

Barnabas MC PPG

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

Welcome to the October 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.]

PPG Meeting, Tuesday 16 September – Minutes

Attached are the minutes of the meeting on 16 September.

Enhanced Service Specification (ESS)

At the September meeting I presented my view of the way this year's ESS (part of the GP contract) affects the work of the PPG and the care of many patients. My summary visuals are attached. This led us on to discussion of how the PPG can help the Practice over the next 12-18 months; the discussion is summarised in the minutes.

PPG Coffee Morning

One idea from the discussion of activities was to hold a coffee morning. An informal event such as this would give patients a chance to meet PPG members, talk about the work of the PPG (and the Practice) and hopefully join the group. Timing and venue are however tricky: we felt that we should hold the event at the medical centre, but there is no space to do so during surgery hours. So we are working on a coffee morning on a Saturday. If this is successful then we will look at holding some PPG meetings on Saturday mornings. Lyn Duffus and Jacqui Piper volunteered to work set up the coffee morning; if anyone can offer some time to help them, please contact me and I will put you in touch.

Virtual PPG & Facebook Group

While talking about PPG specific things, just a reminder that we do have a virtual PPG group. This email distribution is a part of that and I'm always happy to keep in contact with you all via email. The virtual PPG also has a Facebook group for online discussions (in private as this is not a public group). If you would like to join us on Facebook please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/barnabas.ppg/>; when you do I will get a message and if you're on my membership list I will join you (this is necessary to maintain the group's privacy).

NHS Promises

This is party political conference season and with a General Election looming next Spring all the major parties are promising extra funds to the NHS if they win the election.

Meanwhile next year's (2015-16) GP contract is being fixed. This summary (<http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/news/personalised-gp-care-everyone>) from Healthwatch talks about what is likely to be in the contract: a named, accountable GP for all; greater transparency on GP pay; patients having online access to more of their records; more appointments being bookable online; and the expansion of email consultations.

Care.data & Summary Care Records Information Session; Thursday, 16 October 2014

Tickets are still available for this event which Healthwatch Ealing are hosting at the Town Hall. The speaker will be Robin Burgess, NHS England Regional Head of Intelligence for London, who talked to use back in May. If you missed our May meeting (or just want to hear about the proposals again) then please go along. Robin is a good speaker with an open approach to his subject, so you can expect useful discussion. More details and ticket booking at <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caredata-and-summary-care-records-information-session-tickets-12894083551>.

Healthcare News

As always there is much more news about the NHS and healthcare than I can cover here. You can find summaries of the most important items on the Healthwatch Ealing news page at <http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/news>.

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 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>, which contain involvement opportunities and items on local healthcare issues. As they are several pages I don't attach them here, but I am circulating them by email when they appear.

NAPP eBulletin

Also attached is the September eBulletin from NAPP.

Next PPG Meeting – AGM

Monday 10 November, 1800 hrs, Barnabas Medical Centre.

This is our AGM so I will be presenting an annual report and we will be electing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

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.

And don't forget to have your 'flu vaccination!

[You're eligible if you're over 65, have a long term condition, are pregnant; and also many carers.]

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