

Barnabas MC PPG

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To All Barnabas PPG Members ...
(Printed copies to those PPG members without email)
(Copied to Ealing North North PPG Reps)

Welcome to the May bulletin for Barnabas PPG members. Not quite such an action-packed bulletin this month – although that may be as well given the excitement of royal babies and the General Election!

[If you can't read any of the attached documents, or need printed copies of anything mentioned, please contact me and I'll try to send you a copy.]

PPG Meeting, Tuesday 12 May – Agenda

Our next PPG Meeting is on **Tuesday 12 May, 2pm, St Barnabas Church Hall** when one of our members is going to talk to us about the challenges accessing healthcare in the UK when you come from a different culture. The full agenda is:

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Polish/English Cultural Barriers to Healthcare (Ewa Siwiec)
4. PPG Awareness Week
5. Area PPG Network Feedback
6. Share & Exchange
7. Practice Updates
8. PPG Updates
9. AOB

PPG Awareness Week (1 to 6 June)

We must not forget that the first week of June is PPG Awareness Week.

As we have done in the past, we have agreed to have a presence in the waiting area during PPG Awareness Week. The objective is to talk to patients about the PPG's work – and hopefully recruit some new members. If anyone can spare say 3 hours to cover a morning (9-12) or afternoon (2-5) please let me know and I will see what we can schedule. (I will make sure you have a supply of flyers and sign-up forms.)

I am still hoping that we can organise a Coffee Morning on the Saturday, but I have not been able to progress this as my monthly meeting with Matt had to be postponed from last week. Watch this space for a further announcement.

Ealing North North PPG Network

Our work to set up the area PPG Network is continuing. A group of the patient representatives met last week to review the draft Terms of Reference; the latest draft will now be discussed with the CCG and Healthwatch Ealing. We are planning to meet again in June to finalise the Terms of Reference and decide where we should initially concentrate our efforts.

In the meantime I am planning a session on dementia which will be open to all members of our constituent PPGs. Watch this space for an announcement.

GP evening and weekend appointments to increase

Early in April it was announced that during this year there will be an increase in evening and weekend GP appointments generally across the UK. Part of this work is already underway in Ealing under the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund initiative. In addition five local GP practices have been successful in getting funding to expand – although sadly we are not (yet?) included. There is more detail at <http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/news/gp-evening-and-weekend-appointments-increase>.

CQC Inspections

CQC are continuing their inspections of local GP practices and hospitals, the results of inspections in Ealing from earlier in the year are beginning to trickle through. You'll be pleased to know that Barnabas MC has been rated as GOOD by CQC in every area of the assessment. You can access the full report at <http://www.cqc.org.uk/location/1-559846295>.

Meanwhile West Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trusts have been rated as REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT; more on this at <http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/news/west-middlesex-university-hospital-nhs-trusts-rated-requires-improvement-chief-inspector>.

NAPP eBulletin

The April eBulletin from NAPP is attached. As usual it contains small items and pointers on many aspects of primary care and is worth reading.

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 some 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. This month the Drop-in Service will be at the Southall Dominion Centre.

A reminder that you can find copies of the regular Healthwatch Ealing flashes at <http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/flash-healthwatch-ealing>. They 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

Tuesday 12 May, 2pm, St Barnabas Church Hall.

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.

Please can we now have a nice warm, sunny Bank Holiday Monday?

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