

# Bexley Medical Group Newsletter

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## November 2011 Newsletter

Welcome to the **Bexley Medical Group**. We are delighted to bring you our latest practice newsletter which we hope you will enjoy reading. We aim to keep you informed of developments at the practice and will be pleased to receive any suggestions you would like to see included in future editions. We want your experience accessing and receiving treatment at the practice to be as friendly and easy as possible.

### **Bexley Medical Group—Award winning services.**

Over the last few years there have been numerous awards presented to this Practice .

**2008**, Health Secretary Alan Johnson presented us with the Guy Rotherham Award.

**2009**, Health Minister Mike O'Brien, visited our practice and in his NACP speech in Birmingham declared us the best example of Practice Based Commissioning practice in the UK.

**2010**, (i) In the presence of Baroness Barbara Hakin we received the Vision 2010 Award for Best Community Cardiology and Diabetes Service (the service was first established by our lead GP, Dr Simona Malone).

(ii) Health Secretary Andrew Lansley visited Bexley and also presented BCT with his personal award for Best Health Care Management in the NHS. He also informed us that thanks to our model, he granted Bexley path-finder status.

(iii) Bexley Community Cardiology received two more Health Service Journal Awards.

**2011**, (i) On 21<sup>st</sup> July, the Mayor of London, Mr. Boris Johnson, accompanied by the London Health Advisor, visited us to see how we worked and congratulated us for our achievements.

(ii) Our practice has featured, among others, in Radio 4 (*the report*), France 24, ITV and BBC Panorama (5<sup>th</sup> September 2011) as a pioneering, award-winning practice.

(iii) We have attracted many complimentary articles in the national, local and medical press.

(iv) In his Birmingham Conference speech the Prime Minister, Mr David Cameron, singled us out as a practice performing best :

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/david-cameron/8809123/The-local-heroes-whose-can-do-spirit-was-praised-by-David-Cameron.html>

(v) Dr Manis is one of the finalists for the *GP Commissioner of the Year* award (the winner will be announced on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011)

### **GP receptionist of the year competition**

Congratulations to Mo Eaglesfield from Hurst Place Surgery after last year winning the competition has now received a runners-up award for 2011. Well done Mo!!



Mo receiving her award from the Mayor of Bexley

### **Influenza the silent killer**

Each year 3,000—4,000 deaths are attributed to Influenza, and during times of epidemic this can rise to in excess of 30,000 deaths, please do not become one of these statistics.

We are still giving influenza vaccinations to those patients over 65 years old and to all patients that are on the chronic disease registers, as well as pregnant women. If you have not yet had your vaccination please contact one of our receptionists for an appointment, we will also be sending reminder letters to patients most at risk who have not yet had their vaccination