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To All Barnabas PPG Members ...
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Welcome to the September bulletin for Barnabas PPG members. There isn't a lot this month as everyone has been on holiday during August.

PPG Meeting, Tuesday 13 September – Agenda

This month's meeting is on Tuesday 13 September, at 1400 hrs in St Barnabas Church Hall. Please come along.

The agenda will be:

1. Introductions & Apologies (5 mins)
2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting (5 mins)
3. Role of Reception (Angela Hemingway; 20 mins)
4. Patient Survey Follow-up: Action Plans (Matt; 10 mins)
5. PPG Projects & Priorities Update (Keith; 10 mins)
6. Share & Exchange (5 mins)
7. Other Practice Updates (5 mins)
8. Other Updates, Matters Arising & AOB (5 mins)

Barnabas Bulletin

The latest issue of the Practice's newsletter, *Barnabas Bulletin* is now available. A copy is attached; it will also be available in the Medical Centre and on the Practice website from early this week.

GP Consultations Should be Longer

According to the British Medical Association patients are being put at risk because GP appointments are generally constrained to just 10 minutes, and that this is being made worse by an ageing population with more complex healthcare needs. The BMA's recommendation is that this norm should be increased to 15 minutes as part of a review of the way GPs work including telephone consultations (see *Barnabas Bulletin*) and even consultations by email. However the BMA do concede that this will require considerable additional funding and the recruitment of more GPs. There's a fuller report by BBC News, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-37211590>, and in most of the rest of the media.

North West London Sustainability & Transformation Plan

There has been a lot of focus recently on the NHS's Sustainability & Transformation Plans (STP) with many concerns, both locally and nationally, that the plans are nothing but a cost-cutting exercise which will lead to a reduction in the availability and quality of care. If you want to understand more you can find the NW London draft STP at <https://www.healthiernorthwestlondon.nhs.uk/documents/sustainability-and-transformation-plans-stps/stp-june-submission-2016>.

In conjunction with this, NW London NHS are also seeking our thoughts on five areas of care which they are targeting for improvement over the next 5 years:

- preventing ill health
- long-term care
- care for over 65s
- mental health
- quality of care.

You can have your say on this at <https://healthiarnwlondon.commonplace.is/>.

Healthwatch News

Our local (Ealing) Healthwatch are still reorganising and regrouping following their recent governance changes and the election of a new Board of Trustees and Chairman. Consequently they are currently not producing their previous "flashes" of healthcare news, nor posting news items on their website. We will pick these up for you when they return.

Meanwhile the Healthwatch England website has a page of links to currently open, nationwide, consultations at <http://www.healthwatch.co.uk/node/1187/>, news at <http://www.healthwatch.co.uk/news> and their feedback to the NHS on various initiatives at <http://www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-we-have-to-say>.

NAPP eBulletin

The latest eBulletin from NAPP is attached. As usual it includes lots of good information and pointers.

More next month.

Best ...

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