

## Minutes of 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Kent LDC on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 held at The Holiday Inn, Rochester, ME8 9SF.

**Present:** Drs Adesanya, Ahmad, Banvir, Barham, Chopra, Davies, Hartle, Hogan, Hymas, Myint, Newell, Nugent, N Patel, U Patel, V Patel, Sheridan, Smith, Unter, Varghese, Watts, Winstone and Wood.

**Observers:** Dr June Willis-Lake

### Item 1. Introduction & Welcome

Dr Unter welcomed everyone to the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting and AGM. All members and observers were asked to introduce themselves.

At tonight's meeting minutes are to be taken by Dr Liz Hartle.

### Item 2. KLDC Election Results

The recent KLDC biennial election results were announced on behalf of the returning officer Mrs Tracy Moynes by Dr Unter.

- East Kent: Somitra Banvir, Retha Carstens, Peter Chopra, Naishad Patel and new member Laura Smith.
- Medway: Timi Adesanya and Mark Nugent (after a by-election).
- West Kent: Liz Hartle and new member Bobby Varghese.

There still are three vacant four year vacancies and one two year vacancy on the committee for West Kent. Dr Unter explained that under the Constitution the committee is able to appoint to a vacant seat any suitable applicant from the constituency were the vacancy is available.

Dr S Newell gave a brief election address and was elected to represent W Kent for a four year term.

Thanks were extended to all those who have served on the committee and either not sought re-election or not been re-elected, namely Drs Shrikant Kulkarni, John Lynch, Mike Patel and Collette O'Sullivan. Dr Unter confirmed these past members had all been written to to convey the committee's thanks for their service.

### Item 3. Appointments

Dr Unter thanked the previous Chair (Dr Hogan) and Vice-Chair (Dr Newell) for their past service.

(a) Chairman – nominations were sought by Dr Unter.

Dr Hogan was proposed by Dr Newell and seconded by Dr Hartle. There were no other nominations therefore Dr Hogan was re-elected unopposed.

(b) Vice Chairman - nominations were sought by Dr Unter.

Dr Newell was proposed by Dr Hymas and seconded by Dr U Patel. There were no other nominations therefore Dr Newell was re-elected unopposed.

### The Secretary handed over to the Chairman (Dr T Hogan) to take the remaining agenda items

### Item 4. Confirmation of Appointments and Honoraria

(a) Secretary – nominations were sought by Dr Hogan. Dr Unter was proposed by Dr Watts and seconded by Dr Hymas. There were no other nominations therefore Dr Unter was re-elected unopposed.

The Honoraria for Secretary was **agreed** at 70 sessions (no change).

(b) Treasurer – nominations were sought by Dr Hogan. Dr Winstone was proposed by Dr Banvir and seconded by Dr Adesanya. There no other nominations therefore Dr Winstone was re-elected unopposed. The Honoraria for Treasurer was **agreed** at 12 sessions (no change).

(c) Chairman's Honoraria was **agreed** at 12 sessions (no change).

### Item 5. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from: Drs Bhatti, Carstens, Elder, Johnstone & Shivji.

**Item 6.** Confirmation of:

(a) Co-opted members: Drs S Davies, A Elder, J Willis-Lake, M Johnston. It was **agreed** Dr Unter would contact the recently appointed Cons in DPH Jenny Oliver and see if she was available to attend meetings of the KLDC.

(b) Representatives on committees:

Dr Hogan explained to members that certain positions on the committee were by appointment rather than election. Also that constancy of membership of some positions was essential from year to year i.e. PAG/PLDP

Representation was **agreed** as follows:

Performance advice Group: Dr J M Unter

Performers List Decision Panel: Dr T P Hogan

Oral Health Promotion Network MCN: Drs T P Hogan, M Nugent, J M Unter & M Watts.

Orthodontic MCN: Dr C Sheridan & N Ahmad (*deputy*)

Oral Surgery MCN: Drs J M Unter & M Watts.

LMC: Dr M Nugent

Dr Unter drew the committee's attention to a letter Dr Mike Parks (LMC) had written thanking the KLDC for Dr Nugent's input over the last year and inviting further representation from the LDC. It was agreed that Dr Unter would write to the LMC and inform them that Dr Nugent will be continuing as our representative for another year.

DFT Programme Directors: Drs H Winstone and S Shivji.

Hospital Representative: Dr A Elder

BDA GDPC: E Kent – Dr C Wood, W Kent – Dr E Hartle.

**Item 7.** Last Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017

(a) Confirmation of Minutes – A few minor changes, otherwise they were approved. **Action:** The clerk to email John Noakes to upload onto the KLDC website as usual.

(b) Matters arising: Update on S Shivji who is continuing to make a good recovery and awaiting surgery but recuperating well. The committee send their good wishes for a continued and speedy recovery.

**Item 8.** Notice of AOB:

(a) Ben Fund - Dr N Ahmad,

(b) DA Meeting in Ashford - M Watts.

**Item 9.** Secretary

(a)&(b) Correspondence & Meetings – Dr Unter advised he would report these items where they appeared in the agenda.

(c) Annual Report. Dr Hogan thanked the Secretary for the huge amount of work that is involved in putting this together. The report was **approved** for publication. It will be put on the LDC Website and sent to Mrs A Godden and relevant LO staff. A decision was made last year to save money and not print and distribute individual copies to performers in Kent. There is no longer an accessible accurate data base of dentists for Kent to mail this out so once again the document will only be placed on the website. Dr Hogan suggested an RSS feed on the website for dentists to register so that they get updated information as it is placed on the website.

**Item 10.** Treasurer

(a) Report: Dr Winstone reported and explained the year's accounts with comparisons to previous years. LDC Conference is now over 2 days, a new laptop was purchased, extra work this year on various committees e.g. PLDP, AMR, Ortho contract, breach notices etc. and this accounts for the modest increases in expenditure.

(b) Donations are to continue from Stat Levy as Voluntary Levy no longer being collected as a separate item.

There has been a change to the KLDC expenses claim form in section 12. It has been amended to "time spent on LDC matters or meeting" allowance. Members and new members were requested to complete the claim form with their bank details and to add their mobile numbers in case of queries.

**Item 11. Annual LDC Conference**

The Annual LDC Conference is to be held in Birmingham 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Dr Hogan invited five representatives to attend on behalf of Kent. These were **agreed** as Drs Hogan, Nugent, V Patel, Shivji and Winstone - and a substitute in case Dr Shivji is not well enough to attend Dr U Patel.

Drs Hartle and Wood attend in their GDPC capacity.

[Secs Note: At the time of the meeting no formal motion from Kent LDC was proposed. However, shortly after the meeting it was agreed by the Chair & Secretary in discussion with the LDC Conference Chairman that the following motion (to be presented by Dr Hogan if accepted) would be presented: "This Conference deplores the mechanism by which NHS England is attempting to procure orthodontic contracts. There is a strong bias against the smaller contract holder in favour of the larger group practices and corporates. The elements of competition and easier patient access and choice are being removed by the process."]

**Item 12. Occupational Health Services**

A presentation was given by Tony Berry and Marina Waters from OH Works .

This was well received and more information was requested. Dr Hogan reminded members that Heales had won the tender to provide occupational health services from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – however, their service did not include practice staff and they do not offer a peripatetic service. This replaced the full service provided previously by OH Works. Practitioners were reminded that it is a legal requirement of employers to provide an Occupational Health service to employees for screening, identified validated samples for Hep B and other vaccinations and tests, needle stick injuries and follow up. OH Works stated that their prices for providing a service were very competitive and they will be contacting practices to offer payment plans based on previous years' costs.

Q & A session: Orthodontic therapists are not covered. You must be on a performer list. Heales are not yet SEQOHS registered. If staff are halfway through a course of treatment Heales will be given the information to continue this. OH Works will supply information for KLDC Website.

**Item 13.**

(a) NHS England -Jenny Oliver is the new incoming Consultant in Dental Public Health and will be joining us when her existing contract is completed.

(b) NHS England South (SE)

(i) (a) Local Dental Network – Despite objections a decision has been made to amalgamate Kent, Surrey, Sussex LDNs and to have large joint meetings alternating between Tonbridge and Horley. There will be no core working group and Dr Duane and Dr Johnstone are to chair jointly. The advantages and disadvantages of this were discussed.

(b) DERS - There is no pathway within DERS for an urgent referral to hospital for e.g for a root displaced into the antrum. Kent practitioners cannot refer directly to Dr Elder in the William Harvey Hospital. It is hoped the referral form is to be amended. Ortho reports cannot be uploaded by the orthodontist for the referring dentist to see and know what is going on. It was suggested that Vantage be contacted about this. Dr Sheridan notes that there was a decrease in referrals since DERS went live. Concerns to be brought to Channel Group Meeting.

(ii) PAG: - Dr Unter reported: 34 cases recently presented in Horley. This is usually well run. Recently there was a legal matter between a practitioner and the LO involving DCQAP and PAG. This will be discussed under item 15.

(iii) PLDP: - Dr Hogan reported: There is a lot of activity, GDPs with previous conditions looking to be reinstated is a current issue.

(iv) DCQAP: - Alternate meetings are attended by Dr Hogan and Dr Unter. Two items to note this time were the orthodontic practitioner (who will be discussed under item 15) and a performer struggling to get back on the performers list. It is in cases like these that decisions are made more fairly because of the input of member's clinical knowledge which is usually well received.

(v) Channel Group: - The last meeting was 16<sup>th</sup> January and Dr Sheridan attended as well to discuss orthodontic contracting in KSS. There was a lot of discussion about the Orthodontic Needs Assessment and the Tendering Parameters. Mrs A Godden and Dr J Sowerbutts were also in attendance.

The committee is funded in equal shares by the 4 LDCs. This year's contribution will be in the region of £700. The committee **approved** this figure. It pays for one Channel Representative to attend the three annual BDA Regional Liaison Group meetings and the meeting venue costs.

- (c) DentaLine: - Has now signed up to be AMR Guardians and will have to vary their requirements. GDPs are reminded they need DBS Certificates every 5 years to comply and will be asked to provide this. It was suggested that you sign up for automatic updates through the DBS Service.
- (d) Dental Practice Advisors: - Dr Winstone and Dr Hymas have been busy with complaint reviews, CQC joint inspections where a GDP was suspended in E Kent, DCQAP, Endodontic triage, practice inspections and relevant business.

**Item 14. Hospital Representative Report**

No report as Dr Elder had sent his apologies.

**Item 15. Orthodontic Matters**

Dr Unter reported that at the recent PAG meeting in Horley the LO contracts team were requesting PAG to refer a retiring orthodontic practitioner to the GDC because they resisted a demand that they should not continue to start courses of treatment up to their retirement. The LO stated that this was "*not in the best interests of the patient(s)*". All the patients were fully informed and consented in writing. The effect of stopping the practitioner working three months before their retirement date would force them to breach their contract by underperforming and they would then face a potential clawback and a breach notice.

The practitioner was supported by the BDA and their Defence Indemnifier as well as KLDC. This was a test case as there may be more small contract performers facing termination as the year progresses and it is hoped to prevent further situations arising with the LO that are not within the regulations. PAG refused to refer the practitioner and transferred the matter back to the LO.

As a result of this case and developing disquiet with the plans for future tendering of Orthodontic contracts, the BDA has initiated legal proceedings against NHS England South for setting up potentially impossible barriers to smaller contractors. It also claims NHSE has acted unlawfully by failing to engage with patients or provide a robust needs assessment on changes that will radically impact on services. The registration period has already been extended by NHSE.

Dr Sheridan raised her concern that E Kent could end up with large practices controlling all the orthodontic contracts.

**Item 16. Salaried Services**

- (a) West Kent: Dr Davies reported that referral waiting times for appointments are currently 8 weeks and urgent GAs seen in 2 weeks. There is hope that DERS referrals will all come through the correct channels after 1/4/17. They have just completed their CQC visit and await the reports.
- (b) East Kent: Dr Johnstone had submitted a report. Dr Willis-Lake reported that they still have a DFT who is not on the performers list after six months.

**Item 17. Oral Health Promotion Network (Managed Clinical Network OHPMCN)**

There is funding available for dental treatment e.g. providing dentures for patients in hospitals. Hospital staff require educating in this matter. Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Item 18. Report from Consultant in Dental Public Health**

Dr Jenny Oliver not yet in office but is hoped will be co-opted to the LDC. Item 6(a) refers

**Item 19. GDPC**

A copy of latest GDPC report has been circulated and Dr Wood reported on the problems with performers lists and how, in the future, dentists may be trained.

**Item 20. LMC Report**

Dr Nugent reported from the LMC that GPs are concerned about the sustainability of primary care and about being asked to provide some secondary level treatment. They feel they will fail due to lack of funding. They debated issues such as providing 'flu vaccinations, out-of-hours to care homes, NICE Guidelines and the decline of primary care. There are concerns regarding Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP) and the effects these may have on care provision and services in Kent.

**Item 21. KLDC Website**

There was discussion around “What did the LDC ever do for me?”; “Should we have a blog?”; “Should we display testimonials?”. Dr Hogan reported that there were 2705 hits on our website in the last 30 days and this implies it is a valuable service. Dr Unter advised he continues to try and keep topics and information on the website up-to-date.

**Item 22. Education & Training**

Dr Winstone reported that we are now “HEE London and SE” and there will be some changes in clinical leads and administrative structure. Recruitment and training for trainers is starting. Overseas dentists...there will be a new framework from 1/4/2017 which will be a more uniformed structure across England via the new Performers List Valuation Experiences. (PLVE)

**Item 23. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Holiday inn Rochester.

**Item 24. AOB**

- (a) Ben Fund: Dr Ahmad spoke about this charity and that he is taking part in the Charity Walk for Peace on 14<sup>th</sup> May in Newham London. Please sponsor him. His son is also walking and if you raise £250 it will be matched by CWFP.
- (b) Dr Watts reminded members of the William Harvey Study Day. 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 from 12 noon. Speakers include Ian McCleod, Andrew Elder, Brett Duane, Davis Ezra and others.

**Meeting closed at 9pm**