

## Barnabas PPG

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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 October bulletin for Barnabas PPG members.

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### Coronavirus

Not too much new news this month apart from London being in Tier 2 of the restrictions. More detail on that at <https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-what-you-need-know>.

Ealing CCG's latest PPG Newsletter (linked below) which was published before the Tier 2 restrictions came into force in London says:

"The Government's expectation is the measures described above [basically Tier 1] will need to remain in place until March."

That's interesting, because it's the first time I've actually heard anyone acknowledge this. This newsletter contains a lot of information on Covid-19.

### NHS Covid-19 App

The app was released about a month ago and has since been downloaded by around a third of the country – although there are still concerns over the privacy of the data held by the app and by NHS Test & Trace. See for instance <https://www.digitalhealth.net/2020/10/police-to-get-access-to-self-isolation-data-from-nhs-test-and-trace/> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54599320>.

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### PPG News

#### PPG Informal Contact Calls

We continue with our 2-weekly informal contact video calls; the notes from the last couple of calls are attached. Our next call is on Monday 26 October, 1000-1030, on Zoom: join the call using:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7279594414?pwd=VmYwODdoWGg2eTFvTlVjVlZyRmhSQT09>

Meeting ID: 727 959 4414 Passcode: 149417

The dates for the remainder of this year are: Friday 6 November, 1400-1430; Wednesday 2 December, 1300-1330; Tuesday 15 December, 1600-1630. All use the above meeting code.

#### Next Full (Virtual) PPG Meeting

Our next formal PPG meeting is on Wednesday 18 November, 1330-1430. Again this is on Zoom: join using:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89536543990?pwd=eU84K1MveVRIQU5DOFIwQTNhVGFWZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 3654 3990 Passcode: 367083

Please let me have any items for the agenda by Friday 13 November.

Dates for Full PPG Meetings for 2021 have been scheduled; they are:

- Wednesday 20 January
- Wednesday 17 March
- Wednesday 19 May [AGM]
- Wednesday 21 July
- Wednesday 15 September
- Wednesday 17 November

All meetings are 1330-1430 hrs on Zoom. I will send out meeting notices (with full details) for these 2021 meetings in the next few days; meanwhile please put the dates in your new diary!

[These meetings have been scheduled on the assumption that we are still pretty much in the same place next year as we are now. If that changes we may need to change the schedule.]

## PPG Facebook Page

A quick reminder that we have a group page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/barnabas.ppg>. I have recently reworked and reinforced the group rules and I'm being somewhat stricter in moderating the group in view of a number of recent fake, misleading and erroneous stories. If you use Facebook, do join the PPG group (and spread the word) to help make it a useful information resource for all the Practice's patients.

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## Local Healthcare News

### Cancer Detection in NW London

Over two million patients across NW London are to benefit from a new diagnostic tool that helps to detect cancer in its earliest and most curable stages. The tool, which has shown a 30 times improvement in the detection of cancer, has been rolled out to more than 400 GP practices across NW London. More information at <https://www.nwlondonccgs.nhs.uk/news-publications-events/news/more-two-million-patients-north-west-london-benefit-earlier-detection-cancer-their-gp-practice>

### Ealing CCG AGM

I represented the PPG at Ealing CCG's AGM on 14 October. As expected this covered the CCG's activity in 2019-20, and also much of the work being done this year on the Covid-19 pandemic. Very, very brief highlights include:

- CCG's deficit in 2019-20 was £51m; and they expect to be deficit by £100M in 2020-21
- Lots of work to support care homes, community services and GP new ways of working through Covid-19
- There is an assumption that the single NWL CCG will go ahead on 1 April
- I raised questions about delays in assessments for autistic children (yes they know but it isn't getting fixed quickly enough), and about the lack of PPG engagement from the Primary Care Networks (this is being followed up).

You can find an online video of the AGM, and the slides presented, at

<https://www.ealingccg.nhs.uk/newspublications/news/2020/10/watch-again-ealing-agm.aspx>.

There are also highlights of the Ealing CCG Annual Report for 2019-20 at <https://www.ealingccg.nhs.uk/media/180877/Annual-report-summary-Ealing.pdf>.

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## General NHS News

### Flu Vaccine Supplies

This year, as in most years, there are concerns over the supply of flu vaccine to GPs. I've not heard anything about this in the last couple of weeks, so hopefully it is a fairly isolated problem. There's a *Guardian* report from early in the month at

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/oct/04/gp-surgeries-england-left-waiting-flu-vaccine-supplies-covid>.

And if you want to understand a bit more about the logistics of vaccine supply, I wrote an item on my personal blog a few days ago: <http://zenmischief.com/2020/10/on-vaccine-logistics/>.

### NHS "One Stop Shops"

The NHS is planning to introduce "one stop shops" in the community to provide life saving health checks. The intention is to create these community diagnostic hubs across the country, away from hospitals, so patients can receive life-saving checks closer to home; the centres could be set up in free space on the high street or in retail parks. As the plan talks about lots of CT scanning, and the need for some 4000 new radiographers (let alone any other staff) this is going to need a vast amount of money, which I remain to be convinced is available – but we shall see; it'll be good if it can be made to happen. There's more at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/10/nhs-to-introduce-one-stop-shops-in-the-community-for-life-saving-checks/>.

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## Newsletters

Finally here's the usual round-up of newsletters I've received and which may be of interest:

- Healthwatch Ealing's Newsletter for October is at <https://healthwatchealing.org.uk/newsletters-v2/>.
  - Ealing CCG's October Newsletter is attached. It contains a lot on Covid-19.
  - London NW University Trust's (responsible for Northwick Park, Ealing, and Central Middlesex Hospitals) "Our Trust" newsletter is online at <https://www.lnwh.nhs.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jjm4n3497>.
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That's all for this month. Stay well & stay safe!

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