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To All Barnabas PPG Members ...  
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Welcome to the February bulletin for Barnabas PPG members.

### **Sad to Relate**

We were all quite shocked and upset to learn that long-time active member of the PPG, Janet Bettaccini, died on 23 December following a short illness. As well as the PPG, Janet had been very active in many local community activities; she will be hugely missed. Noreen Marshall represented the PPG at Janet's funeral on 21 January. We send our deepest condolences to all Janet's family and friends.

### **PPG Meeting – Monday 3 December (AGM) – Minutes**

At long last, the minutes of December's AGM are attached.  
Meeting dates etc. for this year are included at the end of the minutes. Please add the dates to your 2019 diary.

### **PPG Meeting – Wednesday 13 February – Agenda**

Our next PPG meeting is on **Wednesday 13 February at 1300 hrs in St Barnabas Church Hall.**

The agenda should be:

1. Introductions & Apologies
2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. 2019-21 Priorities
4. Current Priorities Update
5. Practice Updates
6. Other PPG Updates, Matters Arising, AOB

We will spend a large portion of the meeting discussing our priorities for the next two years.

Please note the new meeting day and time; this was the majority decision of members who expressed an opinion and hopefully makes it more convenient for one of the Practice's clinicians to attend.

### **2019-21 Priorities Survey**

Thank you to those who took the few minutes to complete the survey on where we should concentrate our efforts over the next two years. I have done an initial quick analysis; the results are attached. Although I am still awaiting input from the Practice, this should provide a good basis for discussion at the next meeting. If you can't be at the meeting but have strong feelings about this, then please drop me a note and I will ensure your views are included.

### **Meet the Patients**

Noreen and I ran a useful "Meet the Patients" session on the morning of Thursday 31 January, where we talked with quite a few patients and demonstrated the online services to a couple.

We will be in the waiting area to "Meet the Patients" again on the afternoon of Wednesday 27 February.

We do need members to volunteer for this as Noreen and I cannot do every session. Please get in touch!

### **GP Online Services Demonstrations**

Although the NHS wifi in the waiting area is not working correctly, I was able to get internet connectivity (via BT) last week and demonstrate various online services. Therefore I will be arranging some sessions to demonstrate the GP Online Services to interested patients; I'm currently thinking about how best to do this. Watch out for dates (in addition to "Meet the Patients"). And if you have a smartphone, tablet or laptop and can help with demonstrations, again please get in touch.

And now for some more general healthcare news ...

### **Five Year GP Deal**

There has been a lot of media coverage of the recent government announcements of a new five year deal for General Practice as part of the NHS Long-Term Plan.

- The overall announcement is online at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2019/01/five-year-deal-to-expand-gp-services-and-kick-start-nhs-long-term-plan-implementation/>.
- As part of the deal GP practices will be hiring **20,000 additional support staff who will work as part of the proposed networks of GP practices; there's a report at** <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/jan/31/nhs-england-plans-20000-new-staff-to-free-up-gps-schedules>.
- These support staff will include clinical pharmacists; see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2019/01/clinical-pharmacists-vital-to-patient-care-in-five-year-gp-deal/>.

The January issues of three regular newsletters are attached:

- **Ealing CCG's PPG Newsletter**
- **NHS In Touch newsletter**
- **NAPP eBulletin**

All three contain interesting and useful news items which I have not covered above.

More next month ...

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