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Chair's Report by Andrew Taylor

The Chair discussed the Dental Performance Group with the Committee. This group included LDC members and looked at concerns of underperformance or inappropriate claiming.

Two dentists practising in Cornwall have had GDC referrals this year.

The meeting arranged in Reading for representatives of LDCs in the south of England

relating to NHS England and LPNs had been cancelled at the last minute.

It is hoped that the LDC levy collection will continue uninterrupted now that it is being handled centrally.

Charles Major, a dental practitioner in Fowey, is involved as a pilot site for the new contract. He commenced the pilot on 1 May 2013 and the chair

felt it was very important to liaise with Charles for updates on his progress.



GDPC Report by Peter Hodgkinson

Peter had attended a GDPC Executive meeting recently and the topics discussed included :-

Direct Access - DCPs can now diagnose and plan treatment but can't prescribe medicines, local anaesthetics or radiographs. Tooth whitening requires a prescription from a dentist. This change in policy was introduced by the General dental council on 1 May 2013.

Pilots - 28 new pilot sites were added to the existing 70 on 1 May 2013. The new pilots are all 'Type 2' or 'Type 3'. There has been a lot of debate about the definition of advanced dental treatment and who will be able to deliver it, if and when a new contract is introduced. Dentists with enhanced skills that are

recognized will be able to carry out advanced work defined in Class 2, whereas Class 3 treatments will need to be carried out by a Consultant. This controversial area will be looked at by the Faculty of Dental Surgery.

Associate Strategy - a new code of practice for associates and owners will be introduced by the BDA. The career pathway, availability of positions and the impact of direct access on associates is under discussion by the GDPC.

Local Professional Networks - LPNs have been set up in some areas while in others the position of Chair has yet to be filled.

Remuneration - the GDC

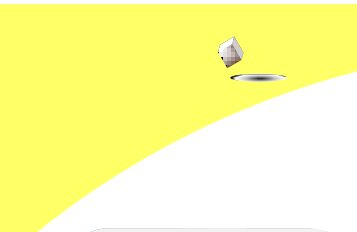
negotiated a 1.5% uplift on base contract value from 1 April 2013. Efficiency measures demanded by the government will include working towards a 20% reduction in referral to secondary care and a reduction from 3 to 2 months as the time interval required for claims



to be made to the Business Services Authority after a course of treatment is complete.

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Other News



Occupational Health - Gerry Butler has taken over from Martin Chamberlain as the dental representative at Occupational Health. This is a temporary arrangement and Gerry is seeking a volunteer to take on this commitment. There is a meeting every 4 months.

again. He did an excellent job 2 years ago for us and we are delighted he has accepted to return for our 2014 elections.

Peter Hodgkinson and Gerry Butler will be retiring from our LDC in April 2014 and will both be hard acts to follow.



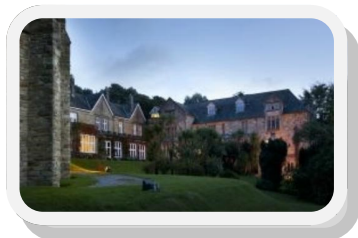
Elections - A number of the Committee will be up for re-election next April so, if you feel you would like to join us, look out for further notices about how to apply to be a Committee Member. Adrian Tyas will be taking on the role of Returning Officer

“The advert is expected to be placed on the NHS Jobs website www.jobs.nhs.uk either today or tomorrow with a closing date for applications of two weeks.”

LDC Open Evening 2013

This year we are hosting an evening meeting on ‘Claims Training’.

The date for your diaries is 22nd October 2013. Further details to follow.



Cornwall Local Audit Panel



Your local audit panel has not been taken over. It will continue to serve Cornish dentists and funding has been agreed with the Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Area Team for NHS England.

Local Professional Network

An email from Andrew Harris that may interest you ...

Dear Colleagues,

As discussed at the recent OHAG meeting the Devon and Cornwall Area Team for NHS England will be placing an advertisement this week for the post of Clinical Chair for the local dental professional network with interviews planned for the

11th and 12th of July.

The advert is expected to be placed on the NHS Jobs website (www.jobs.nhs.uk) either today or tomorrow with a closing date for applications of two weeks.

Please could you circulate this to any colleagues who may be interested in this post.

Andrew Harris, Contracts

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(Posted by email to OHAG members on 10 June 2013)



Clinical Supervisors — Truro DEF, Knowledge Spa, Treliske Hospital.

The closing date for the current round of applications for the role of Clinical Supervisor at Truro DEF has now passed, however the dental school is expanding and will be seeking more applications soon. The school would very much like to hear from any potential applicants from Cornwall in advance of the next round of recruitment. The existing supervisors are local GDPs and are very supportive towards each other.

The nursing and admin. staff are friendly and extremely efficient and the academics are very willing to help you out if you need them.

If you think you may be interested in joining this local team, please email your CV to Robert Witton, Clinical Lead in Social Engagement and Community Based Dentistry.

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3R Resources - The Medical and Clinical Waste Disposal Company covering your location in Cornwall.

3R Resources is a new company providing medical and clinical waste disposal services in the Cornish region. The company collects medical and clinical waste from Care Homes, Clinics, Dental Practices, Medical Centres, Doctor Surgeries, Veterinary Practices, NHS Hospitals and Ambulance centres.

3R Resources is ADR trained, licensed and fully compliant with Environment Agency regulations which means that all hazardous waste material is disposed of and rendered safe to their high standards.

3R Resources handles all of the usual types of medical and clinical waste material which may consist of human and animal tissue, blood, excretions and other bodily fluids, drugs and other pharmaceutical products, swabs,

dressings, syringes, needles and other sharp instruments.

3R Resources services are flexible and may be tailored to cater for individual business requirements.

3R Resources is happy to meet with you to discuss your requirements and to provide a quotation. Further details may be seen on their web site www.3rresources.co.uk or they can be contacted by email info@3rresources.co.uk or by phone on 07827 294 653.



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