



“A voice for skin care in Wales”

“Llais I ofal croen yng Nghymru”

**Cross Party Group on Skin Meeting
Wednesday 24 October, 2018
18:00 – 19:30
Conference Rooms C&D, Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay
Chaired by Nick Ramsay**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Rachel Abbott (Cardiff and Vale UHB), Liz Allen (British Association of Skin Camouflage), Christine Bundy (Cardiff University), Mmu Chowdhury (Cardiff and Vale UHB), Jonathon Fox (Leo Pharma), Gail Grant (AbbVie), Rachael Hewitt (Cardiff University), Olivia Hughes (Skin Care Cymru), Dai Lloyd (Welsh Assembly), Richard Logan (ABMUHB), Avad Mughal (ABMUHB), Girish Patel (Cardiff and Vale UHB), Rachel Pattison (Cardiff University), Julie Peconi (Skin Care Cymru), Karen Pontin (Skin Health Swansea Bay), Nick Ramsay (Welsh Assembly), Jen Ramsay (Welsh Assembly), Paul Thomas (Skin Care Cymru), Katie Wellings (Skin Health Swansea Bay).

Apologies: Rebecca Andrews (Welsh Government), Karen Barker (Hywel Dda UHB), Rose Bell (Skin Care Cymru), Louisa Dallas (Novartis), Andrew Davies (ABMUHB), Paul Davies (Welsh Assembly), Martin Eaglestone (Welsh Assembly), Martin Fiddler Jones (Tenovous), Llyr Gruffydd (Welsh Assembly), Keith Harding (Cardiff University), Debora Harry (Hywel Dda UHB), Glenda Hill (BCUHB), Jenny Hughes (ABMUHB), Helen Mary Jones (Welsh Assembly), Peter Lewis (Welsh Government), Maura Matthews (Tenovous), Caroline Mills (Aneurin Bevan UHB), Richard Oliver (UK Hyperhidrosis Support Group), Constantinos Skinitis (Novartis), Henrietta Spalding (Changing Faces), Amanda Simonds (Celegene), Richard Tew (Novartis), Mayda Thomas (Skin Care Cymru), Dominic Urmston (Psoriasis Association), Deb Vine (Skin Care Cymru), Rob Vine (Skin Care Cymru), Ann Vosper (Skin Care Cymru), Sarah Wright (Skin Care Cymru).

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies, previous meeting's minutes

Nick Ramsay, welcomed the group. Julie Peconi said that there were several apologies and that she would add them to the minutes in the interest of time. We went through

the previous meeting' s minutes and all agreed that they were an accurate reflection of what had been discussed.

2. Sunbed Legislation: Group discussion on responses from Dai Lloyd, Chair, Health and Social Care and Sport Committee; and Vaughan Gething, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services; and next steps concerning sunbed legislation – Dr Rachel Abbott

In response to their enquiries about sunbed legislation, the CPG on Skin had received two responses one from Dai Lloyd, AM, Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee who was also present at the meeting, and one from Vaughan Gething, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services. In short, Dai Lloyd' s letter advised the CPG on Skin to write to the Cabinet Secretary and the Cabinet Secretary' s letter indicated that he intended to consult on adding sunbeds to the list of special procedures at the first opportunity. There was confusion however on when the consultation would take place. It was suggested that the CPG on Skin could put together a small taskforce to compile all the evidence before the consultation takes place so that we are not caught out with tight timescales or with the cabinet reshuffle.

There was a general discussion on how The British Association of Skin Camouflage in 2001 had successfully campaigned to remove the sunbed module from the Beauty Industry training. Dr Rachel Abbott mentioned the current Melanoma UK petition that is currently circulating- this would call for an outright ban on sunbeds. Dr Abbott is also working with Public Health Wales towards education on sunbeds into the Healthy Schools Network, which is part of Public Health Wales.

Currently councils have no understanding of the number of sun beds in the country or no way of regulating these. Licensing sunbeds would help with understanding the numbers. There is a need to create a mindset change and a reeducation among the younger generation and primary school children.

Action: Dai Lloyd and Nick Ramsay to write to the Cabinet Secretary seeking clarification on timescales for the consultation.

Action: Members of the CPG on Skin to form a small task force to collate evidence on the harmful effects of sunbeds.

3. Update on dermatology services in Hywel Dda University Health Board

Debora Harry, Interim Lead Nurse Rheumatology and Dermatology Health Board wide, and Karen Barker, Service Delivery Manager (Scheduled Care), from the Health Board were due to update on services at the meeting but unfortunately at the last minute, due to staff illness and other diary commitments, had sent their apologies. Julie Peconi, as CPG Secretariat, had offered to read a briefing document on their behalf but had not received anything by the time she left for the meeting.

The Group expressed disappointment and concern that no one from Hywel Dda was present at the meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding services and it was suggested that the holding locum solution has not worked. A query was raised as to why the telederm sessions have not been expanded upon but with no one there from Hywel Dda no one was able to comment. The situation in Hywel Dda has been a longstanding item on the agenda and from the outside it appears that no improvements have been made. Julie will continue to invite representatives from the Health Board to attend these meetings.

Action: Nick Ramsay to write to Vaughan Gething, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services, re-raising the concerns of the Group.

4. Update on the Planned Care Programme

Unfortunately, Peter Lewis, National Clinical Lead for Planned Care, who was due to update the group had been called into theatre and also sent his apologies at the last minute. Rebecca Andrews, from Welsh Government had sent a briefing paper over which is included with these minutes. There was a brief discussion on the massive task of data coding- because dermatology data is coded as outpatient data it is notoriously inaccurate.

5. Dermatology consultant retention research feedback session- Dr Avad Mughal and Dr Julie Peconi

Dr Avad Mughal began by setting the scene for this research: the deficit of 200 plus consultant dermatologists in the UK and 7-9 posts in Wales. Within the past 8-10 years, 8 consultants have left their posts in Wales with 5 moving to England to practice. Funded by AbbVie and working with the Medical School in Swansea University, Skin Care Cymru will be undertaking telephone interviews to understand the barriers to recruitment and retention in Wales. Interview questions will focus on 4 major themes: personnel and management issues, infrastructure, financial remuneration and non-work

factors. Avad invited comments from the group and there was a brief discussion on these themes.

It was mentioned that in the New Year, the British Association of Dermatologists (BAD) are also exploring why those who are qualified don't actually go into dermatology as a profession and that Ruth Murphy, President in The Chair, is keen to understand the issues completely. There are even empty jobs in London in the major training centres. However, there is a huge demand for training posts. There was a brief discussion on possible reasons for the vacancies and the different structure in England. Avad and Julie will keep the group updated on findings.

6. Any Other Business-

On November 28, there is a Skin Cancer Meeting in Cardiff. For those interested in attending, please RSVP with Rachel Abbott.

Liz Allen raised a query on compulsory licensing for special procedures on intimate body parts. Overall the group felt that licensing would include intimate body parts. Also, there was a query as to whether sun blocks would be deleted from the Advisory Committee for Borderline Substances (ACBS) but the general feeling was no as the BAD had responded to that.

Our next meeting will be in approximately 6 months' time. Julie Peconi will circulate a time and date shortly.