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

Welcome to the April bulletin 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.]

March PPG Meeting Minutes

Please find attached the minutes of the meeting on 10 March.

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 to Healthwatch Ealing and Ealing CCG staff – I will be sending out invitations to them in the next week or so.

PPG Terms of Reference

As you will see from the minutes our revised Terms of Reference (our governing document) were approved at the last meeting. A copy is attached for your information.

Vice-Chairman

You will also see from the meeting minutes that no-one has come forward to act as our Vice-Chairman, so we are still open for volunteers. If you think you could fill this role, please get in touch with me.

Newsletter Coordinator

We are also looking for a volunteer to be Newsletter Coordinator for the Practice's quarterly *Barnabas Bulletin*. Essentially the role is to mastermind articles for the newsletter: liaise with the Practice Manager on what articles to include, get relevant people to write articles and perhaps write the occasional one yourself, ensure the text is available by the copy deadline and send it to me for formatting. If anyone is willing to volunteer for this role, then please get in touch with me.

Healthwatch Ealing GP Access Survey

Patients failing to get GP appointments is putting pressure on other services, most notably A&E. Healthwatch Ealing's GP Interest Group (of which I am a member) is doing some research to find out why people don't get to see a GP. As a part of this work the group are conducting a short survey and it would be helpful if as many people as possible would spend a few minutes to complete the survey. You can find the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5HJXFSK> – all responses are anonymous. There is a short description of the project at <http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/news/healthwatch-ealing-access-gp-project>.

Involvement Opportunities in London

NHS England (London) are often looking for patients to be involved in consultations on many aspects of healthcare – from GP services through youth health to cancer care. I've attached a copy of their current bulletin, which contains a wide variety of opportunities which may interest some of you.

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. The next session is on Friday 25 April, 1100-1500 at the Lido Centre, West Ealing.

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 at <http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/content/find-services>. There is also a free telephone helpline on: 0800 014 7306 or 020 8280 2277 and email at signposting@healthwatchealing.co.uk.

Flash from Healthwatch Ealing

A reminder that you can find copies of the regular Healthwatch Ealing flashes at <http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/flash-healthwatch-ealing>. They are usually several pages (hence why I don't attach them here) and contain involvement opportunities and useful items of local healthcare interest.

NAPP eBulletin

A copy of the NAPP's March bulletin is attached (it is always short). As always it contains some interesting news snippets.

Meeting Dates & Venues for 2014

PPG meeting dates for 2014 are:

Tuesday 13 May, 1400 hrs, St Barnabas Church Hall (details above)

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: Tuesday 13 March, 1400 hrs, st Barnabas Church Hall (details 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.

Wishing you all a pleasant (and hopefully Spring-like) Easter weekend.

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