



WE Party Conference

15 – 18 October 2020

Motion Title: WE support and promote healthy and positive ageing for all women in the UK.

Amendment 1 Title: Amendment to include the Social Model of disability as a leading example

Amendment 2 Title: Highlight the prevalence of domestic abuse separately to elder abuse

Amended Motion text:

N.B. Amendment 1's additional text is in purple and underlined and Amendment 2's additional text is in blue and underlined. Black ~~struck through~~ text has been deleted.

1 We propose two additions to the Women's Equality Party's Equal Health Policy

- 2 1) to promote positive ageing for older women; and
- 3 2) to move away from the "deficit model" that views women's (and members of minority
- 4 groups') health as a problem to be solved, and instead embrace a model such as the Social
- 5 Model for those with disabilities.

6 "WE call on the Westminster government and devolved administrations to work across ideology

- 7 • to create a health and social care culture that moves away from the deficit model
- 8 • to support and promote women's health, wellbeing and full participation in all parts of life up
- 9 to and including into older age.

10 Most UK women are expected to live into their 80s+ but there is an inequality within women's

11 health that sees life expectancy declining for women living in disadvantaged areas. As they grow

12 older, many women experience intersectional sexism/ageism and are encouraged to think that ill-

13 health, isolation, experience of pain, depression, fatigue – amongst others – are normal. Older

14 women experience both ageism and sexism at work.

15 WE call on the four National Governments of the UK to:

- 16 • prioritise investment in areas where women's life expectancy is declining or at risk of
- 17 declining;
- 18 • assert and promote the potential and rights of older women to live positive and productive
- 19 lives;
- 20 • create specialist and/or culturally specific older health and care services for BAME, disabled
- 21 and LGBTQI+ women;
- 22 • highlight the prevalence of domestic abuse and elder abuse and the health impacts ~~it~~ they
- 23 causes;
- 24 • implement policies that will improve the mental and physical health of older women
- 25 • challenge the negative stereotypes associated with women's ageing and the assumptions
- 26 that women themselves, their families and wider society place on them.