

## **Chair's Report for Community Group AGM 21.04.2016**

A verbal report was given.

The Community group membership is currently 19 and membership is likely to fall in the next few years due to retirement and contract changes. Although the membership of our group is small we are not alone in this respect. The BOS board is happy to support our group and listen to our concerns particularly with respect to the provision of orthodontic services provided to the special group of patients we treat. The CDO is also supportive of the Community Dental Service.

Please refer to the published minutes of the Group Chair's March 2016 meeting for a full report. Areas discussed were:

National needs assessment (including guidance for commissioners), electronic referral systems, guidance for therapists, and a lack of appropriate orthodontic courses for those wishing to improve their orthodontic skills. The UTG and consultant group have recruitment problems.

The BOS will be running a commissioning day aimed at educating the commissioners.

The committee's current roles will be listed by Heather Nevard (secretary) in her report.

A Community Spring Study Day is planned to be scheduled in 2017 and suggested topics are welcome from all members. Many thanks to Brenda Ng for organising the Study Day 2016 and for the committee's support.

For several reasons a previously planned survey of GA assessments was unfortunately not completed. To ease relevant data collection the committee will explore the possibility of an online survey of our group members, if sanctioned by the appropriate directorate.

Please contact the committee if you have any issues which need to be raised on your behalf to BOS.

Thank you for attending the AGM.

Jane Eden 20.04.2016