Wirral Older People’s Parliament

Health and Social care Meeting

Friday 13th July 2018

10.30-12.30

Hoylake Community Centre

Apologies: Pauline Sutton, Trish Iddon, Sandra Hughes, Ray Johnston, Kath Ford, Hannah Chambers

Present:

Terry Sullivan

Sandra Wall (Chair)

Rose Leckey

Carl Leckey

Brian Knight

Winnie Cooke

Sandy Cameron

Lucy Barrow (Homeinstead)

Ruth Parry (POPIN Service)

Julie Kay (Project Coordinator)

Previous minutes of 8th June 2018 agreed.

Matters arising:

CL managed to get a cancellation for a scan after Rose contacted the GP and consultant’s secretary.

Guest speaker Ruth Parry from Wirral POPIN Service. (Promoting Older People’s Independence Network)

Members discussed rehab at Home service and some felt that older people were not a priority and the number of referral both GP and support services were reduced. Ruth said she would take WC details and follow up for her.

Ruth gave an overview of Adult social care and POPIN’s role; they can organise welfare visits, track referrals, work with the fire service, They aim to maintain people’s independence as much as possible. Ruth felt that social isolation is a cause of worsening health. POPIN are trying to empower and support where necessary including involving families and neighbours.

Chair suggested that every community needs a single point of contact for the elderly and disabled.

Ruth- central advice and support take the approach of prevention and intervention. Telephone number is 0151 514 2222.

RL asked how equipment that is out of date can be changed. Ring central advice and support and they will sort it out.

WC asked if a band of voluntary nurses working in the community could fill in the gaps. Members discussed this but wondered if people would really work for free and who would regulate it?

SC raised concerns about unsafe discharges and ‘bed blocking’.

TS raised concerns about the complaints system.

Chair- compile a list of questions and issues for Graham Hodkinson but TS concerned that he is the wrong person to talk to.

Chair to draft a letter concerning carers of all ages to be sent to Wirral MP’s

Next meeting Friday 10th August at Hoylake Community Centre. 10.30-12.30