

## Morgannwg LDC Zoom Meeting Thursday 24th March 2022

### In Attendance.

Allison Walker in the chair, Roger Pratley, Huw Hopkins, Mohammed Imtiaz, Chris Wills-Wood, Izzy McArthur, Rita Santos, Nicola Summers, Ewart Johnstone, Patricia Moreira, Amrish Gupta, Farzana Mohamed, Darril Williams, Barrie David, James Davies, Tesni Metcalfe, Paul Frazer, Simon Bond, Craig Davies, Helen John, Annie Walker, Kirsty James, Laura-Leigh Jenkins, Richard Woods, Ellie Parker, Kelly Brayley, Chris Woods, Mark Waters, Andrew Williams, Sara Griffiths, John Vaughan, Sam Edwards, Rachel Coles, Richard Jones, Sid Gupta, Behrooz Khoshooee, Liz Lee, Claire McAllister, Gayathri Kini, Anwen Hopkins, Wasan Haboubi, Rob Elliott, Mustafa Mukhaiber, Dharminy Martin.

### Minutes of Meeting 10th March 2022 - Accepted

### Matters Arising

- Associates' contracts – BDA currently working on to reflect associate self-employed status.
- Communication to patients regarding contract variation – there had been no update. There was concern practice teams are going to have to field a lot of questions on the new way of working i.e., access to appointments. It was felt this needed to come direct from WG and be uniform across Wales. To take to LDC/LHB Liaison Meeting next Monday for discussion.
- DDRB uplift – as ACV now linked to metrics, concern was raised this will increase targets.

### Open discussion of WG offer for GDS Contract April 2022

The main points discussed were: -

- 90% of practices had shown intention to sign up to contract variation, those who hadn't tended to be small child only contracts.
- The HB had calculated new patient position, they had offered to provide a third of the target but were to be flexible with numbers. Clarity was needed around the HB failing to supply the agreed number of patients and the consequences for the practice should this be the case.
- There would now be a single FV target to include both adults and children as one unified target. This was felt to be a good move and would aid achievement. Would the HB take a patient's refusal to accept FV into account regarding targets?
- The Practices that had responded to HB with an intention to sign new variation were unsure if this was set in stone and would there be an option to revert to UDA contract by 1<sup>st</sup> April should they decide to do so?
- Clarification was needed around supplying emergency treatment for historic patients. Previously the practice had only been liable to provide treatment within two months of a COT, as there had been no change to the regulations was this still the case?
- Although it was possible to set aside diary time for new patient/existing patient examinations and those existing patients in pain, it may prove difficult to complete COT in a timely manner, especially as most patients will not have received full COTs in the last two years. Lack of space in diaries to make space for the examinations would have a knock-on effect on COTs. There was concern this would skew data and in return affect the achieving of targets.

- Access patients from RMC – there would be letters sent next week on an individual basis explaining how this would work and numbers going forward. Clarification was needed as to whether existing agreements for In Hours Access and OoH would continue.
- The charging for FV for patients under 25 and 65 plus needed clarification going forward, to take to LDC/LHB meeting next week for discussion.
- The issue of patients DNA was discussed and the importance of accurate record keeping of these missed appointments was reiterated as they will be needed to justify time lost and potential non hitting of targets with HB. The possibility of adding this to eDen was discussed as this was felt to be an excellent way of recording DNA data.
- The provision of phased COTs for high need patients was discussed, and it was agreed further clarity was needed around this. NHS England had produced a document 'Update to avoidance of doubt - provision of phased treatments'. WG does not have such a document for reference, it was decided to take to LDC/LHB meeting on Monday for discussion.

### **Annual Conference of LDCs**

The Conference was to be held at The International Convention Centre Wales on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with Dan Cook Gwent in the Chair.

The Chair had said she is to attend the event and one other could attend alongside her as an observer, the cost to be covered by LDC. Motions passed at conference are usually taken on by GDPC as policy, any thoughts on motions to be presented by LDC to be emailed to Secretary.

### **Any Other Business**

DPA's are offering a practice support service for those practices likely to be visited by HIW. GDPs are advised to accept this offer of support especially if they have not received a visit within the last five years.

### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 19.00