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Dear Andrew,

We the undersigned, Chairs of all of the Welsh LDCs wholeheartedly back the WGDPC BDA Open Letter to the CDO.

We are extremely concerned with the recent publications of the 23/24 metrics and end of year contract guidance by WG. We do not believe this approach supports our local GDPs in delivering NHS dentistry. The continued emphasis on target driven dentistry instead of patient centered care is why we are in support of the letter by the WGDPC and all sentiments therein.

Local Dental Committees (LDCs) are a representative cross section of Dentists who volunteer to serve the interests of their local Dental Communities in their respective Health Board areas. The committees are made up of NHS Dental Performers and Providers with representatives from all aspects of Dental Services (General Practice, Community, Hospital, Orthodontics). LDCs represent all NHS practices and performers. A large part of the role of the LDC is in interactions with the Health Boards; enabling them to provide the best NHS services they can. The LDCs convey the opinions and concerns of Dental Communities to the Health Boards and to Public Health Wales. LDCs have a good working relationship with, but are independent of, BDA Wales. LDC activities are funded from the statutory levy collected from all NHS dentists, ensuring that we remain independent and able to challenge other organisations without bias or conflicting interests.

Kind regards,



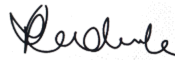
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