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Welcome to the October bulletin for Barnabas PPG members. Again there doesn't seem to be a lot to report this month – maybe I'm missing something?

### PPG Meeting, Tuesday 13 September – Minutes

The minutes of our September meeting are attached.  
Special thanks to Angela from Reception for taking time out to talk to us about the important work her teams does. And what a fantastic job they all do!  
You will also see in the minutes some information on the planned extension to the Medical Centre – more news on this when we have it.

### Next PPG Meeting, Monday 14 November (AGM)

Our next meeting is on Monday 14 November, 1800 hrs at the Medical Centre. This is our Annual General Meeting, so please do try to come along. Agenda to follow in next month's bulletin, but it will include the election of a Chairman for the group and the Annual Report on our activities.

### "Ghost" Patients

NHS England has kicked off one of its periodic trawls to remove patients who no longer exist from GPs' lists – patients could have moved away, left the country or died and this doesn't always filter through to their GP practice. Based on the latest census, it is estimated that across England there are 3 million such "non-existent" patients which GPs are being paid to treat. [On the other hand we know the census is an underestimate, often by as much as 10%.] In the early part of 2017 the project will be writing to any patient who has not seen their registered GP in the last 5 years. If the patient fails to respond to the letter, or to a reminder, they will be removed from the GP's list. Please warn anyone you know who might be caught by this, and impress on them the importance of replying to the letter. There's a bit more in this BBC News item: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-37482451>.

### Health apps to inform NHS patient records

The NHS is working to publish a library of approved mobile phone apps in areas such as mental health and chronic conditions (like diabetes, COPD); and to promote the development of more and better apps. And the intention is that these apps should send your data to your NHS medical records. No, I'm not sure I like the implications of this either and I foresee another fuss over data security and privacy – it has all the hallmarks of another piece of NHS non-consultation – but we shall see; I hope I am wrong. Again there is more information in a BBC News item: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-37290126>.

### NHS Sustainability & Transformation Plans

Many of you will be aware that every region in the NHS in England is drawing up a Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). These are intended to find ways for the NHS to streamline and improve patient care and, where possible, move that care closer to the patient (*i.e.* out of the hospitals). However, cynical patients are seeing it as a cost cutting, and care reducing, exercise. And indeed NHS England has made the crucial error of allowing the process to be seen almost entirely through the lens of cuts, thus obscuring the vast amount of work underway to reshape services around the needs of patients, particularly in the community. Which is sad because, as this *Guardian* comment piece, <https://www.theguardian.com/healthcare-network/2016/sep/09/lethal-combination-secrecy-jargon-overshadowed-nhs-plans>, points out, the health and care system would still need drastic reform even if it was awash with money. We don't yet know the full details of the plans for our region (North West London), so watch out for more news.

### NAPP eBulletin

As usual the latest eBulletin from NAPP is attached. And also as usual it contains lots more good information. NAPP is also recruiting Trustees, and I have attached the basic advert in case anyone is interested.

More next month!

Keith

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