

**MINUTES OF THE FORTY- EIGHTH MEETING OF THE KENT LOCAL DENTAL
COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH JANUARY 2015**

AT 6.00 PM AT

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

Present: Drs Allen, Adesanya, Ahmad, Banvir, Bishop, Davies, Elder, Hartle, Hogan, Hymas, Newell, Nugent, Mahesh Patel, Nash Patel, Manoj Patel, Uj Patel, Sheridan, Shivji, Watts and Winstone.

Observers: Mary Henderson, Mynint Ye Kyaw, Filippos Matsakas and Davina Phillips

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Drs Adesanya, Chopra, Johnston, Kulkarni, Lynch, O'Sullivan, Unter and Walia.

Dr Hogan wished members a Happy New Year and gave a warm welcome to our new observers, Filippos Matsakas and Davina Phillips

Unfortunately Dr Unter was unable to attend this evening's meeting but provided a detailed report which was read by Dr Hogan.

2. LAST MEETING, WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2014

(a) Confirmation of Minutes - a few minor amendments were made to the minutes otherwise they were agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email John Noakes to upload onto the KLDC website.

(b) Matters Arising

Item 2 (b) Superannuation for IMOS providers – Dr Unter advised in his report that Annie Godden had received a response from Dental Services (DS). They concluded that earnings should be superannuable but unfortunately this will not work as they are only linked to providers and not individual performers: therefore, a solution needs to be sought. Dr Unter suspected that DS would need to go away and look at what else is possible with POL (Payments on Line). An answer was not received before Christmas but they were planning on raising this at tomorrow's National Leads Meeting. Dr Hogan presumed that there would be back pay, which would amount to two years. **Action:** Dr Watts will re-visit this at the next meeting in April.

Item 7 (b) LDC Special Conference – this will be reported under item 6.

Item 8 (b) (i) CQC Dental Co-production Workshop – this report was distributed and raised under item 4(b).

Item 8 (b) (iv) PLDP – correspondence will be reported under item 7 (b) (iv).

Item 11 (b) – West Kent Salaried Service – Referral template still awaited.

3. NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items to add to the agenda.

4. SECRETARY (report submitted by Dr Unter, read by Dr Hogan – chair)

(a) Correspondence received and written – to be reported as items appear on the agenda.

(b) Report of Meetings – CQC Dental Co-production workshop 13th October. Dr Hogan's reported was distributed. Dr Hogan reported that the idea of the workshop was to discuss with various stakeholders such as Denplan, LDC representatives and Contract holders, the CCQ plan to form a new practice inspection protocol which is better equipped at inspecting dental practices than the existing model. The new model has been cut down to 11 new regulations which include safe care and treatment, safeguarding from abuse and improper treatment, cleanliness, safety and suitability of premises and equipment fit and proper person, staffing, duty of candour, person centred care, consent, dignity and respect, complaints and good governance. These are to be looked at in key areas of safe, effective, caring, responsive and well led. The CQC also want to produce a new system of grading

practices such as outstanding, good, satisfactory and unsatisfactory which they would make available to the public following the inspection. This was unanimously thrown out by the dentists in the workshop as it was felt that this could be detrimental to the public since a practice should either be a pass or a fail. However the gradings could be used behind the scenes to help underperforming practices to improve. The new inspection will be trialled in November and December and will come into force in 2015. All inspections will include someone with specific dental knowledge.

- (c) Annual Report – Dr Unter’s report advised that his Annual Report will be presented in draft form at the next KLDC meeting. He requested that the committee contact him with any specific items they would like included in the report.
- (d) Notice of AGM (Wednesday, 15th April 2015) and Biennial Elections – a report was circulated with the agenda. Dr Hogan identified members who were due for re-election. He advised that there were 2 individual vacancies from the 2017 members in East and West Kent. Candidates polling a lower number of votes will be elected to shorter term vacancies once the 2015 to 2019 tranche are filled. Dr Hogan reminded members that in order to be re-elected they will need to submit a nomination paper when invited by the Returning Officer. Christopher Allen has kindly agreed to fulfil this role again.

5. TREASURER

- (a) Dr Winstone produced a report which was tabled. He advised that the insurance has been paid and the certificate has been received. He asked once again that members please put their names on their claim forms.
- (b) Statutory Levy – Each year the LDC make various payments to various organisations. It was proposed by Dr Winstone and agreed by Dr Hogan that we make a payment of £17,000 to the British Dental Guild (which is the same amount as last year) and make a payment of £6,000 to the Dentists Health Support Group. All members were in agreement that both of these were very good causes.
- (c) Voluntary Levy – it was proposed by Dr Winstone and agreed by Dr Hogan that we make a payment of £3,500 to the Dentists Benevolent Fund. Members agreed once again that this was a very worthy cause.

6. LDC OFFICIALS DAY AND SPECIAL CONFERENCE

Dr Hogan thanked Dr Ahmad once again for a very good report which was circulated with the minutes. The Special Conference motion which was passed unanimously with no abstentions was:

“This conference believes the GDC has failed in its role as the regulator for Dentistry in its current model, and demands a reformation of the GDC that will protect patients and re-establish the support of the dental profession”.

7. NHS ENGLAND AREA TEAM MATTERS

- (a) NHS England – there was nothing specific to report under this item.
- (b) Kent and Medway Area Team. This is to be renamed the South East Coast Area Team. Dr Allen reported here that the area teams of Surrey and Sussex were joining to become the South Area team. Felicity Cox would be the Operations Officer and from April there would be two offices in Tonbridge and Horley.
 - (i) Liaison Meeting & Local Update – There has not been a meeting with Annie Godden and Stephen Ingram. However, Annie does attend the quarterly Channel Group meeting where matters of concern are discussed.
 - (ii) Local professional Network (DLPN) – Dr Unter’s report advised that the last meeting he attended was on 10th December. The main topics discussed were: Superannuation payments to IMOS performers; Dental access in West Kent; Content of the revised Dental Referee; LPN Committee Structure – DCP and BDA Representation; Occupational Health – OH Works have had their contract extended until March 2016; Practice Checklist – this has still not been agreed by KLDC members; Public

Health England; Salaried Services and DentaLine; Restorative Dentistry; Dental Practices Advisors; Deanery; Dental Meetings and Committee – Kent Dental Advisory Committee have now disbanded and reformed as the Oral Health Promotion Network (OHPN); Orthodontic Clinical Network and Oral Surgery Clinical Network reports received.

- (iii) Kent Area Team performance Screening (PSG) – Dr Unter's report advised that formation of new committees has been agreed with the Area team. The committees for both PSG and PLDP involve KLDC representation although members no longer have voting rights. A recent PSG was cancelled at short notice.
- (iv) Kent Area Team Performers List Decision Panel (PLDP) - Training for LDC representation on this committee is being provided. Dr Mahesh Patel advised he had not received any information on training courses. **Action** Dr Hogan to contact Linden Rakestrow to send an appropriate email to Dr Patel.
- (v) SE Coast LDCs (Channel Group) – The last meeting was on 8th December but there was nothing to report.
- (c) DentaLine – Dr Davies reported that the facilities were still at Canterbury Hospital and the responsibility of the appropriateness of these facilities was with the NHS Property Services. The changes required needed to be made at director level. Negotiations were taking place at the highest level with NHS Property services. They were going through major re-organisation themselves.
- (d) Dental Practice Advisors – Reports
 - (i) East Kent – Dr Hymas reported that he is now back to a whole day a week whereas in the previous year he was doing a half day. He has attended the usual meetings starting with the PSG monthly meeting in January and area team complaints.
 - (ii) Dr Bishop reported on the new check list and advised (in his opinion) that the 3 months' notice period for inspection should be more than adequate to request the practice manager/manageress to prepare and make sure that there was nothing outstanding for the inspection.
 - (iii) Dr Winstone reported that he had sent in a record card check recently but had heard nothing back yet and nothing had been done. There are to be staff redundancies in the Area Team and this brought into question who could accompany them on their inspections.

8. REPORT FROM CONSULANT IN DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH (ENGLAND)

Dr Allen reported on the Medway Smiles initiative which is a joint venture between Health Visitor Centres and the Medway Council Public Health Team. This is a passport system for children born from September 2014 to encourage children to regularly attend a dentist from the age of 6 months. They will receive stickers to put on their passports. This will be rolled out at the end of March 2015.

Dr Allen reported that he had retired last April and will be in locum post until March 2015. He has not heard anything yet about his replacement in Consultant in Public Health. **Action:** Dr Unter to write to Graham Bickler and copy in Brett Duane to ask about the plans for replacing the Consultant in Public Health in Kent post. A consultant is needed not just for attendance at LDC meetings but for carrying forward the work to improve oral health and services for Kent residents.

Dr Allen also reported on a course for carers in Oral Health in all of Kent as well as the treatment for dementia. In East Kent and Surrey there is a lot of work being done for the elderly and NICE guidance on treatment of the elderly. There is new guidance on oral health. Dr Allen will report back next time.

9. KENT DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION NETWORK (OHPN))

A report was submitted and circulated with the minutes. Elections might be held for membership and terms of reference will be revised. (This will need to be taken into consideration for the KLDC elections). There are lots of changes which will benefit both the patients and the dentists. It was reported at the KDAC meeting that IMOS performers have not received remuneration. They will do under the new contract as this will be a legal requirement. OH Works Contract has been extended for one year; in restorative Andrew Elder reiterated that the referral processes must be adhered to. Pathways will be published in March/April 2015; Mary Henderson will be working with the pharmacy team to write dental protocols and will share further information.

10. SALARIED DENTAL SERVICES

- (a) East Kent – Dr Johnstone's report was attached. He advised that Kent Community Health NHS Trust is moving positively towards Foundation Trust status. The Trust was considered as "good" by the CQC in August. It is envisaged that FT status will be granted in March 2015. Deal and Folkestone dental departments have been closed and services transferred to Dover and Ashford following staff and commissioner consultation. They are working with MCH to find a solution to DentaLine in Canterbury. They are offering to share the Community Clinic in Canterbury Health Centre for evenings and weekend opening. They were to contact NHS Property Services and come back to them about the practicalities.
- (b) West Kent – Dr Davies reported that she is in interim post until the end of March. There is some re-organising being carried out with Primary Care. She is working hard to hopefully address some of the issues and is still working on the web based referral forms, expressing that they need to be specific and must have all the criteria and be up to date. Many of the current referral forms being received to date are appalling.

11. HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Dr Elder reported in restorative, they are starting to manage the clinical network with advanced skills being commissioned. They require five reps to sit on the committee. There are guidelines on what is commissioned nationally. There is a current funding mechanism for funding of posterior teeth and no referrals to date have been received, which puts into question whether patients are being referred directly to London. There was some discussion amongst members on how these patients are referred.

12. GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE: REPORT OF KENT REPRESENTATIVES

Dr Hartle reported that Manoj Patel and she had attended a meeting on 10th October. They are still pushing for contract reform and damage limitation. She asked if anyone had any issues to please feed them through to her. Currently dentists still make up for 9% of the total of antibiotics that are prescribed. This is not as bad as GP's but they are still trying to reduce this number. There was a big debate on maternity pay and basically if dentists do not agree with the proposed changes they could be faced with a worse offer. Some performers are not treated fairly by their providers. Insurance/Indemnity was discussed and the deadline is Friday. Currently a high proportion of dentists are not paying indemnity. GDC registration will be able to check this. There are still 4,000 complaints pending. There was discussion about how associates will be paid which is looking more like it is leaning towards being salaried, although there are some tax implications. The younger dentists are favouring a salary. Implications for providers. GDPC elections are coming up on 26th January with only two seats being available.

13. ORTHODONTIC REPORT

Dr Sheridan discussed retainers, advising that in the first year they would require to be replaced free of charge; after this period an NHS charge could be requested at £65.70. GDPs who do not have an orthodontic contract cannot claim a fee and the patient should go back to the orthodontist or be charged a private fee after the 12 month period since the retainer was provided. Nurses cannot fit retainers, they may give advice or issue an instruction booklet but clinically they cannot diagnose. The Dental Defence Union clearly states that they cannot fit them. There are new proposals for an extension to the contract and re-tendering for contracts. Some orthodontists are bypassing IMOS for extraction referrals and are going straight to the maxillofacial consultants.

14. LMC REPORT

Dr Nugent reported that he attended a meeting on 9th October. He reported that there were major changes to the GP's contract and by March 2016 patients will need to have a designated GP. From 1st April, all newly registered patients between the ages of 16-18 who are deemed to be high risk patients will be identified and will receive advice. Medics are being discouraged from prescribing high fluoride toothpaste and this is being taken up nationally. The next meeting will take place on 12th February.

15. KLDC WEBSITE

The website is currently up to date with various recent additions. A slight enhancement by a subtle change of colour scheme and screen layout is planned for 2015 to improve and update the appearance of the site. This would be at minimal further cost to the KLDC. It was suggested that advertisements for courses could be posted on the website but this would require links to places such as the Deanery and this would need to be kept up to date. **Action:** Dr Elder would speak to Ken Eaton.

16. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Dr Shivji reported that there is a collaborative working meeting with the London Deanery in April/May time. The future direction of HEKSS will evolve over the next year. There is an older persons' Oral Health Project in Care Homes to be carried out by FD's who will demonstrate to carers how to help maintain good oral health in their residents.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL (AGM) – Members were reminded to bring suitable election address to this meeting if they wished to be appointed as representatives to KLDC committees. If they wish to stand but cannot attend the meeting please let Dr Unter or Dr Hogan know.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

FUTURE DATES: Wednesday, 8th July and
Wednesday, 7th October 2015

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.