

Barnabas Patient Voices

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Welcome to the July update for **Barnabas Patient Voices** members.

It is a fairly short update this month as there seems to have been relatively little health news around.

Infectious Disease Update

The good news is continuing. According to the latest figures I've seen Covid remains at very low levels. Over the last few years we've had a Covid wave every summer, but as yet there is no sign of this happening this year although it could still kick off. More background at <https://christinapagel.substack.com/p/lets-celebrate-the-lowest-covid-levels>.

As we would expect 'flu is taking its summer break, although it is always there in the background but at exceedingly low levels.

Measles, however, is still around and flexing its muscles. So far this year (to 22 June) there have been 801 laboratory confirmed cases (compared with 959 in the whole of 2025). Of this 801, 60% are in children aged 10 and under; 54% of the total are in London mostly in North and West London. It really is worth having your children vaccinated.

Barnabas Patient Voices News

July Open Meeting

Our next **Open Meeting is on Saturday 18 July at the Medical Centre.**

This meeting is being **combined with a Practice Coffee Morning between 10:30 and 12:15** during which there will be:

- 10:45 Q&A Session with Shazmeen Gulamhusein** (the Practice's Clinical Pharmacist)
Bring along your questions about medicines.
- 11:15 Barnabas Patient Voices Open Meeting**

The shortened agenda for the Open Meeting will be:

1. Introductions & Apologies
2. Approve Minutes of 16 May AGM [attached]
3. Member Feedback
4. Practice Updates
5. PPG Updates
6. Matters Arising, AOB

This is your opportunity to meet the practice informally. We are also promised tea & coffee, biscuits & cake. So do come along!

Barnabas Practice News

Coffee Morning, Saturday 18 July

See above.

Replacement for eConsult

At long last it appears we are getting a replacement for eConsult. The replacement, ACCURX, is the choice of the majority of local practices. Practice staff are still testing and configuring the new system, which is said to be much easier to use than eConsult. It is hoped that ACCURX will go live later this month – but as with all such system migrations, don't hold your breath! But do watch this space!

Local Healthcare News

Ealing North MP, James Murray

With the recent departure of Wes Streeting, our Ealing North MP, James Murray, has been appointed Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. You can find his letter of introduction to NHS staff at <https://rb.gy/ujda2m>. We wish him well with his unenviable task.

General NHS & Healthcare News

Online Pharmacies

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC), the regulator of UK pharmacies, has launched a campaign urging anyone ordering medicines online to check that the pharmacy they're using is registered. All legitimate pharmacies operating in Great Britain have to be on the General Pharmaceutical Council's register. Find out more, with a link to the pharmacy register, at <https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/how-check-online-pharmacy-register>.

NHS Modernisation Bill 2026

The King's Fund have taken a critical look at the new Health Bill which was announced in the recent King's Speech and is before Parliament. The main aim of the MHS Modernisation Bill, 2026 is to provide the legal basis for reorganisation of the NHS, including abolishing NHS England (NHSE) and implementation of the NHS 10 Year Plan. There's a summary of the King's Fund report at <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/long-reads/explaining-nhs-modernisation-health-bill-2026>.

Newsletters

A round-up of potentially interesting newsletters received since the last update ...

- Patients Association weekly news for 05, 12, 19, 26/06 & 03/07 – attached as a single PDF but as usual no printed copies due to the size
 - PPGukNews for 30/06 – attached
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Please share healthcare news! (But not anything about your personal care.) Please be brief – just a link to a news item is fine. Email to me at keith@barnabasvoices.org.uk, or leave me a note with reception at the medical centre.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Coffee Morning, meanwhile enjoy the summer!

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