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To All Barnabas PPG Members ...

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Welcome to the January bulletin for Barnabas PPG members.

PPG News

PPG Meeting – Tuesday 11 February

Our next PPG meeting is on Tuesday 11 February, 1300 hrs in ST Barnabas Church Hall.

Please note the change of day from Wednesday to Tuesday, as agreed at our AGM

As far as I can foresee, the agenda will be:

1. Introductions & Apologies
2. Approve Minutes of AGM [copy attached]
3. Barnabas Minor Surgery Service; Nurse Nikki Onoufriou
4. Governance Review
 - a. Review & Agree revise the proposed revision to the Governance Document [copy attached]
 - b. Consider a motion: "(a) To change the PPG reporting year to end on 31 March, in line with the NHS reporting year. (b) Extend the current reporting year to March 2021. (c) To hold the next AGM in Spring 2021 (and not Autumn 2020). (d) Therefore to extend the current Chairman's term of office to the 2021 AGM."
5. "Your Appointment" Leaflet [draft attached]

This is a rework based on the suggested changes to the "Be a Better Patient" ideas discussed at the last meeting.
6. Practice Updates
7. PPG Updates, Matters Arising, AOB

As always everyone is welcome; please come along if you can.

Meet the Patients

We will be in the waiting area again on the afternoon of Wednesday 19 February for our monthly-ish "meet the patients" session. We do need volunteers to help with this as Noreen and I cannot always cover these sessions. Please get in touch (or just come along) if you can help.

Local Healthcare News

Moorfields Eye Hospital Consultation

A final findings of the consultation on moving/redeveloping Moorfields Eye Hospital's City Road site has been published. There's a quick summary at <https://oriel-london.org.uk/summary-of-consultation-findings-published-on-the-proposed-move-of-moorfields-city-road-services/> which also contains links to the full consultation findings documents.

General NHS News

There are quite a few news items this month, so I'm just going to give you links to them with few explanatory words.

GP shortages cause 'unacceptable' patient waits

There aren't enough GPs (which we all knew) and the net number is actually still falling despite government promises. This is of course causing extended waits for appointments generally. BBC report at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51032691>.

GPs in revolt over plan to increase their workload

On top of the lack of GPs, the government wants to change their contract in a way which the GPs say will significantly increase their (already extensive) workload. Needless to say the GPs aren't happy. *Guardian* report at <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/jan/21/nhs-englands-plan-to-force-five-new-duties-of-care-on-gps-sparks-row>.

The GP practice where patients can share appointments

Still with GPs ... Some are starting to run group appointments, where they can discuss conditions with several similarly afflicted patients at the same time – for example for diabetes, weight loss, blood pressure. This isn't suitable for all, but where tried the feedback seems to be positive. BBC report at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51063419>.

Improved NHS Migraine Care To Save Thousands of Hospital Stays

As part of the NHS Long Term Plan, a new approach to migraine care is being rolled out, with the aim of reducing the thousands on emergency admissions each year caused by migraine and severe headache. NHS information at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/01/improved-nhs-migraine-care/>.

A&E waiting targets likely to be scrapped

The Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, has apparently suggested that the hospital targets for A&E could be scrapped. Well that makes sense: if you can't meet the target, why keep reporting a failure? – Just scrap the target then everything is OK. *Guardian* report at <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/jan/15/matt-hancock-emergency-nhs-waiting-targets-likely-scrapped>.

Newsletters

I've not received any useful newsletters so far this month. I'll forward any which I do get, and which are useful, when they arrive.

More next month, meanwhile I hope to see you at the meeting on Tuesday 11 February.

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