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Chair's Report by Andrew Taylor

The months preceding the LDC meeting have been uncharacteristically busy and things continue to change in the county and nationally at a swift pace. The LDC open meeting on the 25th November 2012 at the Alverton Manor was a huge success and I'd like to thank all those that attended and contributed to the event. I'd especially like to thank the speakers Alasdair Miller, Rob Winton and Gerry Butler for their insight into the future of dentistry. In late November I attended a KCCG event brainstorming how the emergency care service could be enhanced and remodelled in the future and was able to input dentistry into the

equation. The doubt over funding for Dental Public Health in the county has now been resolved and funding is in place. Thanks to Steve Moore for his clarification on this issue. Unfortunately I was unable to attend a FD



Steve Moore
Chief Exec

event on the controversial current recruitment process but I understand a number of concerns have now been addressed. The proposal for Cornwall to

pilot an electronic practice inspection and communication system has been scrapped due to its withdrawal and short notice to implement. Peter Hodgkinson and I attended the LDC officials day which aimed to address and further discuss some of the major issue currently surrounding dentistry including, the NHS pilots, Pay discussions, the role of LDC's post April 2013 and LPN's and how they may work and be structured. At this quarters Dental Performance group meeting discussion on holding a claims training event in the county took place - watch this space for further information.

Also I drafted a letter on behalf of the PCT which has been sent out to all dentists in the county asking for email addresses and consent to emails from the PCT and NHS for example newsletters/bulletins. This also had the opportunity to sign up for

an NHS.net email which **I would encourage everybody to take up.** This is the only approved and secure way of sending confidential information and images across the web.

The new LAT or AT as it is now taking shape and a number of people

have now taken up post including Steve Moore as Chief Exec, Julia Cory and Bridget Sampson.

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Noah's Ark Dental Practice

GDPC Report by Peter Hodgkinson

Northern Ireland dentists are seeing a core service being introduced with prior approval required for all 'expensive' items. This approval could take up to three months and is causing major concerns.

Contract pilots are being extended by 27 practices, chosen from an application list of 230. Noah's Ark practice in Fowey has been chosen. The new pilots will commence on April 1st 2013. Patient charges are being introduced for Interim Care Management appointments. At present, capitation is monitored daily, but it is intended to use the year

end.

The GDC consultation on CPD has closed. It would appear that revalidation for the dental profession is some years away.

The future of LDCs in the new world of NHS reforms is still unclear. Local Area Teams will now be known as Area Teams. Local Professional Networks could be 'virtual' to be cost effective.

Contract Value uplift for 2013/14 is still under discussion. Negotiations are drawing to a close ahead of April 1st.

CQC inspections are continuing, and a number locally are being undertaken by dentists.



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LPN Report by Gerry Butler

The interim LPN set up in the county and chaired by Gerry Butler held their inaugural meeting in November and a structure and function of the LPN was discussed as well as risk assessment and overall responsibility for the group. At the next meeting held in January 2013 Bridget had received documentation dictating the function, structure and funding for the new LPN from a draft of the LPN operating framework due to be published soon. It will be one LPN for the entirety of Devon and Cornwall. The 2 LPN's currently in place are to be disbanded and a new LPN formed. This will start by the advertisement for LPN

chair on NHS jobs this month so if you are interested be sure to keep an eye out. The role will be paid and comprise of at least 1 day per week and will have huge risk and responsibility for an experienced clinician in the county. They are hoping to have the chair in place in February and appoint the other members in March which will comprise again of 4 interviewed and appointed clinicians with a view to a fully functioning LPN by 1st Apr 2013. If you are interested this is your opportunity and have your say and effect real change and improve the quality of services in the county. We'll keep you post-

ed and update you as things change.

Andrew and Gerry informed the LDC that as the Cornwall & Devon LPN was to be set up from scratch and all previous arrangements were to be cancelled, the Cornwall LPN would not be meeting again. The position of LPN Chair for Devon & Cornwall would be advertised over the next few weeks.



LDC Officials Day

Andy and Pete attended LDC Official Day in London in early December. Presentations covered the work of the GDPC, contract pilots, LPNs, NHSCB, and the future and funding of LDCs.

The LDC Conference will be taking place in June 2013 in London. The Eve

of Conference after dinner speaker is John Motson and the Chair of Con-

ference is Richard Elven from Hertfordshire LDC.



LDC Elections

Peter reminded the LDC that elections should take place in December 2013 for those members standing again after 2 years of service. Peter and Gerry would not be standing, so it would be prudent to consider the future reorganisation of the Committee at the next LDC meeting in April.

If you are interested in joining your LDC please look out for the Nomination Forms which will be out towards the end of this year.



Situations Wanted

POST SOUGHT AS PRACTICE MANAGER - CORNWALL

- Looking for an administrative post, not clinical
- Working in the dental profession since 1976
- Qualified DSA
- City & Guilds 730 FAETC
- Practice Manager for 4 years
- Full working knowledge of SOE
- 100% compliance achieved at recent CQC visit

ASSOCIATE WITH A VIEW - CORNWALL

- * Graduate from Peninsula Dental School 2011
- * Seeking mainly Private work
- * Associate position with a firm view to moving into Partnership and / or retirement buy out, or both on a timescale



Please contact Carrie Bradburn for further details if you have a vacancy for either position.

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