

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Local Dental Committee

Committee Meeting – Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7pm

Venue: Lord Selborne Room; Chilworth Manor Hotel, Southampton SO16 7PT

Part One

1. **Welcome** – The Chair welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Present:** Phil Gowers (Chair); Keith Percival (Secretary); Bill Creedon (Vice Chair); Verna Easterby-Smith; Jessica Patel-Barnes; Janita Dhariwal; Prawash Sunuwar; Parimal Manek; Eva Lewin; Sham Sehra; Shilpa Chitnis; Nerina Hendrickse; Nick Forster; Emily Vidovic; Pat Percival; Caroline Short – minutes; Sharleen Dhindsa - Observer
Apologies: Claudia Peace (Treasurer); Caroline Frolander; Lloyd Payne; Katy Kerr; Kim Jones; Rickard Strom; Ross McDowall; Hardev Sehra; Patrick Stewart; Ailsa Graham
3. **Conflicts of Interest – Not already declared** None
4. **Minutes of the Meeting** 12 July 2023 (Part One) signed off as a true and accurate account of the meeting.
5. **Matters Arising from the minutes and not on the agenda** – None

KP – instead of producing a secretary's report had put together a presentation Dental Sector Challenges in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Areas covered: The Role of LDCs; Crisis: Understanding the problems; NHS Dental Service Provision; Headline Concerns; The Dental Contract; Priorities for the Dental Team; Possible Solutions; Secretary's Report Responses to questions are included in minutes for Part Two. The presentation was circulated by e-mail to Committee members following the meeting.

6. **NHSE Workforce Training and Education Replot** – Katy Kerr (received by e-mail)
 - Continuing to work with LDNs, MCNs and NHSE to develop appropriate training opportunities for the whole dental team. Workforce continues to be a key issue to address if we are to deliver services. Working with ICBS and supporting flexible commissioning pilot in BOB.
 - HEE folded in to NHSE in April 2023. Now Workforce Training and Education arm of NHSE. The recognised need for training and education means the structure of the Dental Directorate remains the same. Will move to align with Kent Surrey and Sussex to work across the South East by September 2024. Email details have changed to NHS.net accounts and mine is katy.kerr1@nhs.net - emails to my HEE account will continue to be forwarded.
 - Still running free courses to continue to support the care pathways. To apply or to explore other options visit our booking system Maxcourse at: <http://www.maxcourse.co.uk/heetvw/guestHome.asp>.
 - Important recent case with the GDC relating to Enhanced CPD.
 - The individual failed to provide evidence that they completed 10 hours CPD over a given 2-year period. Their 5-year cycle ended, and they thought this stopped the clock. In mitigation, unfortunately, they had been unwell which made it difficult to complete the requirements. In addition, the GDC declined to accept certificates from e-Learning for Health as being compliant with its CPD requirements.
 - Thankfully I was able to help resolve the situation by providing signed mapping documents for the eLFH modules within the timescale set and the individual concerned is no longer facing erasure.
 - The outcome of the GDC survey into ECPD also highlighted this as an issue. In addition:
 - The Personal Development Plan (PDP) is not always used effectively
 - Some struggle to understand its purpose or how to use it to identify learning and development needs.
 - Being able to self-reflect was key to creating a PDP, and some members of the dental team needed support to do so effectively.
 - Some had created training activities on the PDP, but take-up had been low.
 - Providing more detailed guidance on creating an effective PDP was needed, and additional thought should be given to reaching registrants who do not complete undergraduate degrees.

- The GDC are looking at what more can be done to offer support and in the longer term moving away from counting hours to encourage engagement in meaningful learning and attendance at high quality training. I am arranging to speak to them about providing information for registrants about what to put in a PDP and the importance of appraisals as a mechanism for career development, support, and input into generating tailored PDPs. I believe that if this type of scheme was endorsed by the GDC that would carry huge weight and show consistency with revalidation for other health professions, whilst avoiding the huge organisational and financial impact of replicating revalidation for dental registrants.
- We are working to look at how to implement the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan (June 2023)
- Route for international (non-UK) graduates to gain Performer List number. Now on plan 23 so NHSE Professional Standards Team manage the process and NHSE WT&E only involved in complex cases. We have amended our Introduction to NHS webinars to fit the new programme and will soon start a training session to support Mentors. As part of the Dental Education Reform Programme the regions are looking to develop a national toolkit to help practices to support international dental graduates.
- Haptics suite now ready at Portsmouth Academy and training in its use is underway.
- DCP Tutor has been recruited for the Wessex area. Her name is Georgie Worsfold georgina-sarah.worsfold@nhs.net and she currently works as a Dental Therapist.

7. NHS England and NHS Improvement -Update

No report received; KP has forwarded a list of dates to Alison Cross

8. Other NHS England - South Region (Wessex) Reports

LDN

Nothing to report. Complaints received from MPs reviewed ; Contracts handed back by Providers are reviewed at each meeting. Clinically led Commissioning difficult within the confines of the NHS contract – no flexibility. NHS E short staffed. Questions the future.

Oral Surgery MCN)

No report

Orthodontics MCN - Ross McDowall

Not able to attend the meeting but there is no further update since the report submitted to LDC meeting July 2023

Salaried Service & MCN - Caroline Frolander (received by e-mail)

Referrals

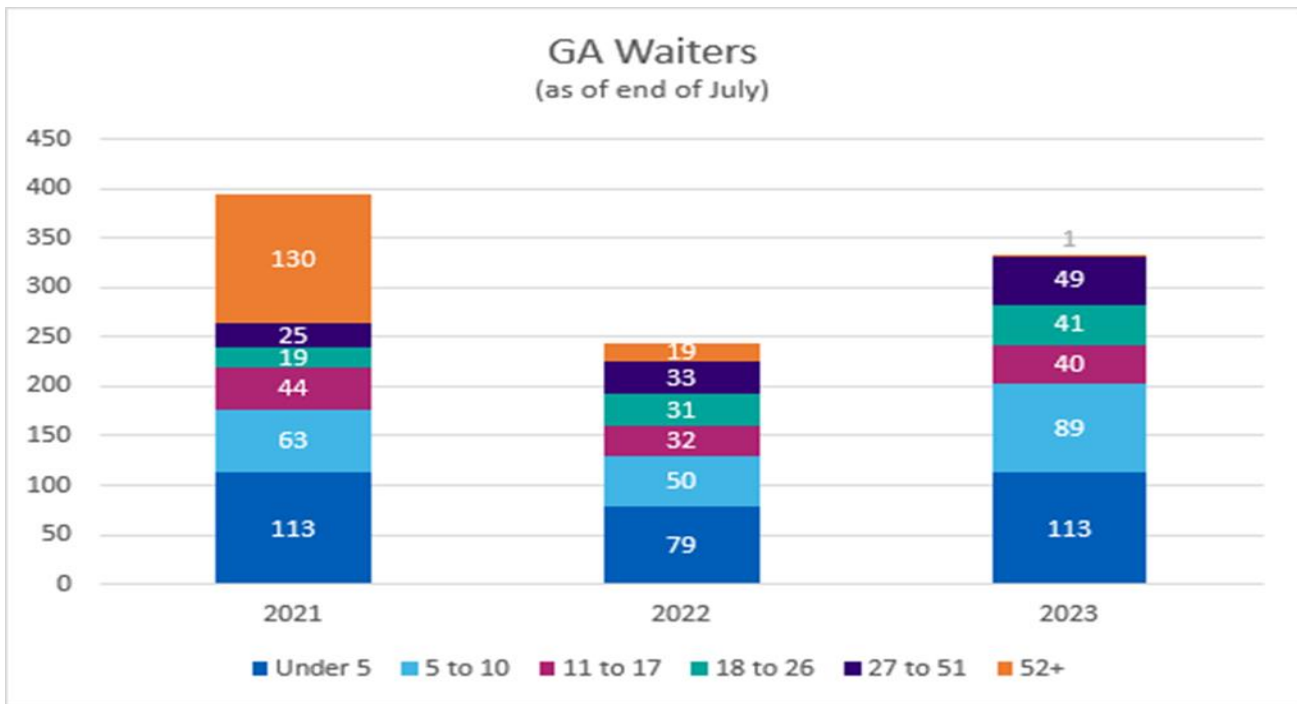
	June	July	August	Total for 2023/24
Patients waiting for first assessment appointment (Total number at the end of each month)	5384	5,435	5550	
Referrals received by month	645	666	682	3298
Patients seen as urgent	13	34	22	147
Patients seen as priority	19	26	19	155
Patients seen as routine	58	114	95	496

GA Waits

At 31.8.2023

Longest waiting Adult 51 weeks Number of Adult waiters 75

Longest waiting Child 51 weeks Number of Child waiters 239



PgCert in Conscious Sedation

Next cohort to commence very soon with first teaching weekend beginning of October

Workforce

Challenges continue with vacancies, sickness and other absence

Recruitment roadshows planned across Hampshire this month. Info has been shared with LDC for website.

Activity

Behind UDA target and meeting with commissioners to be arranged to discuss.

Contributory Factors include Workforce and Patient factors (Complexity and Attendance Patterns)

July 2023:

Contacts Attended	2999
Cancelled Appointments	538
Late Cancellations	359
Was not Brought	186
Did not Attend	79

9. University of Portsmouth Dental Academy Report – Kim Jones on behalf of the Leadership Team

- Requested to highlight UPDA's part-time CE DN course. Highlights include the following:
 - 2 day per week from September-December
 - 1 day per week January-May. Assessments held in May of the 2nd year.
 - Students pay the fee with a student loan, UoP arranges the students' vaccinations and DBS clearance, as well as manual handling and BLS training.
 - Employers do not need to sign any paperwork off during the 2 years, just liaise with tutors periodically at a time of their choosing.
 - The trainee nurse qualifies with a level 4 qualification and 120 credits which can be used for future applications as well as entry to the BSc (Hons) Advanced Dental Nursing Professional Practice (top-up) degree. This incorporates all additional skills such as suture removal, impression taking, fluoride varnish application, plaque

indices recording and radiography. This is a further 2 years and the fees would again be paid by the students acquiring a student loan. This qualification gives the graduate skills to be a practice manager or owner and be CQC compliant. There is also a mentorship module in the 3rd year which the graduate can take further should they wish after qualification.

There will be a mentorship evening at UPDA 18 October 2023 for existing placement providers but is also open to practices that are interested in becoming a mentor for our DCP students, so all are welcome to come along and ask any questions.

Email jane.cuthbert@port.ac.uk for any information regarding the mentors evening and to supply contact details to enable the Dental Academy to send an invite.

Contact Tracy.wallis@port.ac.uk should you have any other queries.

- KJ has been asked to promote UPDA's in-person CPD courses. DA is running the following courses in September and October:

TOOTH WHITENING FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL THERAPISTS Friday 22nd September 2023, 9.00am - 5.00pm Speaker: Diane Rochford, Dental Hygienist £215.00 This course is for dental hygienists and therapists who would like to expand their knowledge and develop their skills by providing tooth whitening for patients, focusing on both at-home and in-surgery techniques. Delegates will learn skills, knowledge and confidence to undertake appropriate tooth whitening treatment safely for patients of the practice.

AN UPDATE ON INDICATIONS AND PREPARATIONS FOR INDIRECT RESTORATIONS Friday 13th October 2023, 9.00am - 5.00pm Speaker: Michael Thomas, Specialist in Prosthodontics £255.00 The aims of this course are to improve knowledge and skills in the use of indirect restorations to improve outcomes for patient care. This course, which includes a hands-on element, aims to demonstrate appropriate tooth preparations for indirect restorations, including inlays and onlays, taking into consideration new materials and impression and manufacturing techniques.

PERIODONTAL TREATMENT PLANNING AND MANAGING TREATMENT OUTCOMES Friday 27th October 2023, 9.00am - 5.00pm Speaker(s): Laura McClune, Dental Care Professional Teaching Fellow and Debbie Withers, Senior Dental Care Professional Teaching Fellow, University of Portsmouth Dental Academy £195.00 This refresher course is for dentists, dental hygienists and dental therapists who would like to learn how to plan and carry out non-surgical periodontal treatment. On this course you'll improve your skills and confidence when managing the periodontal patient within a primary care setting, focusing on treatment planning. The course combines theory with practice, where you'll learn to effectively plan, treat and manage periodontal cases.

Further information about Dental Academy short courses and CPD is available at <https://www.port.ac.uk/study/short-courses-and-cpd/dental-academy>

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Dates of next Meetings 1 November 2023, 17 January 2024, 13 March 2024 (F2F) 10 May 2024 AGM (F2Fam)

TBC