

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE

Secretary's Report

PART ONE:

Overview:

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight LDC is one of two LDCs within the Wessex Area Team (WAT), which is one of the largest Area Teams in England. The two LDCs are successfully and actively communicating and meeting on a regular basis to resolve and promote a synergistic approach to identified (locally/nationally led questions and concerns) representative matters that lie within the WAT.

It has been considered by both LDCs that a strategic retention of separate LDC identities is presently of fundamental importance and therefore some of the liaison meeting agenda items individually reflect dedicated and area specific representative issues on behalf of one of the two separate constituencies, which obviously extend over a large geographical area with very different needs and concerns – rural and inner city.

The Chair of the LPN/LDN is yet to be appointed and the LDCs are hopeful that they will be on the selection panel for this pivotal post. It is believed that this will be advertised on NHS jobs in the very near future.

There has been limited success with Health and Well being Board engagement in our area but steady progress has been made with Portsmouth and Southampton H&WBBs through the Consultant in Dental Public Health and the joint Director of Public Health. An initial meeting has been held with the Health Partnerships and Strategic Business Manager Public Health Southampton City Council and thereby facilitated an increased awareness of the contribution that the H&IOW LDC can make to council decisions made by the Portsmouth and Southampton H&WBBs in connection with the JSNA and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies. It is hoped to build on this opportunity to provide professional and representative input outside of the Health and Wellbeing Board meetings to aid in decisions that affect local practitioners and patients. The LDC will draw on skills and strengths within its membership to achieve this.

PART TWO:

Taking the Next Steps: The past and future adaptation to the timetable of NHS change from an LDC perspective.

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Hon Sec
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