

## Barnabas MC PPG

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

Welcome to the November 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, Monday 10 November – AGM Agenda**

Our AGM will be on Monday 10 November, 1800hrs at the Medical Centre. The Agenda will be:

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Actions Arising from Previous Meeting
4. Annual Report
5. Election of Chairman
6. Election of Vice-Chairman
7. 2015 Meeting Dates
8. Share & Exchange
9. Practice Updates
10. PPG Updates
11. AOB

The minutes of the last meeting on 16 September are attached.

### **Annual Report**

My Annual Report of PPG activities is attached so that you have time to read it (it is only 2 pages) before the AGM.

### **PPG Coffee Morning**

One of the projects we agreed at the last meeting was to hold a coffee morning on a Saturday, as a way of encouraging our patients to engage with us and learn more about our work. Lyn Duffus and Jacqui Piper are working on this for the early part of 2015 (we decided we should get Christmas out of the way first).

### **Friends & Family Test**

Since our last meeting a group of us have also been helping the Practice with drafting a FFT questionnaire – something simple but which will give the Practice useful feedback in addition to the required standard question. Watch for more on this from the Practice as the FFT has to be in place from 1 December.

### **Access to GP Services Report 2014**

At long last the Healthwatch Ealing report on "Access to GP Services" is available. It has been compiled by the HWE GP Interest Group of which I am a member – indeed I edited the final report for the group. The report makes 18 recommendations for action. You can find the full report (which is 48 pages!) on the HWE website at

[http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/sites/default/files/access\\_to\\_gp\\_services\\_report\\_-\\_march\\_2014.pdf](http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/sites/default/files/access_to_gp_services_report_-_march_2014.pdf).

### **Local PPG Networking**

One of the activities I have been working towards over the last year is getting all the PPGs in our immediate area (Ealing North North) to network. I'm pleased therefore that representatives of 5 of the 11 PPGs met on 28 October as the first meeting of the network. This was really an opportunity to get to know each other and agree a very high level view of what we want to do – essentially be an informal network for information and experience sharing, possibly assisting each other with projects and hopefully over time running events which would be too hard, or too important, for one PPG alone. We plan to meet again later this month. We also need to engage the other Practices & PPGs in the area. More on this as the thinking develops.

### **General Medical Council Consultation**

The GMC are consulting widely on proposed revisions to the Sanctions Guidance they provide to panels assessing doctors where there are complaints of serious misconduct. (This is the process which can lead to a doctor being "struck off".) A few days ago I attended, on behalf of Healthwatch Ealing, a workshop which was part of the GMC's consultation process. It was the most productive, worthwhile and well run meeting I have attended in a long time – the GMC are consulting properly and are listening to patients' voices, so it was a good use of the best part of a day as well as an opportunity to network with other Healthwatch members from across London. This consultation is also open to individuals; it is available online at <http://www.gmc->

[uk.org/concerns/25346.asp](http://uk.org/concerns/25346.asp) until the closing date of 14 November. If anyone without internet access wants a copy, please let me know as I should be able to get you a printed copy.

### **NAPP eBulletin**

Also attached is the October eBulletin from NAPP. This bulletin talks about changes to the GP contract for 2015-16 and that PPGs will become a requirement. I will report further on this when I've digested the documentation. Also note that "out of area registration" is now starting 1 January (not 1 October).

### **Healthwatch Ealing 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](mailto:signposting@healthwatchealing.co.uk).

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.

### **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.

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