

Barnabas PPG

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Welcome to the February bulletin for Barnabas PPG members. Just a reminder that the ENN PPG Network monthly bulletin is attached below and this top section contains items which are Barnabas PPG specific.

PPG Meeting, Tuesday 12 January – MINUTES

Attached are the minutes of our meeting on 12 January at which we were pleased to welcome three new members. Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting and especially to Dr Kooner for his thoughtful comments and for giving us his time.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 14 March, 6 pm at the Medical Centre**. At this meeting we hope to have Nurse Henny to talk to us about the Practice Nurses' role and their work. I will send out a full agenda in next month's bulletin.

Meeting dates for the rest of this year are:

- Monday 14 March; 1800 hrs; Barnabas Medical Centre
- Tuesday 17 May; 1400 hrs; St Barnabas Church Hall
- Monday 11 July; 1800 hrs; Barnabas Medical Centre
- Tuesday 13 September; 1400 hrs; St Barnabas Church Hall
- Monday 14 November; 1800 hrs; Barnabas Medical Centre (AGM)

Please ensure you've noted them in your diary!

Volunteers

I keep saying that we will not be able to achieve everything we want to unless we have more active members who can and will take on piece of work for the PPG. So I'm pleased that:

- Stan Owen volunteered at the AGM in November to be our Vice-Chairman, and
- Jacqui Piper has volunteered to take on the role of Barnabas Bulletin Coordinator (which she did previously)
- Ewa, Jacqui and I are together keeping an eye on the running of our Facebook group
- Stan and Jacqui will also be joining me as a Steering Group to oversee the running of the PPG – and ensure that what happens is not just my vision but everyone's!

We also, of course, have Lyn looking after the noticeboards, magazines & leaflets; and Noreen running the book exchange. Other volunteers to take on pieces of work are always welcome; please get in touch.

PPG Development

As I outlined at the AGM my aim is for us to ensure the Practice gets an OUTSTANDING rating next time CQC inspect us. To this end since our last meeting I've had a short session with Dr Parmar to discuss how we might go about achieving this. In turn Dr Parmar has taken my ideas to the other partners. Watch this space for further developments.

Clinical Pharmacists

Finally, **please see the item below about a talk on the role of the clinical pharmacists**. Everyone is welcome to come along.

More in a month's time.

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ENN PPG Network Reps: Please cascade this bulletin to your PPG members.

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Welcome to the February bulletin for Ealing North North PPG Network members. As always there is a lot going on in the healthcare arena and I can't hope to cover it all here, so here are the ENN PPG Network items and those others which have caught my eye ...

ENN PPG Network Meeting, Monday 18 January

Our meeting scheduled for 18 January did not happen. It did not happen because too few of you turned up (and I had only a couple of apologies)! We had five people present representing three practices, which under our governing document is not a quorum (we need representatives from five practices). We also had no-one from the CCG or Healthwatch. Consequently, there are no meeting minutes and the business scheduled for this meeting will be carried forward to the **next meeting on Monday 21 March** (6.30pm, venue tbc).

Meetings for the rest of this year are on Mondays: 21 March, 16 May, 18 July (AGM), 19 September, 21 November. Please put them in your diary!

The Pharmacist and the Doctor!

Tuesday 29 March

We have discussed before that clinical pharmacists are now starting to work in GP practices through a number of pilot schemes being funded by the NHS. Ealing is running one of those pilots across 17 practices. So we have arranged for Dr Graham Stretch, who led the Ealing bid and is our Senior Clinical Pharmacist, to talk to us about the role of the Clinical Pharmacist: why they are there, what they do, and how this will help you.

The session, which is open to anyone in Ealing North North, as well as practice staff, is on **Tuesday 29 March at 6.30pm in the Main Hall of Northolt Village Community Centre**, Ealing Road, Northolt, UB5 6AD. **Please come along!**

I have attached a flyer which you can print and/or circulate to your members. In the next couple of weeks I will be sending a couple of posters to your Practice Managers for the waiting areas/noticeboards. (If you need a batch of printed flyers then please get in touch.)

Meanwhile NHS England have produced a brief brochure on the role of the clinical pharmacist. A copy is attached and it can also be downloaded from <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/12/What-is-a-clinical-pharmacist-no-trim-marks.pdf>

Consultation on the Provision of Sexual Health Services in Ealing

Ealing Council is in the process of commissioning future sexual health services in the borough and they are consulting to gauge our views as patients. You can find more about the plans and consultation, as well as a link to the online survey, at

<http://www.healthwatchealing.co.uk/news/consultation-provision-sexual-health-services-ealing-ealing-council>. The consultation is open until 21 February.

Patient Online Survey

The National Association of Patient Participation (NAPP) are undertaking a survey into the use (or lack of it) of GP practice online facilities like online appointment booking, repeat prescription request etc. Whether you use these facilities or not, NAPP want your views. There is more about the survey in the attached PDF, and a link to the surveys.

Patient Choice

Most of us have been a hospital outpatient at some time or another, but how much do you know about your right to choose where to be treated? Research shows that patients often do not know that they have the right to make choices about where the outpatient appointment takes place and which consultant lead team treats them. So NHS England is running a series of regional

patient engagement events to find out what patients know about their legal rights to choice and how they would like to receive information about their outpatient appointment options. More in the attached copy of the email I was sent.

Managing Personal Health Budgets Online

Healthy London Partnership are looking to recruit members of the public to attend a workshop to help design of a prototype personal health budget application. If you are interested there is more in the attached flyer.

Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme

Now here's one I didn't know about ... The less fortunate amongst us may be able to use the **Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme** (HTCS) to claim back the cost of a travel to a hospital/clinic for treatment or diagnostic tests arranged by your doctor or dentist. Essentially the appointment has to have been requested by your GP/dentist, not at their premises, and you have to be on benefits. The travel has to be by public transport or private car (taxis don't normally qualify). You can find a lot more at www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcosts/Pages/Travelcosts.aspx.

NAPP eBulletin

The latest eBulletin from NAPP is attached. As so often it includes some engagement opportunities.

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.

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.

More next month.

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