

Providing representation and support to all NHS & Private dentists in the Gwent area.

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We aim to keep you informed of any developments or events within dentistry in the Gwent area that may be of interest to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any individual advice or support, our contact details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Key points from our last LDC meeting held on 15th June.....

- There are still ongoing problems with GA referrals – urgent appointments can be referred directly to Kensington Court Clinic. The delay for triage appointments is currently 3 to 4 months.
- The LDC is interested in collating Practitioners' experiences of HIW inspections with a view to using appropriate information to help development of the process. Please email the Administrative Secretary with any comments you wish to make.
- We would remind Practitioners to use the new form for hospital referrals.
- Any concerns regarding non-dentists advertising teeth-whitening services should be referred to Trading Standards in the first instance.

News from ABHB:

- There is unfortunately no further progress with regard to the Restorative Service. The Dental Hospital is continuing to provide 3 sessions per week and we will keep you informed of any developments.
- ABHB will be hosting another CPD event this year to be held on 23rd September at Greenmeadow Golf and Country Club in Cwmbran. Further details to follow.

In other news.....

- Mark Robotham will be stepping down at the next LDC meeting after 6 and a half years as Chairman. During this time Gwent LDC has developed strong links with the current Health Board and it is hoped that this will continue in the future.
- Thank you to those who completed the survey regarding the LDC website. On consideration of the survey the LDC website will be developed over the Summer. It is hoped that this will be more accessible than the previous site. The new website can be found at www.gwentldc.org
- The LDC has started a new facebook page so please search for Gwent LDC and "like" our page to keep up to date with news, developments and job vacancies.
- If you experience any issues that you wish to raise with the LDC then please contact the Administrative Secretary. All queries should be directed to bucklandanna@gmail.com

Gwent LDC runs its own private out of hours' rota for practitioners in Gwent. New members are always welcome. Please contact Andrew Jones on rota@26dental.co.uk if you would like any further information.

Trying to fill a vacancy or looking for a new position? The LDC can help you advertise your post or your CV, for free! Please contact the LDC Administrative Secretary via bucklandanna@gmail.com for further information.

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