

# William Harvey Clinical Research Centre

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## Barts Heart Centre: Inaugural Research Clinic

The Barts Heart Centre is planning to start a seminar series entitled “Barts Heart Centre Research Clinic”. The inaugural event is on 30 September 2015, 5-7pm, The Great Hall, St Bartholomew’s.

### Programme:

Afternoon:

- 17.00     **Welcome/Introduction to BHC Research Clinic**  
Steffen Petersen, Director of Research BHC  
Mark Westwood, Director for Education BHC  
Julie Sanders, Director of Clinical Research,  
Quality and Innovation BHC
- 17.10     Barts Charity Grant for the Barts Heart Centre  
Charles Knight, Executive Programme Director BHC  
Amrita Ahluwalia, Deputy Director WHRI QMUL  
Andrew Douglas, CEO Barts and the London Charity
- 17.20     Updates on the Joint Research Institute and UCLP  
Cardiovascular Research Strategy

Mark Caulfield, Co-Director WHRI QMUL  
Aroon Hingorani, Director UCL Institute for Cardiovascular  
Sciences

17.40 Round table Q&A  
Steffen Petersen, Mark Westwood, Julie Sanders, Charles Knight,  
Mark Caulfield, Aroon Hingorani, Amrita Ahluwalia.

Evening:

18.00 Research clinic exhibition  
Drinks and canapes

1900 Close

**Target audience:**

Any Barts Heart Centre staff members involved in clinical research or aiming to become involved in clinical research. Interested non-clinical academics from UCL/QMUL are welcome.

Please come along to the Inaugural event!



**Let's talk hearts**

Let's talk hearts - one a series of free heart talks open to anyone interested in heart health.

The next 'Let's talk hearts' talk will be on 9<sup>th</sup> October at the Idea Whitechapel (Whitechapel library) from 3-5pm.

Speakers are as follows:

Dr Steve Hamshere – 'Stem cells to repair damaged hearts'

and Dr Daniel Jones – ‘Nitrite: a natural way to reduce heart attacks’.

For registration or to join the ‘Let’s talk hearts’ mailing list please email [letstalkhearts@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:letstalkhearts@qmul.ac.uk) or ring 07572 768985.

Further details in due course.

## **Barts NIHR Patient and Public Advisory Group (PPAG) – new members needed!**

Barts NIHR PPAG (public and patient advisory group) is currently looking for at least 5 new members. The next meeting of the group is on 6th November at Charterhouse Square from 2-5pm.

### **Further information:**

Who is the NIHR?

National Institute for Health Research, part of the Department of Health and our funder.

How many people are currently in the group?

15 - we are looking for 5 more members.

Do I have to be an expert on heart research?

No, you just have to be a patient/member of the public interested in having a say in heart research.

How often does the group meet?

A couple of times a year but the group is also in regular touch in between times.

What sort of activities has the group done so far?

Commented on grants, posters, and talks from a lay (non expert) point of view.

Helped out with our Lets talk hearts talks (free talks aimed at the general public).

Helped with our free science festival aimed at showing everyone how much fun science and medicine can be - distributing publicity, ringing schools, talking at the event (optional).

I am interested! How do I join?

There are some membership forms to fill in but you are welcome to attend a meeting and see if the group is for you.

If you know of anyone who might be interested then please email Jane Batchelor (details below).

For further information please email [j.batchelor@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:j.batchelor@qmul.ac.uk)