

Highland Local Dental Committee

Minutes of meeting held 19:30 7th July 2021

Venue - Zoom.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Meeting with Maree Todd MSP
5. Covid Top-ups
6. Ventilation
7. AOCB

PRESENT:

HA Hazel Adamson
ZA Zahid Ahmad
JB John Barry (Chair)
EB Eddie Bateman
CD Ciara Dunleavy
LG Linda Garwood
SG Shona Grant
MJ Malcolm Jones
CMcL Cameron McLarty
DMcS Duncan McSparran
GR Grant Rutherford
HW Helen Wallace
NW Neil Wallace (Secretary)

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES:

NB Neeraj Bali
LM Lindsey Mathers
KP Karthikeyan Ponnusami
LS Lynsey Smith

2. Previous minutes.

The minutes from the meeting held 24th May 2021 were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by **JB** and seconded by **ZA**.

3. Matters Arising from previous minutes.

- GDC Sub-committee.
This sub-committee has now sat. **ZA** has been elected as chair. **CD** as vice-chair.
JB, **EB**, **MD**, **CMcL**, **HA**, **DMcS** to serve as ordinary members.
Topics discussed included the lack of information coming forwards about the new contract model. The new SDR. Recruitment, Ventilation and Clinical Waste uplift.
- Bank Account for the Highland LDC.
[AC still to set up a Bank Account for us. \(action continues\).](#)

4. Meeting with Maree Todd MSP

On Friday 4th June 2021 at 1pm. **JB** and **EB** met with Maree Todd MSP.
An overview of this meeting has been circulated (and a copy placed on <https://highland-ldc.com>).
Sadly, since this meeting, neither have had any further correspondence from her.

5. Covid Top-ups

A discussion took place which concentrated on the unfairness of how these have been applied. Further discussion about what it means to be a "committed" practice. This seems very hit or miss, and is determined by the percentage of private income by a practitioner, which is arguably of no concern of the Health Board or DPD.

6. Ventilation

Not explicitly discussed - see AOCB.

7. AOCB

- **MJ** informed the meeting that Highland Health Board are reviewing the situation following the recent letters to LDC members ending the free uplifts.
- **EB** has asked John Lyon to arrange a meeting with the CDO Tim Ferris about Highland issues (eg. recruitment and retention). CDO will attend the next ADC meeting on the 4th August.
CMcL asked that the opportunity is taken to raise the issue that the promised new model of care has not yet been forthcoming. **JB** expressed an interest in attending, but the ADC would have to approve this.
NW suggested a "good cop / bad cop" approach where the CDO is made aware that the LDC are militant and dissatisfied with the CDO, whereas the ADC are representing the health board.
- **CMcL** updated us on his own practice's approach. He is offering NHS availability based upon SDCP priority groups.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on a Monday evening to enable other members to attend.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom - **Monday 9th August 7:30pm** .

NW to host and forward meeting invitations nearer the time.