**Wirral older People’s Parliament**

**Health and Social care Meeting**

**Friday 10th May 2019**

**Bentinck Street, Birkenhead**

**1030-1230**

**Apologies:** Carl Leckey, Rose Leckey, Ray Johnston, Jack Cuffe

**Present:**

Sandra Wall (Chair)

Julie Kay (admin)

Jim Cadwallader

Winnie Cooke

Brian Knight

Bev Favager

Bernd Heerwagen

Terry Sullivan

Jonathan Hayley Promedica

Tim Sands Financial Services

Previous minutes of April 12th agreed

**Matters arising**

JK and BK and Beryl Mitchell attended ophthalmology stakeholder meeting- members discussed the processes and changes to be made in this service when the contract is up in about 12 months. Members praised Arrowe Park system and diabetic eye screening

JK to chase frailty protocol and guidelines produced.

Independent living issues

WC-people need to have things in place to maintain independence as much as possible.

Jim Cad- mentioned the disabled facilities grant from the council.

Chair mentioned a magazine article on independent living article in Which? Members discussed

Chair- paying for home adaptations costly and finding out about things available from council , NHS or social services is difficult

Chair- our housing committee is looking at homes for life

TS- anyone interested in joining the housing committee can ask Julie for information.

Jim Cad- mentioned the news that GP’s will be employing Physician Associates. Not a doctor, do a 2 yr diploma but its currently unregulated. Surely Nurse Practitioner’s are already employed for this? Waste of time and money. Concerns were expressed by members about lack of jobs for GP’s.

Chair- could we possibly produce a leaflet on maintaining independence in collaboration with possible HomeInstead.

WC- most people want to stay in their own homes. Domiciliary care needs an overhaul, pay, practises etc. Can’t patients be responsible for their own care?

TS- this happens in disability service e.g. supported living.

BH- raised concerns about government policies concerning health and social care.

**Next meeting Friday 14th June 2019. Bentinck street 1030-1230.**