

## **LGA Call for evidence 2014**

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We were interested in the LGA call for evidence, particularly as much of our recent ageing society work has tried to look beyond traditional care and support. Below are some examples of our work, I would be very happy to have a follow up conversation or provide more detail if helpful.

### **Dementia Friendly Communities**

We have been working with partners in Yorkshire (predominantly York) to create dementia-friendly communities. This has involved looking beyond health and social care to who else can support local people to live well with dementia. We are in the process of evaluating this work (and other dementia-friendly initiatives in Scotland and Northern Ireland) and could share emerging findings next year. The link below is to a recent publication of case studies:

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/dementia-friendly-yorkshire>

### **Involving people with dementia**

We have also been supporting work on the involvement of people with dementia in collective action. As well as a report, we have produced a series of tools and resources to support others to do this well.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/topic/dementia-without-walls>

### **Neighbourhood Approach to Loneliness**

Working with communities in York and Bradford we have developed a neighbourhood approach to loneliness. This has involved local people of all ages identifying the causes of loneliness in their community and working together on solutions to address loneliness. We have evaluated this community development approach; produced a resource pack for others wanting to do something similar in their communities and written a briefing paper for local authorities.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/topic/loneliness>

### **A Better Life**

This was a five year programme which focused on older people with high support needs. As well as looking at care homes and housing, it reviewed alternative approaches to care and support. The Better Life report distils the learning from the programme into one publication and contains many examples of how to widen choices for care and support. We have also produced a specific publication on widening choices for care and support. Links to both publications below:

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/topic/betterlife>

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/widening-choices-high-support-needs>

### **Housing with Care**

As part of the Better Life programme we commissioned a number of research reports on housing with care. Whilst the number of housing with care schemes across the UK are small, evidence suggests positive quality of life outcomes for those who live in them. Our research highlighted practice examples from across the UK:

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/older-people-high-support-needs-housing-care>

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/housing-care-research-practice-examples>

Best wishes

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