr Winstone also involved with Performers List conditions and getting candidates on to the list. 12 European graduates were added in May and 8 in June. He also attends DECOG, MCNs, LDP and continues with Endo triage. Jeniene Scott is the new head of professional standards (as previously discussed) and is building good relationships with dental advisors and keen to sign off PLDP candidates asap. A lot of support still required and average time is still 12 months with conditions. Cases are always carefully reviewed by a clinical dental adviser first.

8. LDC CONFERENCE REPORT { Report 1 – Report 2 – Report 3 } – Conference was attended by Drs Batistoni, Hogan Shivji and Winstone along with Dr Ramomoorthy (as a special observer) and Drs Hartle and Wood (as GDPC reps). Two written reports were provided by Dr Batistoni and Dr Ramamoorthy, a first-time attendee and she was thanked for her report. Collaboration was a key conference word. Hot topics were new graduate tie-ins and huddle sheets for the practice team to set up supportive reflective meetings around patient safety and SEs. **Agreed** the Secretary would publish these on the KLDC website when they became available.

Members briefly discussed Conference motion 19 regarding dentists working a minimum period after completion of FD. The motion had been defeated. There was general opposition from members and a comment that there may not be a suitable job available in every case.

Jason Wong has taken over as acting CDO while Sara Hurley's replacement is recruited.

Attention was drawn to the LDC Unsung Heroes Awards – Drs Tim Hogan and Julian Unter were applauded by the committee as they had both received this award. Dr

Winstone was thanked by Dr Unter for writing the tribute at the Conference dinner for this.

9. PASS – PRACTITIONER ADVICE AND SUPPORT SCHEME
There have been no recent cases.

10. HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
The hospital representatives, Drs Elder/Power, were not at the meeting and no report had been submitted.

11. SALARIED DENTAL SERVICES
Reports for East {Attached Report} and West {Attached Report} Kent were circulated.
In East Kent Dr Willis-Lake added that the help desk for dental emergencies has recently been surveyed. Only 7 practices offering emergency slots for these referrals, only 1 practice taking new patients and 10 practices offering one course of treatment to patients who have not had recent access to an NHS practice. The Kent & Sussex dental Helpline had received 2252 calls in May this year. Problems with GA in East Kent continue – apparently the ICB can't get the Acute Trust agenda on table for discussion, both East and West Kent are working collaboratively to try and access theatre sessions, but patient lists are having to be managed as no sessions currently available. MCN is not making any progress with commissioners, unlike London area. There is availability at weekends in hospitals but no staff available. Lack of GA space. Patients being sent from Kent to London have to have a taxi provided and this erodes the budget. Multidrug sedation in primary care is prohibited by GDC Guidelines (has been raised at LDN)

In West Kent Dr Davies has similar issues and said they are only able to see 4 special needs patients each week for GA and they have 500 on the waiting list. The Junior doctors' strikes have had a huge impact on theatre lists and private options that have explored have not met the required criteria. **Action:** Dr Wood said she will mention the CDS issues to Louise Matthews (K&M ICN) at her next meeting. Sr Shivji suggested using the Core 20+5 NHSE Policy as leverage with the ICB for health inequality. However, the problem reported by the ICB is the difficulty communicating successfully with the Acute Trust(s).

12. GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE - Reports of May meeting uploaded to KLDC Website. GDC changes to ORE part 1 place numbers for August were mentioned. CQC new dental lead Rob Middlefell now replacing John Milne. Jason Wong acting CDO. Clawback level of 90% is in response to BDA lobbying. DDRB request for RPI plus 5% was rejected by DHSC, who offered 3.5%. Recruitment and workforce issues are hot topics. Tie-ins operational in Scotland discussed implications for England. Importance of engaging with ICBs nationally was a priority.
Next meeting is 6th October 2023

13. (a)LMC – {Attached Report} written report submitted by Dr Hogan who was unable to attend tonight's meeting
(b) Report attached by Dr Batistoni. {Attached Report} Dr Batistoni discussed meeting with LMC/LDC/LPC and the desire to engage and collaborate with the ICB. The need for us to integrate and assist in general health areas. E Kent already offering screening in Herne Bay for diabetes. Dr Shivji discussed the need to call it "case finding" and not "screening" as dental teams are not qualified to diagnose – only to facilitate onward referral. Through his involvement in CVD screening project, he offered how we could prioritise case finding with the ICB and access training and funding for

DCPs to provide this service through eligible practices. He felt it offered another career pathway for DCPs and would help with workforce retention. Dr Shivji offered to discuss this further with the Secretary.

14 KLDC Website – the website is regularly updated, reports and documents uploaded. Since our last meeting Dr Unter had published the Annual Report and updated the members pages etc. All suggestions welcomed.

15 Education and Training –

(a)DFT {Attached Report} written report from Dr Mauthe who highlighted the fact that 2 year FD pilots running. All FD places filled for new year in August. Therapists also involved in FT. He has been involved in Workforce issues and the Centres for Dental Development in areas of deprivation and need. This is part funded by ICB and NHS Workforce, Advisory Dental Care.

There was a discussion regarding co-opting a "Young Dentists Rep" for LDC. The committee could co-opt or simply invite an observer from new intake of FDs. Dr Unter reminded members of the allowances for co-options in the KLDC Constitution. Dr Mauthe to circulate information and invitations when new cohort start in August.

Peer review as proposed by Dr Hogan is to be discussed with ICB (this is in LDN report).

(b)Report from Dr Bhatti to be sent out but was read verbally to the meeting by the Secretary. Approx 50 attendees at their meetings now. Cases being discussed and mentor advice offered. They have a list of speakers arranged for the next year, which are listed in the report.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A Committee evening meal date and place was proposed to be organised by the secretary and committee to be informed with numbers confirmed on booking. The committee agreed with a show of hands for the meal to be arranged for a Friday evening in the autumn.
- A presentation made to the outgoing Secretary Julian Unter of a limited edition print. Words from Tim were read by the new secretary. Dr Unter thanked committee and said he would miss the many colleagues and friends he had made over 32 years as KLDC Secretary. The committee thanked and applauded his years of service.

Meeting ended at 8:10pm

Next Meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 4th October 2023 at Bridgewood Manor Hotel and by Zoom.