

Barnabas MC PPG

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

Welcome to the September 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.]

September PPG Meeting

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 17 September, 1400 hrs in St Barnabas Church Hall**

The agenda for the meeting is planned to be:

1. Introductions & Minutes of 17 July Meeting
2. Healthwatch Ealing Introduction (Beth Hales, HWE)
3. 2014 Meeting Dates
4. PPG Projects List
5. Practice Updates
6. Ealing CCG Updates
7. PPG Updates
8. AOB

As always we will aim for the meeting to last an hour and certainly no more than 90 minutes.

I am also attaching a copy of the minutes of the July meeting and the latest iteration of the Project List.

Meeting Dates & Venues for 2014

Thank you to those of you who have suggested possible venues for future meetings. They are all still being considered – but please read on ...

Paul and I have been giving some thought to meeting dates for 2014. Looking at the contact form you all filled in when you joined the PPG the most popular times for meeting seem to be Monday morning, Monday evening, Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening, Thursday evening; closely followed by Monday afternoon, Friday evening, Tuesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon, Wednesday evening. Mornings are not good for the Practice and whenever we choose it will be unsuitable for some members – sorry we can't win that one! So we could reasonably standardise on alternating meetings between Monday evenings and Tuesday afternoons, as we have recently. The advantage of set day(s) and time(s) is that we can have regular venues and everyone learns the routine.

But before we do this, **what would you all like? Please tell me**, either by replying to this mail, or come and discuss it at the next meeting.

1. When would you like to meet?
2. Should we have set day(s) and time(s) for meetings? (For instance, always Monday evening or Tuesday afternoon.)
3. Would you like to meet more often than every 2 months? Maybe every 6 weeks, or every month?
4. Where would you like to have the meetings?

THESE ARE YOUR MEETINGS SO PLEASE TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT! If you don't tell me, we will guess and get it wrong!

Once we have a better idea what you want, I will work to fix dates and venues for 2014 meetings.

Barnabas Bulletin

Issue 3 of the quarterly newsletter, *Barnabas Bulletin*, is now available from the Medical Centre and as always I am attaching a copy. This issue concentrates on carers.

Short, relevant, articles are always welcome. Please send contributions to either Jacqui Piper (jaxandthecats@aol.com) or me.

Healthwatch Ealing

As well as having Beth Hales of Healthwatch coming to our next meeting, Healthwatch have now published a summary of all the feedback from their open meeting on 16 July. This feedback was intended to highlight what attendees saw as good and bad in local healthcare and for us to tell HWE where we thought they should maybe be focussing their efforts. I am attaching a copy of the report; as always there is many contradictory opinions but it is nevertheless interesting and illuminating reading.

HWE is also releasing to its members a weekly "newsflash" of updates etc. I'm not going to attach each and every one of these but I will include here the occasional item which I think may be of more general interest.

Senior Action Group Ealing (SAGE)

SAGE, which works for older people in the borough, is being re-launched, with new leadership, at an Open Meeting in Ealing Town Hall on Wednesday 11 September at 1330 hrs. Our very own Dr Parmar will be speaking, in her role as CCG Chair. HWE will also be there. A flyer for the meeting is attached.

Improving General Practice

NHS England is seeking views to help shape the future of General Practice services in England in light of the challenges the NHS faces. If you would like to take part, then please complete their survey at www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/improvinggp which is open until early November.

Ealing Information Fair – Children's Services & Young People with Disabilities

On Tuesday 24 September, 1200-1800 hrs, there will be an Information Fair focussed on the wide range of services for children and young people with additional needs and their parents. Staff from a host of council, health service, voluntary, community and independent sector groups and local schools will be on hand to give provide information.

NAPP eBulletin

The July/August eBulletin from NAPP is attached.

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 will have a speaker from Healthwatch Ealing.

That's all for this month ...

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