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(via email)

Dear Colleagues,

LDC Levy Payments

As NHS England have now assumed responsibility across England for recognising local representative committees, NHS England needs to ensure a consistent approach across England to collecting levy payments required to support Local Dental Committee (LDC) activity.

Following consultation with the British Dental Association (BDA), NHS England and the NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA), it is proposed for the purposes of levy collection, there will be one lead LDC per Area Team to which the levy is paid on behalf of all LDCs within that Area Team. To do this all LDCs within the same Area Team will need to agree the way they would like the LDC levy to be collected. The options available to LDCs are:

Percentage levy, whereby the amount is calculated from an agreed figure
or
Same amount for every member

Voluntary contributions are paid in addition to the above options.

Following collection, the NHSBSA will make one payment to the nominated LDC in each Area Team. The LDC receiving the payment from the NHSBSA has responsibility for issuing payment to the other LDCs within their Area Team. To facilitate this, an annual list will be provided to the LDC to identify which individuals have paid a voluntary levy.

Each group of LDCs within an Area Team boundary will have the opportunity to agree how their own LDC levy is collected in line with the options above. Whilst all LDCs within an Area Team must have the same levy collection rules, their rules do not have to be the same as LDCs in other Area Teams.

Action to take: Area Teams should make contact with their LDCs to obtain information on their budget and decision of collection method agreed between the LDCs in the Area Team, area. There will be a standard proforma for Area Teams to complete in order to inform NHS BSA of the agreement in their area.

The NHSBSA will supply an annual update to Area Teams of all performers working in their area.

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The NHSBSA can only provide details of performers who are current performers on contracts within an Area Team. On an annual basis, the NHSBSA will provide the BDA with a list of performers associated with each Area Team. The list of performers will be on a spreadsheet with practising postcode included in a separate column. This list is in addition to the one the BDA requests every three years to conduct elections.

In 2014/15 only, a complete list of all performers by Area Team will be required in September for the issue of 'call for nominations' and in October a list of Area Teams where a ballot is required. This is to be provided by the NHSBSA.

The lead LDC will be provided annually with a list of dentists in their area that pay the voluntary levy with amounts paid.

This agreement with the NHSBSA will be unable to include performers working within the salaried primary dental care service that opt in to pay the levy as NHSBSA does not manage contracts for salaried primary dental care performers.

This letter has set out the process across dentistry and with the help and support of the representative bodies, this national approach will be taken forward from 1st April 2014. Any queries on this can be directed to the NHS Dental Services helpdesk.

Yours sincerely



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