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To All Barnabas PPG Members ...
(Printed copies to those without email)

Welcome to the August monthly package for Barnabas PPG members.

[If you can't read any of the attached documents, or need printed copies of anything mentioned, please tell me and I'll try to send you a copy.]

July PPG Meeting

First of all, many thanks to all of you who came to the July meeting. This turned out to be very productive with some good discussion of the various projects which we might take on (see below). Please read the minutes as they contain lots of pieces of useful information and feedback, which I don't want to repeat here.

PPG Projects

As a result of the July meeting, I have updated the list of possible projects; the new list is attached. Please take a look at it and let me know of any project which you would like to work on. Over the coming weeks I will be trying to identify people to work on projects. The top priorities are the waiting area noticeboards, the magazines and a book exchange, but I will include others if there are volunteers. I already have some volunteers, but the more we have the better it will be.

Skills Survey

In last two month's packages we've asked everyone to fill in and return the "Skills Survey". Sadly not many of you have! Please complete the attached questionnaire (it'll take two minutes!) as it really will help us to know what you can do and how much time you can give us. We can only do things for the Practice if we have volunteers to work on projects – and yes, that means you!!

Meeting Venues

Thank you for the couple of suggestions you've made about possible meeting venues. I am investigating the possibilities and hope to be able to announce dates and venues for next year's meetings at our next meeting in September. Meanwhile please let me know of any other possible venues close to the Practice.

Barnabas Bulletin

The next issue of the quarterly newsletter, *Barnabas Bulletin*, is due out in early September and is planned to focus on carers. If anyone has any short articles for the newsletter, then please get in touch with either Jacqui Piper (jaxandthecats@aol.com) or me as soon as possible. A copy of the newsletter should be included in the September monthly package and available from the Medical Centre.

What to Expect from Your Doctor

This is the title of a recent booklet from the General Medical Council. Although aimed at patients it is still written from a rather "medical professional" viewpoint but is nevertheless well worth reading. We have suggested to the Practice that copies should be given to all patients when they register and be made available in the waiting area. You can find the online version at <http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/patients.asp> but I have also attached a copy.

NHS England Business Plan

Yes, the NHS does have a business plan! It covers the three financial years 2013/14 to 2015/16. Needless to say the full version is large and complex, so NHS England have also produced an easy pictorial guide; a copy is attached.

Confused by the Latest NHS Reorganisation?

Did you think the NHS was a simple hierarchy of family doctors and hospitals? If so, think again. Created for [The King's Fund](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzw2d40ZjVo), [this animation](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzw2d40ZjVo) at www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzw2d40ZjVo explains the current NHS organisation in just over 6 minutes. It is well worth watching and puts (some of) the current organisation in context. It is the best explanation I have yet seen. This is why we all have to work to make the new NHS work – as patients we do now have real routes through which to influence it! The "New_NHS" file attached is the final image from the video.

Facebook

And finally a reminder to those of you who use Facebook that there is a [Barnabas Medical Centre PPG](https://www.facebook.com/groups/barnabas.ppg/) Facebook group. Just go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/barnabas.ppg/>. This is a private group so joining will send me a request to admit you, which I will do if you're on the list of signed up members. Why bother? Well apart from having access to PPG documents, it will help us grow as a community and it gives us an area for discussion without the need to continually shuffle emails around.

Next PPG Meeting: Tuesday 17 September, 1400 hrs at St Barnabas Church Hall. We hope to have a speaker from Healthwatch Ealing.

An agenda will be circulated with the September monthly package.

That's all for this month. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we'll pick up again in September.

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