

NHS System Update from Wales

- April 2024
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- Chair Welsh General Dental Practice Committee

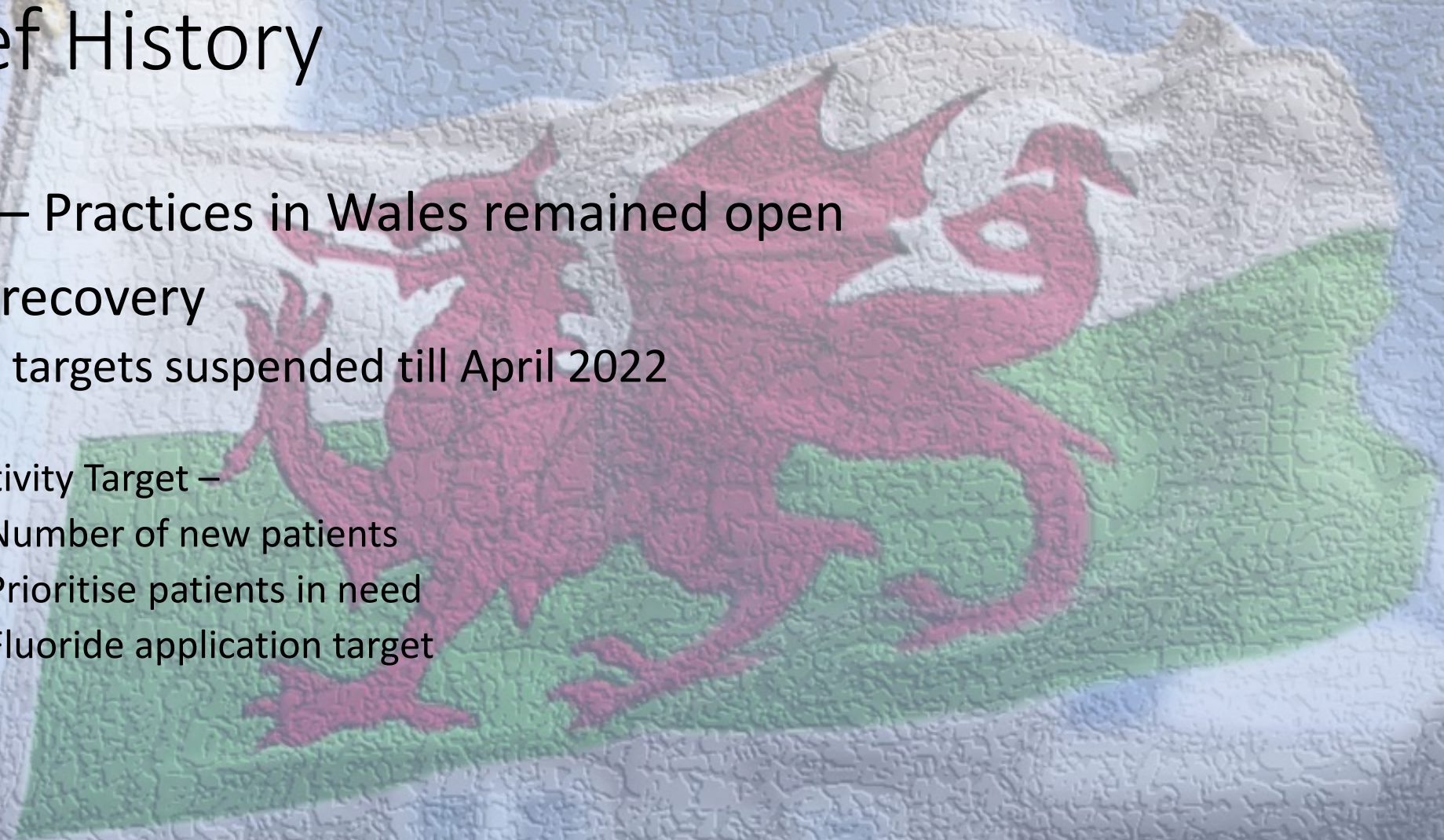


A brief History

- COVID – Practices in Wales remained open
- COVID recovery
 - UDA targets suspended till April 2022

Activity Target –

- Number of new patients
- Prioritise patients in need
- Fluoride application target



April 2022

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- Return to UDAs

- Target negotiated 95%
- No further allowance for COVID

- Contract Variation – activity split -

- Historic patient target (40%)
- New patient target (25%)
- Fluoride application target (5%)
- Extended recall target (5%)
- Nominal UDA target (25%)

22/23 Contract Variation

- Historic patient numbers averaged across all practices
 - Reduced by 30% “to allow for new patient and admin”
 - New patients added back on
- Gives 84% target patient numbers pre COVID
 - Extending up to over 100% pt numbers
 - No allowance for prevention/increased need/ACORN
- Activity around 70% pre COVID
- Mitigation introduced for “High need”



Day 1 Plan

- Go deep and make it special
- Can we have unicorns?
- Nice, strong Red at lunch
- Deal or Do Deal - ask the Banker
- La plume de ma tante

Smoking seriously harms you and others around you

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- One year contract variations
- Metrics tweaked but fundamentally unchanged
 - Contract Reform – activity split to -
 - Historic patient target (45%)
 - New patient target (20%)
 - Including New Urgent Access
 - Fluoride application target (10%)
 - Nominal UDA target (25%)

New Contract Negotiations

- “Ground Up” negotiations on a new contract.
 - Shared aspirations
 - Difficult conversations ahead



Annual Pay uplift - DDRB

- Wales awarded
 - 5% on “pay”
 - 5% on expenses
- Introduced annual negotiation process
 - Practices required to complete 2 QI audits to receive pay uplift



One Ask from Welsh Government

- If I could ask one thing...
 - Clear NHS offer

