

AVON LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE

Committee meeting

Held by Zoom on Monday 7th March.

Minutes

Present: Aiden Moran, Andrew House, Brad Hall, Katie Davies, Matt Garton, Carl Fullaway, Susana Madrugo James Rocha, George Schofield, Sarah Taylor, Jane Timothy. Zac Warwick-Moony

Apologies Robert Snelling, Paul Drugan

Chairman's Items Urgent Care funding allocation of £4.7 million for the Southwest out of a total budget of £50 million for England. The Local Area Team have not communicated clearly with the profession even though they are keen to spend the allocation by the 31st of March. A three- and half-hour session will be paid at £650, and colleagues will be expected to see three to four patients. There is no consistency with how this urgent care money will be spent within England and committee members were unclear on what was expected for patient outcomes after attending these urgent care sessions. Brad Hall will ask the Area Team to send out further communication to eligible practices and ask how many applications there have been to date for this funding. Ongoing issues with recruitment issues due to the inadequate funding of NHS Dentistry were highlighted. Communication with MPs, the parliamentary debate on Dentistry and the UDA payment system were all discussed.

Minutes Minutes for previous zoom meeting were agreed.

Committee Issues The retention of Dental Nurses and Dentists and the severe issues this is causing practice making it impossible to reach the 85% UDA target increasing to 100% in April. The worry that practices will not even cope with the 85% target and the demoralisation of the practice team. Force Majeure Covid 19 application process was discussed and the lack of response in a timely manner from the Local Area Team. GDPC ongoing negotiations with new UDA targets and contract reform NHS Pension Scheme, the McCloud judgement and the change in tiering rates. Pass Scheme and possibility of setting one up for Avon LDC.

Treasurer report Stable funding levels. A resumption of the levy going forward to be considered.

Other Committees Southwest Local Dental Network, GDPC

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GA waiting list at BDH
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PASS Scheme
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With no further business, the meeting closed at 20.00

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

To be circulated