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## Chair's Report by Andrew Taylor

Andy was very pleased with the LDC Open Evening. It was very well attended and he thanked Carrie for organising the event and also the LDC members who had helped on the night.

He had attended the Workforce Planning event with Alasdair Miller. Alasdair would be retiring from his position as Postgraduate Dean at the end of November. Peter would write on behalf of the LDC.

The Chair had attended the PSG (Performance Screening Group meeting). There was also a PLDP (Performers List Decision

Panel), which was the decision making group of the PSG.

A Performance Training event was being organised in relation to the legalities of Performers List Regulations. There is no money available for a PASS scheme at present, but Carrie, as Chair of Cornwall PASS, and her Devon counterpart, Martin Buckle, were considering making a joint bid.

The OHAG was awaiting the development of the Local Professional Network. Peter Howard-Williams from Devon was the newly appointed chair of the LPN, and Andy pro-

posed writing to him to request a permanent position for a member of the Cornwall LDC on the LPN.



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## LDC Elections

The elections for the LDC 2014 are imminent. Adrian Tyas has agreed to be the Returning Officer and has provided the LDC with a draft letter which, after approval, would be sent out on the 18th November 2013. Fin Bason, Carrie Bradburn, Peter Hodgkinson, Dominic Kiernander and Charles Taylor were up for re-election.

Peter Hodgkinson would not be standing but expressed his wish to remain as GDPC representative until his term of office ended in January 2015.





**Other News**

**Occupational Health**

Struggling with the stress and pressure of dentistry and not sure who to turn to?

Many dentists suffer huge amounts of stress trying to juggle their clinical pressures whilst running a practice or trying to hit targets. It is inevitable that sometimes this stress can get too much and start to affect dentists lives and our ability to cope. It's really important that we all look out for ourselves and our colleagues, and we are lucky in Cornwall because there

are people who can really help us if we start to lose it.

Cornwall has a fantastic and well established OH team headed by GP Coordinator Dr Linda Barry and Consultant Psychotherapist Dr Ben Charnaud. Linda and Ben are really approachable and caring people who can really empathise with the stress you might be under. They will help you **totally confidentially**, and can offer free counselling and therapy services to NHS Dentists.

Don't wait until things get desperate, just call Linda on

07436 562917 or email

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**“Dentists should no longer send their audits in to the CIOS audit panel for approval”**

**Letter from Dr Elizabeth Thomas– NHS England Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Area Team**

As you know contractors who have been referred to their regulatory body are required to give details to NHS England.

I have written a piece to remind dentists of this obligation but I understand there is confusion as to what part of NHS England should be notified.

Although the Performers List is now national, there is still local governance based on the Local Area Team.



It would be helpful if you could let your members know that they should be sending GDC referral details to the Local Area Team. The easiest way of contacting us is via the email address below.

[england.devcorn-southwestperlist@nhs.net](mailto:england.devcorn-southwestperlist@nhs.net)

**Dentists should no longer send their audits in to the CIOS audit panel for approval.**

Talks are underway to see if it would be possible for the old panel to charge dentists privately to ‘mark’ their audits and provide them with a CPD certificate.

It is with regret that we have to inform you that we have had to disband the CIOS Local Audit Panel with effect from November 2013.

The closure really came about due to the setting up of the Local Area Teams and their management structure. Unfortunately Devon,

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Area Team have been unable to commit to fund the Panel since April of this year. We cannot see any change to their position on the horizon and so we have had no choice but to close the CIOS LAP down.



**Cornwall Local Audit Panel**

### Sugar Free Medicines

Just a quick reminder that most children's medicines contain sugar to make them more palatable.

A sugar free version can be requested on the written prescription by adding 'SF' to the end.



### GDPC Report by Peter Hodgkinson

**DFT**—John Milne had written to COPDEND about getting GDPs on selection panels.

#### NHS Health and Social Care Information Centre

—Full vital signs and contract value data had been published by the HSCIC. We had had a meeting with them following which it was understood that consultation would take place before publication of financial data. As the data was available through the FOIA anyway, it appeared that the HSCIC had taken the decision to pre-empt any request. BDA had challenged the publication of such data in the early 2000s, unsuccessfully.

**DDRB**—Evidence was submitted at the end of September. It is available on the BDA website. Asked for an uplift of 3.1%. Submitting supplementary evidence early this week and having oral evidence on the 18th November. 4% efficiencies are still required from the Treasury and there is a cap on pay uplifts of 1%.

#### Dental Contract Reform

- GDPC received a presentation on DQOF from Len D'Cruz, who runs a pilot practice. There has been a meeting on the 11th October with the DH to discuss how to develop the concept of quality too. The clinical aspects of quality are robust but the allocation of funding is disappointing. The money for DQOF is only available to be lost in current models. GDPC would like to see some money to be lost and some to be gained. This would help quality act as more of a driver rather than simply as a punitive measure. Patient feedback continues to be an area of concern and more robust and balanced methods of data collection are needed. Random inspections are supported as one of the ways of ensuring high quality care. The GDPC considered the Heads of Terms it would use in discussions of the reform. GDPC Exec. will be giving roadshows on the reforms next year, hosted by LDC clusters. Meetings with DH are continuing on the key aspects of the reforms.

#### BDA Membership—

Richard Schilling, Finance Director, gave a presentation to the GDPC outlining the worst case scenario of the BDA's finances. The background to the need for a reformed structure was explained. John Milne had written to the CEO of the BDA advising that capacity in the teams which support the work of the committees should not be cut and that the trade union and representative function of the BDA be protected. The change of membership structure had not progressed as expected, resulting in a shortfall in revenue. There is a strategy in place to rectify this. GDPC passed a motion supporting the call for an EGM of the UK Council to determine the fate of the PEC. This will be considered at the next meeting of UK Council.



#### Pan London

##### Orthodontic Project—

Presentation from Richard Jones of the British Orthodontic Society. The project has published its report. An orthodontic pathway group is being established to take forward the work of the report, and the GDPC will be involved.

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