



Monday 09 June 2025


19:00 – 22:00

Online, Zoom

MINUTES

In attendance: Mike Strother (MS), Jeremy Williams (JW), Benjamin Lewis (BL), Gwenllian Williams, Tracey Taylor (TT), Ahmer Ali, Charlie Ding, Emma, Mayura Pally, Jack Moore, Mohammad Ramadan, Marco, Anwen Hooson (AH), Pamela Teager, Dan Naylor (DN), Giedre Valantine, Ian Douglas (ID) [Total 17]

Agenda Item	Individual	Attachments/ Supporting Information
1.1 Welcome and Apologies	JW	Mostafa, Sandra
1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting	JW	 NWLDC%20Minutes %202025-04-07.docx Approved as accurate.
For Discussion and Matters Arising		
2.1 Contractual matters - Recap from recent meeting with Andrew Dickenson and Andrew Pryse 19 May 2025 - Feedback from meeting with Llais	JW/MS	<p>Andrew Dickenson and Andrew Pryse have almost finished their meetings with LDCs across Wales. We asked to clarify their responses to a number of questions after the meeting/answer questions that we did not have time to ask.</p> <p>ACTION: MS to circulate notes from meeting (inc. points clarified in the weeks afterwards).</p> <p>Some inconsistencies noted between LDC meetings, one example being who is responsible for high needs patients who have been referred to CDS (in the interim period before they have been seen in CDS). Response in our meeting suggested that NHS 111.</p> <p>We would still encourage as many Dentists as possible to submit their own individual feedback to the consultation. The BDA have drafted a response template; this is included below.</p>  BDA%20Response%20Template%20for%20

		<p>Eventually did have a meeting with Llais (with Christie from BDA), difficult to get a response from Llais as short-staffed and multiple individuals have just moved roles. BL has had the same problem when asking them to be involved in orthodontic meetings. Meeting productive in that we were able to present 'the other side' of the argument, Llais having only had WG's side previously.</p>
<p>2.2 HB Matters Outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update from LDC/PC forum 10th April - Procurement - Ongoing issues re: overarching clinical leadership and lack of Restorative consultant 	<p>JW/MS</p>	<p>DAP update:</p>  <p>Dental Access Portal Update 2025-06-05.p</p> <p>No preference for any particular patient groups at present (no preferential treatment for children, for example).</p> <p>EOY mitigation 24/25:</p> <p>We have been advised that there will be additional local mitigation for some practices – we do not know how many practices will require this additional mitigation or how many practices will still be subject to clawback.</p> <p>Procurement:</p> <p>Summary of successful locations following recent GDS procurement (contract start dates included in brackets: <i>Flint (April 2025), Conwy (April 2025), Bangor (April 2025), Mold (July 2025), Wrexham (July 2025), Llanrwst (May 2025), St Asaph/Denbighshire TBC (January 2026), Llandudno/Conwy/Abergele TBC (January 2026).</i></p> <p>Ortho procurement: <i>Connaahs Quay (June 2025), Wrexham (July 2025).</i></p> <p>Tier 2 oral surgery procurement: <i>Amlwch (July 2025), Bangor (July 2025).</i></p> <p>Non-urgent procurement: <i>Holyhead (September 2025), St Asaph/Denbighshire TBC (January 2026), Wrexham (July 2025), Llandudno/Conwy/Abergele TBC (January 2026), Bangor (June 2025).</i></p> <p>No confirmation yet re: dates/finances for future procurement.</p> <p>Restorative Consultant:</p> <p>We continually raise this at HB meetings.</p> <p>Most recent update is that job has once again been advertised. Discussions re: how to measure need are ongoing – as there has been no service for so long (and it would be a waste of a dentist's time to refer when you know it will never be triaged) the HB do not know what local need is.</p> <p>Paul Brocklehurst has suggested estimating population need based on levels across the rest of Wales – not ideal due to different demographics, but better than</p>

		<p>nothing/asking dentists to complete referrals to a non-existent service). Paul will be providing a needs assessment in coming months.</p> <p>Question over whether Powys in the same position.</p> <p>ACTION (1): MS to contact other LDC secretaries asking re: their local restorative provision.</p> <p>ACTION (2): MS to add to agenda for next OHSG meeting – BCU need to do their own research re: what contingencies other HBs have in place.</p>
<p>2.3 Support for the LDC moving forwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What do we want from the LDC? - Chair/Vice Chair succession planning, rotating role? - Young Dentist/DCP rep., inc. remuneration - In-person LDC events (CPD?) - use of LDC funds - Committee members up for re-election 	JW/MS/DN	<p>Need to consider 1) 'mandatory' statutory requirements and 2) what members would like from the LDC on a broader level re: support, engagements, meetings, CPD, etc.</p> <p>We appreciate members will need to know time commitments involved.</p> <p>ACTION/AGENDA ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER: JW to document statutory requirements inc. roles and responsibilities to discuss at next meeting in September.</p> <p>We do need support/succession planning.</p> <p>DN – highlighted potential benefits of smaller local F2F meetings (inc. CDS colleagues, etc.) from a networking standpoint.</p> <p>ACTION: MS to discuss getting this set up with Rachael Page ('slippage funds'?) – no point LDC organising/funding if LHB responsibility.</p> <p>As an LDC, do we attempt to organise and fund core ('highly recommended') CPD events – will there be sufficient interest in this? Compare with efforts by BDA local branch and local HEIW CPD.</p> <p>Re: committee members up for re-election.</p> <p>ACTION: DN/ID to check consultation re: membership and frequency of elections. MS can help.</p> <p>BL – highlighted potential benefits of individual committee members each having a small role. Will there be sufficient interest/engagement for this?</p> <p>All the above standing item to discuss further in September.</p>
<p>Updates – Chairman's/Orthodontics Correspondence to be uploaded to Website.</p>		
<p>3.1 Chairman's Correspondence</p>	JW	<p>Jeremy delivered update following Health Professional Forum (HPF) meeting 6th June.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Robert Ellis in the transformation team seems happy for the LDC to contact him re: assistance in

		<p>progressing anything through the LHB (restorative consultant, bottle-necks, for example).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPs currently pushing re: continuity of care – odd as very much opposite to the direction of travel for NHS GDS. - Sarah Kingman (Pharmacy) is liaising with ID and looking at whether we can have a pathway for buying midazolam through community pharmacy. Cheaper for GPs if go for rectal delivery (?!). - 3-5% population now on weight loss jabs. - Lots of GPs now using AI scribe and positive feedback.
<p>3.2 Secretary's Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update following LDC Annual Conference (Gateshead, 5-6th June) - Academy status for practices 	MS	<p>Theme of 'Resilience within dentistry'. Asked to share the following resource: https://www.breathedentalwellness.org/</p> <p>Presentations from conference have been uploaded to the LDC website.</p> <p>MS was asked to query how a practice can achieve 'academy status' – response from HB was <i>"work in progress: part of the review is around the academy and education."</i> It has been added to agenda for June meeting with HB also.</p>
<p>3.3 Treasurer's Report</p>	AH	<p>£48,024.59 in the account.</p> <p>MS reported that this was a theme at the LDC conference – some LDC's (us included) give much less than others.</p> <p>North Wales LDC most recent charitable donations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £5,000 to Dental Guild – 2nd June 2025 (<i>our only regular annual donation</i>) - £500 to British Fluoridation Society – 2nd June 2025 - £2,000 to BDA Benevolent Fund – November 2023 <p>Note, suggested donation to Guild is £35 per levy payor per year.</p> <p>AGENDA ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER: List organisations that we see as worthy of support and, at next meeting (which will open with an AGM), come up with thought-through list of donations inc. amounts and regularity.</p> <p>ACTION: JW/MS to ask Angie Tyrer at next OHSG meeting re: number of levy payors.</p>
<p>3.4 Orthodontics</p>	BL	<p>Advert for new consultant has just gone live – based at YGC (split with one other site).</p> <p>Plan to get orthodontic strategic advisory forum back up and running – BL would like this to have LDC representation.</p>

3.5 Oral Surgery		<p>Email from Rachael re: tier 2 contracts starting in July (see procurement notes above).</p> <p>Feedback from DAB (one of the providers) is that HB are still working out how to send referrals (inc. patient information) securely to the providers.</p> <p>ACTION: MS to bring up at next OHSG meeting for clarification.</p>
3.6 GDPC/WGDPC	JW/RJ	Recent talk re: how BDA can better engage with private practitioners and better engage with associate members (looking at membership tiers and mentorship).
3.8 Dental Advisors – inc. DPA/QAVP	ID/KF	<p>Re: Midazolam, if practices find pharmacies insist on 'Welsh form', shared services in St Asaph can provide this.</p> <p>Unlikely that number of DPAs will change (i.e. unlikely Adrian will be replaced) in near future. LDC not permitted to discuss this with LHB.</p>
3.9 OHSG (Primary Dental Care Operational Liaison Meeting)	JW/MS	<p>JW delivered update following OHSG meeting 6th Mar 25.</p> <p>Next meeting 26th Jun 25 – notes will be shared with committee members as usual.</p>
<p>Any Other Business?</p> <p>DN brought up the topic of YTD and specifically difficulty navigating the platform to find 'highly recommended' GDC topics, for example.</p> <p>TT advised that all GDC recommended topics are now delivered online and kindly offered to deliver a quick 'tutorial' on using YTD towards the start of the next meeting.</p> <p>AGENDA ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER: 'Navigating YTD', Tracey Taylor, 15-20 mins.</p>		
Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting		
Monday 8th September 2025 19:00-22:00	Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AGM (inc. committee nominations) - 'Navigating YTD' Tracey Taylor - Annual charitable donations - LDC statutory requirements and further discussions re: support for LDC / format of LDC meetings going forwards
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