

Barnabas MC PPG

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

Welcome to the March bulletin for Barnabas PPG members. Apologies that this is a few days late but I've been doing hand-to-hand combat with the latest vile winter cold/virus – so if anything in here doesn't quite make sense, blame the germs!

[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.]

March PPG Meeting Agenda

The next meeting is on Monday 10 March, 1800 hrs at the Medical Centre. The agenda will be:

1. Introductions & Minutes (attached)
2. Role of the Community Pharmacist; Hiten Patel
3. Elect Vice-Chairman
4. PPG Terms of Reference (attached)
5. Survey Results
6. Practice Updates
7. PPG Updates
8. AOB

This meeting will also be an opportunity to meet our new Practice Manager, Matthew Edwards. Matthew started with the Practice this week to have a month's handover before Paul retires at the end of the month.

May PPG Meeting

Our meeting on 13 May will be dedicated to care.data. Our guest will be Dr Robin Burgess who is NHS England care.data Lead for London. Dr Burgess will be talking to us about the care.data initiative and hopefully also about Summary Care Records. This is an important topic, where recent events have shown there to be insufficient communication and clarity. Consequently we have decided to throw this meeting open to clinicians, staff and other PPG members from practices in our area (Ealing North North) as well as Healthwatch Ealing and Ealing CCG staff – I will be sending out invitations to them in the next week or so.

Vice-Chairman

Just to reiterate that at next week's meeting we should elect a new Vice-Chairman, to serve until the 2015 AGM.

The Vice-Chairmanship should not be an onerous role: you may have to run the occasional meeting for me if I am indisposed, you can influence the PPG meeting agendas with me and the Practice Manager, and you have the option of attending my monthly contact meetings with the Practice Manager. Beyond that it is up to you how much (or how little) you do.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help us as Vice-Chairman should get in touch with me, please. And if you wish to nominate anyone, then please also contact me but talk to the person first!

PPG Terms of Reference

At next week's meeting I hope we can also approve the suggested revisions to the PPG's *Terms of Reference* (ToR). A copy is attached.

Newsletter Co-ordinator

As well as a new Vice-Chairman we need someone to act as Coordinator for *Barnabas Bulletin*, as for personal and business reason Jacqui has unfortunately had to stand down. Basically the role is to mastermind articles for the Practice quarterly newsletter. What does this mean? Liaise with the Practice Manager on what articles to include, perhaps write the occasional item, ensure suitable text is available by the copy deadline, send text to me for typesetting. If anyone is willing to volunteer for this role, then please get in touch with me.

Barnabas Bulletin

The March issue of the Practice's newsletter, *Barnabas Bulletin*, is now out; a copy is attached. On the front page I have written a short piece on care.data and Summary Care Records (SCR) in an attempt to clarify what has been quite a confusing area. Hopefully this will help everyone better understand what is happening and provide some background to Robin Burgess's talk on 13 May. We hope to make this piece on care.data/SCR available in the waiting area as a separate leaflet in the near future. [Please note this was written before the latest round of data security breaches – I am not going to comment on these at this time, but I may write more in a later bulletin.]

Practice Annual Survey

A summary of the results from the Practice survey is attached. I hope that the full data analysis will be available on the Practice website within the next few days – as soon as I've recovered enough and Paul and I can meet for half an hour.

Healthwatch Ealing Drop-in Service

On the last Friday of every month, Healthwatch Ealing are running a Drop-in Service as part of their Signposting and information gathering objectives. A copy of the flyer (for the February session – just change the date!) is attached.

Signposting@Healthwatch Ealing

Looking for health or social care services in the borough of Ealing?

Signposting@Healthwatch Ealing is a free service which provides residents of the London Borough of Ealing with access to information on any of the health and social care services providers in and around the borough – hospitals, GPs, dentists, care homes and many more.

The service is accessible through a number of formats, these include contact through email and web based signposting via a link to the [Find a Service](#) page of the Healthwatch Ealing website. We also have a free telephone helpline where callers can talk to a member of the signposting team.

Please contact the Signposting team on: 0800 014 7306 | 020 8280 2277 or by email on signposting@healthwatchealing.co.uk

NAPP eBulletin – CONFERENCE!

The monthly eBulletin from NAPP is attached. This month there are more details of the NAPP one day conference on Saturday 7 June in Leeds; the theme is "Quality in General Practice". Full details are on the NAPP website, www.napp.org.uk. If anyone wishes to go to this, please let me know ASAP so we can get our booking in before the end of the month and get our "early bird" discount price. We can send up to two delegates. Previous conferences have been oversubscribed.

Meeting Dates & Venues for 2014

PPG meeting dates for 2014 are:

- Monday 10 March, 1800 hrs, Barnabas Medical Centre
- Tuesday 13 May, 1400 hrs, St Barnabas Church Hall
- Monday 14 July, 1800 hrs, Barnabas Medical Centre
- Tuesday 16 September, 1400 hrs, St Barnabas Church Hall
- Monday 10 November, 1800 hrs, Barnabas Medical Centre (AGM)

Please put these dates in your diary.

Next PPG Meeting: Monday 10 March, 1800 hrs, Barnabas Medical Centre. (See above)

All our meetings are open to anyone who is a patient, the carer of a patient or a member of staff of Barnabas Medical Centre.

That's all for this month. Now to finally kill off these germs!

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