

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE WORKING GROUP

The BPW – UK Health and Social Care Working Group was launched at the Members' Day on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and is led by Jill Turner and Ann Wiseall

The Group aims to focus on the health and social care / welfare dimensions that support the overall BPW UK aim of '**Working together to help every woman achieve her full potential**'.

In particular the Group will;

- monitor UK health and social care provision with a particular focus on current and emerging issues of importance and concern principally ( but not exclusively) for women
- provide information on health and social care issues to members and act as a source of information on these issues for other BPW UK Working Groups
- comment and lobby on significant issues where appropriate and in a timely manner as agreed by the FEC

Current health and social care issues for consideration include;

- Condition specific issues e.g. obesity, diabetes , cancer, heart disease and dementia
- Thematic issues e.g. patient safety, ethnicity and poverty
- Funding arrangements for health services, public health and social care
- Plans for further industrial action by Junior Doctors
- Healthcare in the criminal justice system
- Violence against women
- Funding through Women's Aid Federations

Previously successful areas of BPW focus have ranged widely from ;

- Female genital mutilation
- Extension of the breast screening programme
- Maternity services and advice for mothers – to – be
- Mental health issues
- Drug rape issues
- Social security funding
- Child care provision

Interested members are invited to consider joining the Group or offering support. Comments and suggestions for the Group's work are welcomed; please email [hq@bpwuk.org.uk](mailto:hq@bpwuk.org.uk)