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Welcome to the August 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, Monday 11 July – Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 11 July are attached.  
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13 September, 1400 hrs in St Barnabas Church Hall. I will send out an agenda at the beginning of September.

### Ealing NN PPG Network

You will see from the attached Network bulletin that I have now stood down as Chairman of the area Network PPG. If anyone wishes to take this opportunity to be more involved in healthcare in the area then please get in touch with me – and see the letter which I will forward to our patient members following this bulletin.

Note that my standing down as Chairman of the Network PPG does not affect Barnabas PPG. I shall continue to represent you at the Network PPG as long as you wish me to. What it does mean is that there will be no more Network PPG monthly bulletins, so we shall revert to a Barnabas only monthly bulletin.

Please read the attached bulletin as there is a lot in it!

Best wishes ...

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Welcome to the August bulletin for Ealing North North PPG Network members. There's a lot in this month's bulletin, so let's get going ...

### **ENN PPG Network AGM, Monday 18 July – Minutes**

The minutes of our AGM on 18 July are attached. A copy of our Annual Report is also attached, as is Suniel's document of notes on CQC Inspections.

As you will see from the minutes, I have now stood down as Chairman and no-one has stepped forward to fill my shoes. In the next day or so I will be writing to you all about this as group is now at a crossroads and needs your help.

As a consequence of my standing down as Chairman, this will be the last of my monthly bulletins. If you wish to see them continue it is over to you!

The next Network meeting is scheduled for Monday 19 September at 1900 hrs. However this will only happen if someone volunteers to organise a venue and the agenda.

### **Moorfields Eye Centre at Ealing Hospital**

In July Moorfields Eye Hospital opened a new wing to their Centre at Ealing Hospital, bringing world-class eye care closer to home.

Meanwhile Moorfields eye Hospital have been criticised for sharing anonymised patient data with Google for research to improve the diagnosis of eye disease. A fuller story at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-36722152>.

### **Accessible Information**

The NHS has recently published a new standard on the accessibility of information to patients. This covers the requirements for patients with disabilities (eg. those needing braille or sign language). But note the new standard does not cover foreign language translation. More explanation and a link to the standard at <http://www.healthwatch.co.uk/news/making-health-and-social-care-information-accessible-new-standard-nhs-england>.

### **GP Patient Lists**

NHS England seem determined to prune GP's lists. In the latest initiative they are reportedly targeting any patient on a GP's list who has not had an appointment in the last 5 years. Widely publicised as "striking you off for not being ill" this presumably on the basis that many of the patients will have moved, left the country or died. Affected patients will be receiving a letter (it isn't clear when, but February time looks likely) and a failure to respond will see the patient removed from their GP's list. Despite the media coverage (eg. <http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/health/now-your-gp-can-strike-you-off-for-not-being-ill-1-8023244>) **this is not new**; GP lists have been being cleaned in similar ways for many years.

### **North West London Sustainability & Transformation Plan**

"The NHS and councils across NW London are working together to provide an even better health and care system for our two million residents", it says [here](#). This is happening in all health regions as "Sustainability & Transformation Plans" (STP). The draft STP for NW London has recently been published, and is already receiving widespread criticism from Healthwatch and other patient bodies. You can find a link to the NWL STP at <https://www.healthiernorthwestlondon.nhs.uk/news/2016/08/05/north-west-london-sustainability-transformation-plan>. Let's see if anyone can read and summarise it before I can!

### **NHS data-sharing project scrapped**

Also announced recently, the much disliked care.data initiative to share anonymised GP patient data has finally, and officially, been scrapped in the wake of the Data Guardian's (Caldicott) review of security of healthcare data. NHS England says it is still committed to the benefits of data sharing so expect to eventually see some new proposals. Background in this BBC report: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-36723486>.

**Note:** This does NOT affect your Summary Care Record.

### **New Standards for Patient Data Security**

Following on from the previous item, and the Caldicott Review, the government is currently consulting on the proposed new standards for patient data security. Healthwatch England have a summary plus links to the documents and the consultation survey at <http://www.healthwatch.co.uk/news/patient-data-nhs>.

### **Community Pharmacies**

There have been two recent news stories about Community Pharmacies. In the first it is reported that a decision is expected which will cut the funding for Pharmacies from this autumn. This appears to be a double-edged sword: reduce NHS spend and then reduce it further as small pharmacies shut up shop. Needless to say the Pharmacies are not happy. BBC report at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-36805178>.

The second report confirms what we have long suspected: that pharmacies are targeting patients to have Medicine Use Reviews in order to maximise the funding they can claim from the NHS. These reviews cost the NHS £28 each, although any one pharmacy is limited to claiming for 400 reviews in any year. Another BBC report at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-36914926>.

### **Government Proposes Inquiry into Moving to a 'Pay NHS'**

Finally, it appears that the government has sneaked in, through a back door in the House of Lords, the announcement of an inquiry into making patients pay for (some?) NHS services. At p[resent that is about all we know! There is a report of their Lordships' debate at <https://www.opendemocracy.net/ournhs/richard-grimes/government-moves-to-consider-nhs-user-charges>.

### **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](mailto: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.

As this will be my last monthly bulletin for ENN PPG Network members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for everything you have done to for the Network, and to get it established, over the last year and more.

Best wishes ...

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