

*Notes of Workshop Meeting with OoH Providers 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016*

The meeting was held to inform providers of the intended changes to the service and to ascertain their views on the proposed changes.

The main areas of concern were discussed and these included the following:

- It was felt the number of practices providing the service should not be limited to just 4 practices across ABM
- Some of the providers that currently provide mid week sessions, would not be willing to provide weekend sessions
- Practices would not want to be on a rota any more than once a month or once every 6 weeks
- A feeling that the mid week sessions should continue
- Times of the new sessions - suggested to move the session to an earlier time, lunch breaks included (although to note in the proposed model being discussed on the weekend, the same practice would not be providing both sessions in one day so a lunch break would not be factored in).
- Did not feel there was a significant difference between a SLA/PDS although the superannuation on the PDS was a benefit as would be the annual inflationary increase.
- Remuneration- the sessions payment had not increased over time
- Practices need to provide their own staff with a 3 month notice for any changes to their working pattern

- Dental practices may struggle to have sufficient dental nurses to cover a rota that expected them to work regular wkd sessions
- Concern if there would be enough interest from practices to deliver the service over the wkd period across the ABM patch
- What is classed as 'urgent' treatment.....?
- Practices are currently split with the numbers of staff present during an OOH session, some have 1xnurse and 1xdentist some have a 3rd member of the team to carry out admin duties.

In light of the workshop it was felt that before a formal tendering process was carried out, it would be worth while carrying out an expressions of interest exercise that would go out to all practices in ABM to gauge if there would be enough interest from practices to provide the sessions over the weekend period to cover a 52 week rota. Obviously there is a need to bear in that the proposed model may need to be amended accordingly if it will be required to have more practices delivering the sessions than were first anticipated, change from PDS to SLA, rota etc.

Further to this all practices in ABMU have been contacted and expressions of interest in providing the new service invited. At the time of writing we are not aware of any interest shown.