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To All Barnabas PPG Members ...

[Printed copies to those PPG members without email]

[If you can't read any of the attached documents, or want printed copies of anything mentioned, please contact me and I'll try to send you a copy.]

Welcome to the June bulletin for Barnabas PPG members. Apart from Covid-19 (and I'll keep that as short as possible) there isn't too much to report this month.

Coronavirus

Latest Advice & Information

- The latest update from NHS in NW London can be found at [rb.gy/refle2](https://www.nhs.uk/news/2020/06/28/covid-19-nhs-london/).
- Healthwatch Ealing have a quick summary of the latest advice for those who are shielding at <https://healthwatchealing.org.uk/news/updated-advice-on-shielding/>.

Covid-19 Tracing Tool on Smartphones

Android and iPhone smartphones have received an update which includes a stub for apps to link to for Covid-19 track & trace. On its own this stub does nothing and should be turned off by default. There are currently no apps in UK which can use it, so there's currently no need to panic. See <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-53120290> for more.

Northwick Park Hospital

NPH has seen a huge number of Covid-19 patients (and deaths). Here are two items about how the reasons behind this, how they've managed the situation and how the staff have been affected.

- First a look at the response to the deluge of cases at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-52812457>.
- And a look at the effect on the mortuary staff, <https://www.mylondon.news/news/west-london-news/35-patients-died-one-day-18445147>

How GPs are Changing

GPs have also had to rapidly adapt their practices and the ways in which they work. The BBC has looked at what it has meant for one particular practice. See <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-52910771>.

Surveys

Here are two surveys examining the impact of Covid-19 which you are encouraged to complete.

- **Ealing CCG Covid Experience Survey** is at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DZ2PBM9>. If you wish to complete this survey but cannot do so online Get in touch and I will try to get you a printed copy.
- Healthwatch Ealing's survey into the **Impact of Covid-19 on Health & Social Care** in the borough is at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HWEaling>. If you wish to complete this survey but cannot do so online then you can do so by calling Healthwatch Ealing on 020 3886 0830.

PPG News

PPG Meetings

We continue to have fortnightly-ish quick meetings by videoconference. These last around 30 minutes and provide us an opportunity for quick updates and some social contact. The brief notes from all these calls (which started in early April) are attached.

However the current situation develops I can not see many of us wishing to resume face-to-face meetings for some while. I have therefore fixed dates for these video calls through to the end of September – we can always cancel them if we no longer need them. The future dates are below; please note that days and times vary to give as many as possible the opportunity to join at least occasionally.

- Friday 3 July, 1600-1630
- Thursday 16 July, 1800-1830

- Wednesday 29 July, 1100-1130
- Tuesday 11 August, 1830-1900 (replaces the scheduled "social" meeting)
- Monday 24 August, 1330-1400
- Friday 4 September, 1630-1700
- Thursday 17 September, 1030-1100
- Wednesday 30 September, 1300-1330

Join by going to <https://join.skype.com/gnjlg1FQs7GA>. Please do join the calls if you can.

Facebook Page

Remember that we do have a group page on Facebook where we do post links to potentially useful and interesting items. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/barnabas.ppg/>.

Local Healthcare News

Afghan Family Project

This project, which is a registered charity, aims to support especially Afghan families through befriending and signposting. Their flyer is attached.

Newsletters

There's just one newsletter this month, which is from **NAPP**; a copy is attached.

More next month. Meanwhile enjoy the summer, follow the rules, and stay well.

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