

# CIOS LDC NEWSLETTER

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## CHAIR'S REPORT by Andrew Taylor

Andrew reported back from the recent meeting he attended at the BDA of the GDCP-LDC Regional Liaison Group meeting.

It was discussed that the area teams are going to merge to bring the numbers down from 27 to 10. Cornwall and Devon will merge with Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSSG) Area Team.

feel a practice is at risk, they will move in quickly. A more targeted approach. There may be 2 tiers depending on the number of dental chairs



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quality. The second is 22% activity, 68% capitation and 10% quality.

Defibrillators will have capital allowances for them and this will be backdated.

Breach notices should not have been issued by the Area Team in 2013/14 due to a technicality in the contract, however, this is open to interpretation. This will be brought up with the Area Team by the LDC.

At the LPN meeting next week Andrew Harris will talk about the information the Area Team are provided with about GDPs. Outliers, percentiles, and red flags. Apparently a lot more detail than 'Vital Signs'.

LDCs and LPNs will probably remain the same despite the mergers.

There is talk of co-commissioning and putting dentistry in with the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

The CQC is generally happy with dentistry and it is not the big problem they thought it was. Inspections will not be as often and there may be more notice. However, if they

within the practice.

There will be a large Orthodontic Needs review in 2015. Cornwall currently has a large NHS orthodontic provision problem.

The Pilots were discussed and it is evident that so far the Department of Health haven't found an option that works for them. There are 2 proposals currently being looked at. The first is 90% capitation and 10%

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**GDPC REPORT by Peter Hodgkinson**



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**GDPC Boundaries**

The re-alignment of the GDPC boundaries to map across to Area Teams has been a very difficult and contentious issue. This means there will be 2 seats available in Devon and Cornwall and so theoretically 2 representatives could be elected from the Exeter area. The election process has been delayed until the New Year with the new committee starting at the end of March 2015. John will have to stand down as Chair.

**GDC ARF**

The proposed increase in the annual retention fee has caused a great deal of discussion and a concerted effort by the BDA to oppose,

as well as criticize the working methodology and disproportionate activity of the Council. The GDPC voted unanimously to a proposal by the Chair of Scottish GDPC, that the Committee had no confidence in the GDC and that it was unfit for purpose. The GDC has delayed its response to the consultation until 30th October 2014 and the BDA has threatened a Judicial Review if it is dissatisfied with the response.

**Reformed Contract**

The discussions with the Department of Health continue but progress has been painfully slow over the summer. There is a new head of Optical and Dental Services, Peter Howitt, and

he has had to get up to speed with the process. It is my opinion that there will be an invitation for practices to apply to become Prototypes, which will replace Pilots, sometime after the election, possibly next September. These will be monitored and possibly rolled out later, and we are expecting them to be a mix of capitation, activity and quality. The various percentages have not been decided yet, but the GDPC has always had a starting point of as much capitation as can reasonably be achieved. Practices that have no interest in applying to become a Prototype are stuck with UDAs, in my opinion, for at least another 3 years!

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**Antimicrobial Resistance**

This is a subject that is of global concern, and prescribing patterns by doctors, dentists and vets, as well as antibiotic use in the food industry, is being examined. The BDA is holding a one-day expert summit on antimicrobial resistance and dentistry on Monday 10th November 2014.

**Performers List Procedures**

Following a recent consultation, the NHS has published its new procedural documents (including terms of reference for Performance Advisory Groups and Performers List Decision-making Panels which state

that a discipline-specific member must be a quorate member of the PAG and PLDP whilst LDC members can be invited to attend). Along with the other professions affected, we remain concerned about a number of aspects of the newly published performers list documents and are continuing to discuss them with NHS England.

**Friends and Family Test**

GDPC Exec has reviewed the guidance issued to dentists on the Friends and Family test. It remains of the view that this initiative represents a misunderstanding of a sector which is already

market driven, however understands that this is a cornerstone of current policy.

**Dentists with Enhanced Interests**

This has been discussed by the GDPC Executive Committee and it remains concerned about the lack of formal consultation and will be looking to involve as many parties as possible in scrutinizing the details of these proposals as they emerge.



**Dominic Kiernander - proposed candidate for GDPC elections for Devon and Cornwall in January 2015**

**CIOS LDC OPEN EVENING**

**Pilots and Prototypes**

The Watergate Bay Hotel  
 Thursday 13th November  
 2014

**6.30 pm Registration and Refreshments**

**2Hrs verifiable CPD**

**Open to dentists and all staff**



We are extremely fortunate to be able to welcome John Milne down to Cornwall again next month to speak to us about the progress of the new contract pilots and the proposed 'prototypes' planned for next year.

Andrew Taylor will introduce the evening and update us on current LDC activity and Dominic Kiernander will talk to us about the new CQC inspections.

If you wish to attend this event please email Carrie Bradburn with your GDC number to register.

carrieb@btinternet.com

**LDC Website - <http://www.cornwall-ios-ldc.co.uk>**



The new website is now live and you can access it at the address above.

Please use the website as another method of contacting the LDC.

There is information on the LDC members, past newsletters, useful links etc.

Have a look—we welcome any suggestions for improvement.

Melissa Taylor is looking into optimizing the website on Google and has been advised that this can be helped by dentists linking from their practice websites. Please, if you have a practice website, could you put a link to the new LDC website at the address above.

Please use the anchor text :-

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Dental Committee.

**Occupational Health**

It appears that this service will continue seamlessly for performers but not for members of staff from April 2015. There is a meeting on 4th November to look at a future service and a CIOS LDC representation will attend. It would be helpful for CIOS and Devon LDCs to work together on this.

**D7 Patient Examination Request**

Some of you may not be aware that, following the demise of the DROs, it is still possible to request an examination of a patient by a Clinical Dental Advisor from the NHSBSA. There are, however, a number of criteria to be met before this can happen.

[http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/DentalServices/Documents/DentalServices/D7\\_Patient\\_Examination\\_Request.pdf](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/DentalServices/Documents/DentalServices/D7_Patient_Examination_Request.pdf)

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