

## Barnabas PPG

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To All Barnabas PPG Members ...  
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Welcome to the February bulletin for Barnabas PPG members. Apologies that yet again this is slightly later than planned.

### PPG Meeting – 5 February – Minutes

You will find the minutes of the meeting on 5 February attached, together with the updated Governance Document, and our Priorities and Action Logs.

### PPG Meeting – 10 April – Open Forum Session

I'm pleased to be able to announce that starting with our next meeting we will be running an occasional series of "open forum" sessions before the regular PPG meeting. This is how it will work:

- When our meetings are on a Tuesday at 1400 hrs, they will be preceded by an Open Forum session at 1300 hrs.
- These Open Forum sessions will be open to everyone – Barnabas patients, carers and staff – not just PPG members. We may also throw some of them open to patients from other local practices.
- At each Open Forum we will have a specialist speaker, who will say a bit about their role/subject area and answer your questions.
- The Open Forum will last around 50 minutes.
- We will provide tea/coffee and you are invited to bring your "brown bag" lunch with you.
- The Open Forum will be followed at 1400 hrs by the normal PPG meeting, and everyone is invited to stay for this too.

The first Open Forum is:

### Understanding Your Medicines: What, Why, How

with Barnabas's Clinical Pharmacist, Paresh Virji

Tuesday 10 April at 1300 in St Barnabas Church Hall

Open to all – not just Barnabas PPG members!

This will be followed at 1400 by our normal PPG meeting at which we will again be joined by Lindsay Topham from Ealing CCG. Full agenda next month!

All are welcome, do please come along if you can!

We will be advertising the Open Forums widely within the practice – so keep an eye out for posters and flyers and spread the word. I've attached a copy of the flyer/poster.

Other Open Forum dates for this year are:

- **Tuesday 5 June.** This is in PPG Awareness Week and we hope will be an extended event. We hope to have a speaker from Ealing CCG on Self-Care, someone to tell us about the great work done by London Air Ambulance, and if possible a paramedic from London Ambulance Service.
  - **Tuesday 2 October.** Speaker to be confirmed.
- Please put these dates in your diary.

**These open forum sessions are your opportunity to hear about important healthcare activities as well as to question, and influence, those in the know.**

### Other 2018 Meeting Dates

In addition to the above we have two other PPG meetings scheduled for this year:

- Monday 6 August at 1800 – this is our summer social event in the Greenwood pub
- Monday 3 December at 1800 in St Barnabas Church Hall – which is our AGM

### **Meet the Patients**

We will be in the waiting area again on the afternoon of Wednesday 28 February for our monthly "meet the patients" session. Please join us to chat to patients, get informal feedback on the Practice's services, answer questions, and talk about the work of the PPG.

### **Patient Experiences**

I am still collecting your helpful notes, hints and tips from your experiences of undergoing treatments and procedures (for example: hip replacement; insulin initiation; chemotherapy; audiology). If you can contribute, please send your thoughts to me; I will edit the collection and to help others we will make them available on the new Practice website when it is available in the next month or few. All contributions will remain anonymous, but please include your contact details in case we need to check anything with you (but they will not be published).

### **Scarlet Fever**

A recent rise in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever has prompted Public Health England to reissue a 4-page factsheet of frequently asked questions about the disease. You can find the factsheet online at

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/338368/Scarlet\\_fever\\_Q\\_and\\_A\\_factsheet.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/338368/Scarlet_fever_Q_and_A_factsheet.pdf).

### **Consultation on 'opt-out' Consent for Organ Donation**

NHS England have announced a consultation on the way the organ and tissue donor register works. The government wants to know what people think about proposed changes in which people are considered willing to be an organ donor after their death, unless they have positively "opted out". They also want to find out what people think of how the changes to the system should be made, and what else they think the government needs to consider. You can find more information (including an easy-read guide) and a link to the consultation at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-opt-out-consent-for-organ-and-tissue-donation-in-england>. The consultation is open until 6 March.

### **NAPP eBulletin**

The latest two (January & February) eBulletins from NAPP are attached. The February issue especially contains links to a large amount of good information – too much to include here, but worthwhile for those who are looking for some thought-provoking bedtime reading!

More next month!

Keith

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