**GENERAL PRACTICE IN CRISIS**

**£112 A YEAR! WHAT CAN YOU BUY?**

**LESS THAN 2 MONTHS COFFEE ON YOUR WAY TO WORK**

**LESS THAN 2 TANKS OF FUEL FOR THE AVERAGE 4X4 VEHICLE**

**OR**

**1 YEAR OF FUNDING PER PATIENT FOR AN AVERAGE GP SURGERY**

**What do you get for £112?**

* **As many consultations with a GP/Nurse/HCA/Phlebotomist as you need**
* **Prescriptions organised, signed and sent to the pharmacy of your choice**
* **Blood tests and other tests as needed e.g. ECG’s/Spirometry/24 hour blood pressure**
* **Family planning/Ear syringing/cryotherapy /Travel clinic/ Well person checks**
* **Hospital referrals**
* **Pre hospital care and post hospital care**
* **Home visits**

**We use this money to:**

* **Pay for premises – building maintenance and upkeep inside and out**
* **Pay doctors and nurses**
* **Pay reception and admin staff**
* **Pay electricity, gas, phone bills, stationery and stamps**
* **Buy and maintain surgery equipment and drugs**
* **Pay for government CQC inspections**
* **Pay for accountancy and legal advice**
* **Pay for professional insurance**

**Currently 9% of the NHS budget is given to GP’s to see 90% of the population. Our funding is being cut by approximately £40000 a year on year over a 5 year period although the consultation rate has increased by a third during the last 5 years.**

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?**

* **Please don’t waste appointments – cancel in good time**
* **Think about if you really need an appointment? Could you use other services?**
* **Order prescriptions in good time**
* **Only request a home visit if you are genuinely housebound**
* **Use our electronic services – booking appointments/ordering prescriptions/viewing medical records**

**We are all living longer with more complex health needs. We cannot sustain the current demand. We all want the NHS to continue.....please help us, work with us and use the services appropriately.**