

## Barnabas MC PPG

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

Welcome to the July 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.]

Apologies that I have not attached most of the referenced documents this month, but many of them are quite large. If you want to read any of them and cannot link to the online copy, please get in touch and I will try to get you a printed copy.

### **PPG Meeting, Monday 14 July**

Our next meeting is on Monday 14 July, 1800 hrs at the Medical Centre. The agenda will be:

1. Introductions & Apologies (5 mins)
2. Minutes of Meetings on 10 March & 13 May (5 mins)
3. An Introduction to Rise Ealing (Chris Berry) (25 mins)
4. Share & Exchange (10 mins)
5. Practice Updates (5 mins)
6. PPG Updates (5 mins)
7. AOB (5 mins)

### **Medical Centre New Computer System**

As some of you will already know the Medical Centre's new computer system finally went live on Tuesday 1 July. Like all new things everyone has had to adjust to working differently, so some activities are taking longer than usual. Apologies to everyone for the disruption and for the short-term reduced number of available appointments. Hopefully everything will be back to normal over the coming week.

### **NHS is the world's best healthcare system**

According to a report by the Commonwealth Fund (see for example the *Guardian* of 17 June, <http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jun/17/nhs-health>) the NHS is the world's best healthcare system. Perhaps surprisingly given all the media scare stories the report says that the UK ranks first overall, scoring highest on quality, access and efficiency.

### **NHS decisions should be left to doctors**

At the same time a poll of 200 across the UK by Ipsos MORI for the BMA found that people believe NHS decisions should be left to doctors. As the *Guardian* (again) reports (<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jun/23/nhs-health-decisions-doctors-politics-opinion-poll>)

*"The majority of British people believe the NHS has become a political football used cynically to win votes and should be trusted to professionals who understand how best to provide healthcare ... decisions on patient care should be free from political interference and left to doctors."*

### **Central Middlesex Hospital A&E Closure**

It was announced in early June ([http://www.nwlh.nhs.uk/News-media/news\\_item.cfm?id=482](http://www.nwlh.nhs.uk/News-media/news_item.cfm?id=482)) that, as planned, the part-time A&E facility at Central Middlesex Hospital will close from 10 September with services being transferred to Northwick Park. This will allow the hospital to concentrate on its planned function as an elective treatment centre. There will continue to be an Urgent Care Centre at Central Middlesex.

### **Care Act 2014 Part 1 Factsheets**

Under the Care Act 2014, local authorities take on new functions to ensure people who live in their areas:

- receive services that prevent their care needs from becoming more serious
- can get the information and advice they need to make good decisions about care and support
- have a range of high quality care providers to choose from.

The Department of Health have produced 11 factsheets about Part 1 of the Act. Copies can be downloaded from <http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/news/care-act-2014-part-1-factsheets>.

### **Care Act 2014 – Consultation**

Along with the factsheets mentioned above the Department of Health is conducting a survey asking "How should local authorities deliver the care and support reforms?" If you are interested the survey can be accessed at <http://careandsupportregs.dh.gov.uk/> and is open until 15 August.

### **Care Quality Commission (CQC) "Who we are and what we do" Animation**

Not to be left out of all the action the Care Quality Commission (CQC) have produced a short animated video under the title "Who we are and what we do" which does exactly "what is says on the tin". The video can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxCXNURV3DM>.

### **A councillor's guide to the health system**

Finally in all this explanatory stuff the Local Government Association have produced a 20-page booklet for councillors explaining the health and social care landscape. But you don't have to be a local councillor to find this overview useful. The booklet is available online at

<http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/5854661/A+councillor%27s+guide+to+the+health+system+in+England/>.

### **Healthwatch Ealing Annual Report**

HWE has now been in existence for just over a year and has now published its first Annual Report. The 64-page report can be accessed at [http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/sites/default/files/healthwatch\\_ealing\\_2013-2014\\_annual\\_report\\_-\\_june\\_2014\\_by\\_email\\_-\\_final.pdf](http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/sites/default/files/healthwatch_ealing_2013-2014_annual_report_-_june_2014_by_email_-_final.pdf).

### **Healthwatch Ealing AGM**

Following publication of their Annual Report, Healthwatch Ealing are holding their AGM on Tuesday 15 July, at 4.15pm in Ealing Town Hall. Full details are in the attached flyer. Everyone is welcome at the event which will be helping to set HWE's agenda and priorities for the year ahead. Remember HWE is your local voice, as patients, on health and social care services; it is your opportunity to influence the decision-makers.

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](mailto: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.

### **NAPP eBulletin**

Also attached is the June eBulletin from NAPP.

### **Vice-Chairman & Newsletter Coordinator**

Yes, we still need volunteers to come forward to serve as our Vice-Chairman and as the Coordinator for *Barnabas Bulletin*, the Practice Newsletter. Please get in touch if you are interested in either of these roles.

### **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.

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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