

Barnabas MC PPG

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

Welcome to the June 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.]

May PPG Meeting

We were delighted to welcome Robin Burgess of NHS England (London) to our meeting on 13 May. We also welcomed over a dozen people from other local practices, from Healthwatch Ealing, Ealing CCG and Rise Ealing, as well as the usual dozen or so Barnabas PPG members. Robin Burgess's talk on care.data (and a little on Summary Care Records) was agreed by all to have been very useful and clarified many misunderstandings. Our discussion also sent Robin away with several points to input to NHS England's rethink of the care.data scheme. Both the brief minutes of the meeting and Robin's visuals are attached.

Barnabas Bulletin Issue 6

Issue 6 of the practice's newsletter is now available and a copy is attached. The format of this issue has been changed to A5 in order to increase the space for content by about 25%. Please tell us if you like, or don't like, the new format.

New Computer System

All the training and preparation for the Practice's new computer system went ahead as planned in early May. Unfortunately however it was not possible to implement the new system due to a last minute technical hitch. The technical problems are in the process of being fixed and implementation of the new system is likely to happen later this summer. Apologies to everyone who was inconvenienced during the training and preparation, and thanks to those of you who gave up time to help the Practice during the preparations.

PPG Awareness Week, 2-7 June

This week is PPG Awareness Week, sponsored by the National Association of Patient Participation (NAPP). Sadly we are not doing a great deal to support PPG Awareness Week this year – every plan we came up with has proven too hard either due to a lack of space or a shortage of volunteers. However I am planning to attend the NAPP annual conference in Leeds at the weekend – report in the next issue.

NAPP eBulletin

As usual the NAPP monthly eBulletin (for May) is attached. One of NAPP's "hot buttons" at present is the lack of funding for General Practice which has fallen from 11% of NHS budget a few years ago to about 8.5% today. This, along with an increasing workload, is putting pressure on all GP practices. You will see in item 2 in their eBulletin that NAPP, together with RCGP, are raising a petition to support their campaign to have GP funding levels restored. At present I don't know more than this, but I may do after the weekend.

Don't forget the **Healthwatch Ealing Drop-in Service** on the last Friday of the month and **Signposting@Healthwatch Ealing**. Find out more at <http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/content/find-services>, by phone on 0800 014 7306 or 020 8280 2277 or by and email to signposting@healthwatchealing.co.uk.

Flash from Healthwatch Ealing

A reminder that you can find copies of the regular, weekly-ish, 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.

Why not **join Healthwatch** (which is free)? Then you will get a copy of the Flashes sent to you automatically. Find out more about the work of Healthwatch Ealing at <http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/> and join them by completing the simple form at <http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/join-us>. And if you join you will be eligible to attend the **Healthwatch Ealing AGM** on 15 July (full details next month).

Finally we still need **volunteers** to be our **Vice-Chairman** and the **Coordinator for Barnabas Bulletin**. If you think you could fill either of these roles, please get in touch with me.

Meeting Dates & Venues for 2014

PPG meeting dates for 2014 are:

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 14 July, 1800 hrs, Barnabas Medical Centre at which we hope to have a speaker from Rise Ealing.
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.

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