

The Landscape of Evidence on Ageing in the UK

An evidence landscape review – sources of evidence on what works to improve later life - April 2016.

This landscape review of evidence on ageing in the UK was commissioned by the Centre for Ageing Better to provide a better understanding of what works to improve later life for everybody, and in particular to help determine 'where people can currently go to find and understand evidence for what works'. [See Appendix A] The review is restricted to UK sources and the 'people' to be informed are understood to be primarily policy makers and practitioners rather than the general public. The limited nature of this necessarily high level scan means it does not, at this stage, cover local authority resources and excludes sources of evidence on the exclusively medical and biological aspects of ageing and older age. While aiming to be as comprehensive as possible, this review cannot claim to be exhaustive and is a snapshot of an ever-changing landscape.

In carrying out this review, the Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA) has drawn on its own professional experience, expertise and networks, in its role as an independent information and knowledge centre and evidence hub, to carry out searches including those of a number of the specialist resources on ageing that CPA hosts. [See Appendix B]

Over 270 sources of evidence were identified, and these have been listed in sections 2-4, although not all are referred to explicitly within the body of the review. The review is divided into four parts – 1) A discussion of the evidence landscape; 2) Where to go for evidence on particular topics of interest; 3) Evidence sources grouped by the type of resource and, for reference, 4) An alphabetical listing, by name, of individual sources of evidence on what works to improve later life. Each source in the reference list includes brief information about the evidence source itself, at the time of the review, with where appropriate, some examples of recent evidence produced and where possible, active links to the source material.

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1. The evidence landscape

1.1 The nature of evidence

Evidence of what works to improve later life for everyone takes many forms from the gold standard of randomised controlled trials and systematic reviews, through reviews, sample surveys and group studies to autobiographical methodologies and techniques including anecdotal evidence and personal narratives. Even anecdotes and individual case studies may be of value. Although some would dismiss ‘anecdotal evidence’ as a contradiction in terms, others say ‘how many anecdotes does it take to constitute evidence?’.¹ Anecdotes may have value in identifying areas for further research and individual case studies can help the reader identify with an overall statistical view.

It is important not only to assess ‘what works’ but also for whom it works, the context in which it works and also address what ‘what works’ look like. There is no guarantee that a single successful intervention in a particular geographical location, possibly led by a charismatic and energetic individual, can be replicated in a very different location or scaled up. It is equally important to learn lessons from the past and assess available evidence of what has *not* worked.

Some areas, for example child care, have adopted ‘standards of evidence’ in assessing what works. Dartington Social Research Unit has developed standards of evidence of what works that have formed the basis of the standards adopted by NESTA and Investing in Children.² These standards relate to *Intervention specificity* - is the intervention focused, practical, logical and designed based on the best available evidence?; *Evaluation quality* - is the evaluation design and execution robust enough to permit confidence in the results?; *Intervention impact* - what do robust evaluations tell us about how much impact the intervention has on key outcomes?; and *System readiness* - can the intervention be implemented in the ‘real world’ context of a public service system? There may however be problems in adopting a too rigorous, standards base approach and equally important for scalability and transferability may be the involvement of older people in design and implementation.

1.2 Mapping the evidence landscape

Using CPA’s expert professional knowledge, specialist data resources covering all aspects of ageing and older age, and its networks, supplemented by extensive internet searching, CPA has sought to identify organisations and resources involved in the production, identification, collation and synthesis of evidence on older age issues, as well as in the production of toolkits, guidelines and policies based on evidence. Most organisations perform more than one of these functions, with some specialising in older age issues and others having a broader remit. [See Appendix C]

Analysis of the meta-data reveals that, of around 270 organisations and other resources identified, just over one third (36%) are focused entirely on older age issues but the majority (64%) look at ageing and older age as part of a wider remit.

¹ Centre for Policy on Ageing (2009), *Ageism and age discrimination in mental health care in the United Kingdom*

² <http://www.catch-22.org.uk/programmes-services/realising-ambition/learning-far/dartington-social-research-unit-standards-of-evidence/>

Many of the evidence sources have multiple roles, for example as a service provider and also as a research funder, and less than one quarter (23%) have a primary role focused solely on research and the research process. This may be as a research organisation, research company or research funder for example. Eighteen per cent carry out research and generate evidence as part of a wider academic remit.

Around 40 of the evidence sources have, as their primary role, the provision of products or services for older people and others, and a further 35 or so are ‘think tanks’ or the equivalent. [Figure 1]

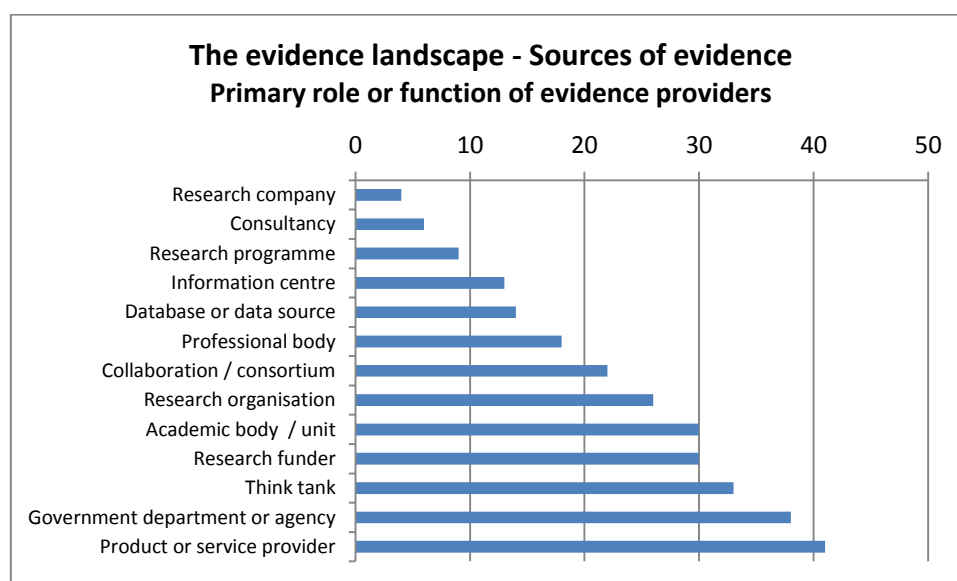


Figure 1

These numbers do not necessarily reflect the balance in the overall production and synthesis of evidence. The different types of evidence source are not equally productive and, as we shall see later, the bulk of new evidence emanates from the academic sector.

As agreed this evidence review focuses on the key areas of finances and financial planning; housing; age friendly cities and the built environment; physical and mental health (excluding biomedical and clinical research); social connections; work; volunteering; lifelong learning; and care and support but, in addition, identifies other major areas of evidence as they arise. [Figure 2]

Despite the move towards promoting the more positive aspects and potential opportunities of ageing, health and care and support issues still predominate in the evidence landscape

1.3 Background

In the 2011 census over one third (35%) of the population of the United Kingdom was aged 50 and over with 16% aged 65 and over and 7.7% aged 75 and over. The most recent ONS population projections (2014-based) suggest that, by 2050, a quarter (25%) of the UK population will be aged 65 and over with 15% aged 75 and over. These changing demographics have raised the profile and general interest in ageing issues so that the sources of evidence have broadened from specialist

think tanks, academic gerontologists and geriatricians and government departments and agencies interested in health and care provision, to a wider spectrum of organisations and sources. Ageing has become everybody's business.

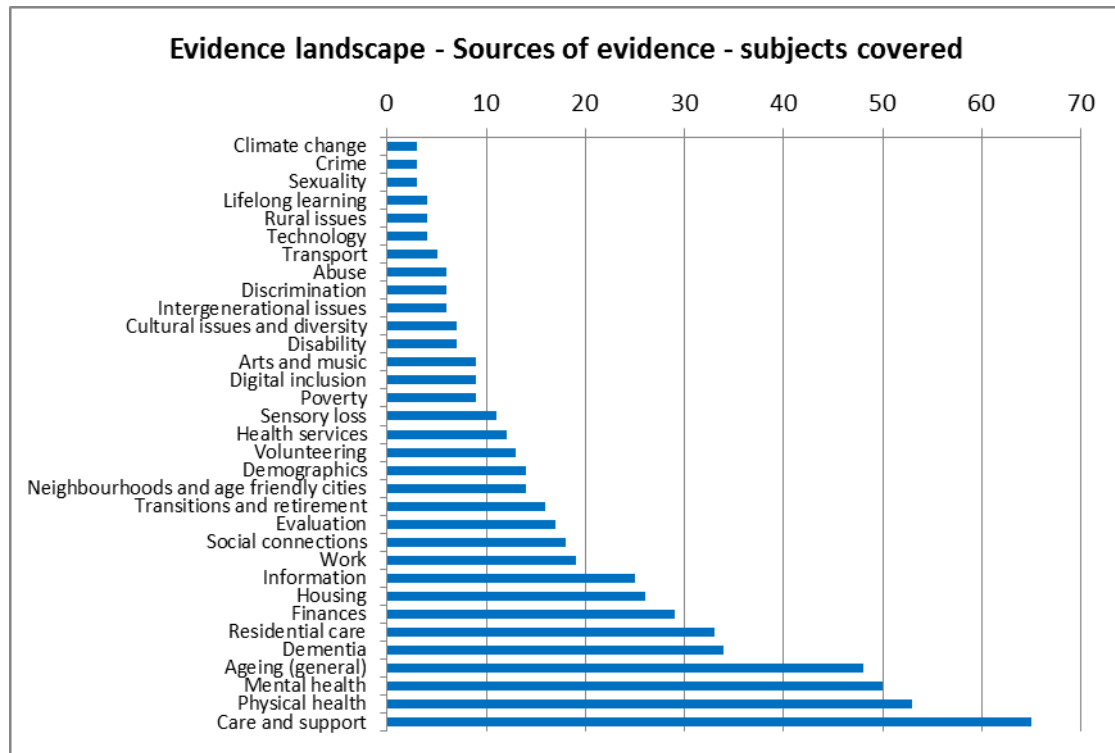


Figure 2

1.4 The production, synthesis and dissemination of evidence

The production and synthesis of evidence are inextricably linked to each other. Nearly every new research study will begin by carrying out a review to synthesise and summarise the results of previous, related, research in the area. In this case the synthesis of earlier research findings is a secondary outcome. It is an essential prerequisite of the study, but the primary purpose is not to synthesise and disseminate the earlier research, but to build on those findings and take them forward in the current research.

At the same time, even for primary research, most research funders will build in an element of funding for the dissemination of research findings by way of publications and conferences. Nonetheless, these research organisations would often see synthesis and dissemination as secondary rather than primary outcomes of the research process.

For secondary research the boundaries are more blurred. A major element of secondary research may be the gathering together and synthesis of previous results and ideas, leading to new conclusions about what 'works' and what is important.

At the same time, a review, not thought of as research but carried out with the stated aim of synthesising and summarising existing findings, may itself lead to new insights and understanding.

1.4.1 The production of evidence on ageing

The main body of evidence generation and research into the multi- and inter-disciplinary study of ageing, in the UK, is carried out by researchers, from a wide range of backgrounds, in academic departments and centres linked to universities and other institutes of higher education. This is illustrated by the fact that, although self-selecting and not a random sample of researchers, the great majority (96%) of the more than 300 research presentations at the British Society of Gerontology (BSG) annual conference in Newcastle in 2015 were by academics, and only 14 (4%) were by individuals not linked to an institute of higher education. University centres exist at, among others, Bangor, Bristol, Brunel, Cambridge, City University London, East Anglia, Keele, Kent, Kings College London, LSE, Manchester, Newcastle, the Open University, Oxford, Sheffield, Southampton, Stirling, Strathclyde, Surrey, Swansea and York. (see listings)

1.4.2 The synthesis and dissemination of evidence

1.4.2.1 Synthesis

Aside from the large number of academic centres and departments carrying out primary and secondary research in the field of ageing, a number of non-academic organisations carry out research, synthesise evidence and publish reports. Three organisations that look, in different ways, at *all* aspects of later life are Age UK, International Longevity Centre UK (ILC-UK) and the Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA).

Age UK, formed from the merger of Age Concern and Help the Aged, is the single largest organisation covering all aspects of ageing in the UK, with an overall budget of around £175 million in 2014/15. Local Age UKs provide services for older people while Age UK nationally sells products and services for older people and campaigns and liaises with government but also carries out, or funds others to carry out, research and reviews. The public-facing side of Age UK provides a large amount of practical information and guidance for older people while the professional-facing side, and internal research and policy teams, produce reports and reviews, recently ranging from the *'prevalence of loneliness'* and *'ageing in a digital world'* to *'financial abuse'* and *'the health and care of older people in England'*.

The International Longevity Centre UK (ILC-UK), one of a number of international longevity centres, and part of the International Longevity Centre Global Alliance, while much smaller than Age UK and without the service provision and charitable fund-raising wings, produces a substantial body of individual reports on many aspects of later life in the context of demographic change. These are dependent on available funding and a number have been on pensions and related financial topics, as well as demographic issues, supported by insurance and finance companies related to the actuarial profession.

The Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA), over its long history, has been, amongst other things, a specialist database/resource provider and evidence synthesiser. The Centre has produced more than 200 publications on many aspects of ageing and older age, focusing recently on secondary research

and reviews ranging from ‘*the prevention of urinary tract infections*’ through ‘*resilience in older age*’ to ‘*the potential impact, for older people, of new technologies*’.

A number of research funders also carry out or commission the synthesis of evidence in the field of ageing and older age, and publish their own reports. In addition to Age UK this includes Alzheimer’s Research UK, Alzheimer’s Society, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, National Institute for Health Research, Nuffield Trust, Royal Voluntary Service, Thomas Pocklington Trust and the various Research Councils including ESRC.

1.4.2.2 Reviews and Information Centres

Except for a small number of expert review and information centres, the Centre for Evidence and Policy at Kings College London has found that literature reviews of existing research can be patchy, with UK researchers often failing to look beyond major, international, general purpose databases to more specialist collections and beyond peer-reviewed journal articles to more practice-oriented reports.³

UK Review and Information Centres include the *National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)* which incorporates the NIHR Systematic Review Infrastructure (NSRI) including the UK Cochrane Centre (UKCC), Cochrane Review Groups and the Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) at the University of York; the *Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC)* which, as the name implies, is a source of health and social care information including Hospital Episode Statistics, the Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey, the Health Survey for England and the Adult Social Care Survey; and *EPPI-Centre*, a specialist academic centre developing methods for the systematic reviewing and synthesis of research evidence.

The Centre for Policy on Ageing, which carries out reviews and hosts a number of databases and other resources, is currently the only UK information centre dedicated solely to ageing and older age issues. [See Appendix B]

1.4.2.3 Observatories

A number of sources for the synthesis and dissemination of evidence label themselves as *observatories*. In the field of public health a number of former regional and subject-based members of the Association of Public Health Observatories (APHO), for example the North East Public Health Observatory (NEPHO), South West Public Health Observatory (SWPHO), Improving Health and Lives (Learning Disabilities Observatory), and the Mental Health Observatory, as well as the National End of Life Care Intelligence Network have, since April 2013, been drawn together within Public Health England. Other observatories include the *Global Observatory for Ageing and Dementia Care* at Kings College London and the *International Observatory on End of Life Care* at Lancaster University.

1.4.2.4 Toolkits, guidelines/guidance and policies

Across the board, evidence producers and synthesisers, ranging from think tanks through collaborations and consortia to academic units, information centres, professional bodies and service providers, gather together some of the evidence provided into practical or useful groupings referred to as ‘toolkits’. Examples include the NIHR ‘*ENRICH*’ toolkit to aid research in care homes; NDTI’s

³ Gomersall A, Cooper C, eds. Database Selection Bias and its effect on Systematic Reviews: A United Kingdom perspective. Keystone, Colorado, USA: Joint Cochrane and Campbell Colloquium, 2010.

'Supporting older people with learning disabilities' toolkit for health and social care commissioners; the Age Action Alliance *'Employer toolkit - Guidance for managers of older workers'*; the PSSRU *'Adult social care outcomes toolkit (ASCOT)'*; and the RNIB *'VISAL'* toolkit to help and encourage older blind and partially-sighted people to participate actively in their local community.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) provides national guidance and advice to improve health and social care. As well as assessing the cost-effectiveness of treatments it produces evidence based guidance and advice for health, public health and social care professionals. Although not particularly focused on older age, a number of recent topics are of particular relevance, including *Older people: independence and mental wellbeing*; *Delivering home care for older people*, *Social care for older people with multiple long-term conditions*; and *Falls in older people: assessing risk and prevention*.

In addition to NICE and the NHS, a significant source of guidance on older age issues for professionals is their own professional association including the Royal College of Nursing, the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and the British Association of Social Workers.

1.4.2.5 Dissemination

Many organisations involved in the production and synthesis of evidence also have a role in the dissemination of that evidence but only a handful of organisations see dissemination as a major focus of their work. These include the Centre for Reviews and Dissemination at the University of York, focusing on health research and hosting the *DARE*, *NHS EED* and *HTA* databases; the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE), focusing on social care and hosting *Social Care Online (SCO)*; and the Centre for Policy on Ageing, focusing on ageing and older age issues and hosting a number of resources including the *Ageinfo* database and the *National Database of Ageing Research (NDAR)*.

1.5 Research programmes

Following the end of the New Dynamics of Ageing programme in 2014/15 and the Lifelong Health and Wellbeing programme in March 2015 there is currently no cross-disciplinary programme of ageing research funded by the research councils. The NDA and LLHW programmes were pre-dated by the Growing Older programme from 1999 to 2004 and, by the EQUAL programme from 1998 to 2005, SPARC from 2005 to 2008 and KT-EQUAL from 2009 to 2013. Among these research programmes Growing Older and New Dynamics of Ageing were perhaps unusual because of their greater focus on the social aspects of ageing including, in the case of NDA, projects on kitchen design, the place of theatre and dignity in care.

As part of its Foresight programme, the Government Office for Science (GO-Science) *Future of an ageing population* project (2014-16) has provided scientific evidence to government, intended to form the basis of a range of policies and actions to maintain wellbeing and improve the quality of life of older people. The evidence has taken the form of evidence reviews, local essays, seminar reports and international case studies, with a full report in April/May 2016.

1.6 The accessibility of evidence

Evidence, where it exists, is not always accessible for use. In an age where internet search engines are often the first, if not the only, reference tool used, the first reason for this lack of general accessibility may be because the evidence itself is not available as a full text pdf, doc or docx file, directly findable by search engines on the internet. Many journal articles and older reports and documents can only be found by using databases and specialist search tools, often only available on subscription in university and special libraries. Researchers who restrict themselves to internet searching will almost certainly fall short of the full picture, particularly within the field of ageing which has a rich, and largely untapped, source of 'grey literature'.

Even where the full text is directly available for searching, most researchers are unaware of the full capabilities of internet search engines and so searching, and therefore finding, falls short of what is possible, even in this limited context.

There remains a false perception that 'everything is on the internet' and despite the increased availability of full text over the internet, there is an important continuing role for abstracting and indexing services, such as the more general Social Care Online and the ageing specific Ageinfo, in providing access to journal articles and report evidence in the field of older age in the UK.

Where databases *are* used, many researchers, and university librarians, are unaware of the full range of specialist databases available in the field of older age, and restrict their searching to general purpose, United States based, databases - even when researching ageing issues in the UK. [see section 1.7.1] This is likely to lead to selection bias in the synthesis of past research as the balance of UK content within these databases changes. A further bias, which influences the research on which reviews and the creation of an evidence base rely, is Resource Selection Bias (RSB). This has resulted in the proven omission of key information and therefore the production of a number of poor research reviews within the field of ageing.⁴

Other restrictions to accessibility of evidence include cost of access, retention of information by organisations, and issues of confidentiality. A clear example of a restriction on availability based on cost is the case of LaingBuisson Care market reports. The reports are a valuable source of useful information on residential care and the care markets, but at a cost of well over £1,000 each, are well out of the reach of most libraries and researchers. Even access to many individual academic journal articles requires being a member of a subscribing academic institution, visiting a subscribing library, such as the British Library or CPA, or paying £20-£30 per article.

The principle of confidentiality for some data within the field of ageing might be understandable. For example, quite rightly, access to confidential patient data such as the Primary Care Mortality Database, is greatly restricted. There is, however, a case for making fully anonymised data available from NHS patient data, as a matter of course, to be freely useable for general research purposes.

⁴ Cooper et al (2014) *A mapping review of the literature on UK-focused health and social care databases*. Health Information and Libraries Journal.

1.7 Specialist resources for evidence on ageing and older age

1.7.1 Databases

Despite the increased interest in ageing issues, specialist databases and other resources to locate information on the topic remain in short supply. Google and Google Scholar searching, in the hands of a professional, can be very powerful but many UK based social researchers restrict their searching to these tools and general purpose American databases such as ERIC, Medline and Web of Knowledge. This approach has been roundly criticised by the Centre for Evidence and Policy at Kings College as researchers miss UK based evidence, in particular from reports and 'grey' literature as already mentioned. Ageinfo from the CPA is the only specialist database covering all aspects of ageing and older age in the UK and, with Gerolit from Deutsches Zentrum für Altersfragen in Germany is one of only two remaining in Europe. Following the closure of the National Aging Information Center (NAIC) database in Washington DC, only Ageline, formerly from the American Association of Retired Persons and now published by EBSCO remains in the USA. The UK database Social Care Online (SCIE), as the name implies, is a more general database covering all aspects of social care but typically not the wider field of ageing. Ageinfo (CPA) and Social Care Online (SCIE) in the UK are both part of a consortium that contributes data to the Social Policy and Practice (SPP) database published by Ovid Technologies.

The National Database of Ageing Research (NDAR) at CPA allows evidence providers to enter and update details of their own research projects. Alternatively the project details are entered by information professionals at CPA. This database enables the sharing, promoting and dissemination of current research and, crucially, facilitates the identification of gaps in the evidence base. Investment is currently being sought to develop this unique resource.

1.7.2 Data sources

The English Longitudinal Study on Ageing (ELSA), now in its seventh iteration, is the primary source of objective and subjective longitudinal data on health and disability, economic circumstances, social participation, networks and wellbeing of older people in England. In addition, participants in the 1958 National Child Development Study are now in their late 50s, participants in the MRC National Survey of Health and Development Cohort /1946 Birth Cohort are now turning 70 and participants in the Whitehall 2 longitudinal study are now aged in their late 60s to late 80s. The Newcastle 85+ Study has carried out four iterations in its study of people aged 85 and over since it began in 2006, the Hertfordshire study of 3000 men and women born in Hertfordshire in the 1930s has participants now in their late 70s and 80s and the Cambridge City over-75s Cohort Study surveys over 2,600 men and women aged 75 and above. The Cognitive Function and Ageing Studies (CFAS) are large UK population-based longitudinal multicentre studies looking at health and cognitive function in older people.

The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC), a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Health, is one of the main national providers of information and data on health and social care. Data sources include Hospital Episode Statistics (HES), the Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey (National Study of Health and Wellbeing), the Health Survey for England, the Survey of Carers in Households (England) and the decennial Adult Dental Health Survey. Primary care statistical sources include restricted access to the Primary Care Mortality Database.

The UK Data Service, at the University of Essex, is said to be the UK's largest collection of social, economic and population data resources. It hosts a number of data sets directly or indirectly related to ageing including the NHS Primary Care Trusts: Patient Survey, Annual Population Survey (combining data from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and national boosts), British Social Attitudes Survey, the Citizenship Survey, the Crime Survey for England and Wales (formerly British Crime Survey), English Housing Survey, Family Expenditure Survey, General Lifestyle Survey (formerly the General Household Survey), the Health Survey for England and the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey (formerly ONS Opinions Survey and ONS Omnibus Survey).

1.8 The changing subject focus of the evidence landscape

The focus of ageing research and the associated evidence base is changing and a useful indicator of observed change is the frequency with which topics occur in the current awareness bulletin 'New Literature on Old Age', published bi-monthly since 1977 by the Centre for Policy on Ageing. 'NewLit' has a controlled vocabulary covering a developing range of broad subject areas in the field of ageing and older age and, although the occurrence of topics changes from issue to issue, an annual total provides an indicator of changing trends.

In general terms, as life expectancy improves, there has been a perceptible move away from interest in the agenda of 'care and support' for older people towards a more positive agenda of healthy ageing, engagement, continued employment, volunteering and other forms of participation, although health and care and support issues still predominate.

Within that framework, over the past decade, the evidence landscape has developed differently for different areas of interest.

1.8.1 Employment - the ageing workforce

Changing demographics can result in workforce challenges, such as skills shortages, which require robust evidence to influence employers planning for the future. With the abolition of the default retirement age in the UK, interest in mid-life career review and other practices to facilitate employment in later life (aged 50+) has gained increased significance. Improving employer practices, flexible working, training, changing attitudes, age discrimination, work force retention and balancing work and care are among the important issues.

1.8.2 Healthy ageing and prevention

Healthy ageing and prevention have become increasingly important. Improving health and wellbeing in older age is a long term process, affected not just by lifestyle choices but by more difficult to change factors such as occupation, income and the area in which you live.⁵ Evidence of the effectiveness of individual 'prevention' measures is therefore often indirect, relying on epidemiological data to demonstrate the link between the primary intervention outcome, for example increased physical activity or reduced loneliness, and health and wellbeing in older age.

1.8.3 Physical activity – the BME gap

There has been increased interest in ways to promote physical activity in older age, not only through walking and cycling but also through other activities such as Tai Chi and Yoga. Physical activity

⁵ Centre for Policy on Ageing (2013), *'Wellness': Prevention and the sustainability of health and well-being in older age*.

among black and minority ethnic groups is however, in general, much lower than in the white majority population and, except for a government programme in 1997, little has been done to investigate ways to improve this situation.

1.8.4 Loneliness

For a while now, social connectedness has been recognised as an important factor, perhaps as important as smoking, in determining health and wellbeing in older age.⁵ Living alone, social isolation and loneliness are however three different things. Living alone does not necessarily imply social isolation. Social isolation does not necessarily lead to loneliness and, because loneliness is a state of mind, a feeling of loneliness may occur among people who are not objectively socially isolated. In recent years, led by the Campaign to End Loneliness, there has been increased interest in research and evidence in this area although one, still possibly under-researched and under evidenced area is the issue of loneliness among residents of care homes.

1.8.5 Financial issues, 'pensioner poverty'

Despite the acknowledged wide variations in the wealth and incomes of older people, on average the current generation of pensioners appear to be financially better off than both past and future generations. The issue of financial inequality and 'pensioner poverty', while important in itself, is less written about than it once was, although fuel poverty remains on the agenda. Finances in older age in the light of current pension reforms, and pension provision for future generations, are high on the agenda, but an impending issue for which there is currently very little research is age discrimination in the provision of financial services and the knock-on effect on the provision of other services for example the effect of restrictions in insurance on the provision of car and van hire.

1.8.6 Social care

The increasing numbers of older people has meant that issues related to all aspects of care, including the demand and supply of family and informal care, paying for and providing long-term care, and the impact of caring on carers, and in particular on their employment prospects, remain important. There has been increased interest in family and informal care and modes of care, including telehealth and telecare, to allow older people to stay longer in their own homes.

1.8.7 Mental health and dementia

Mental health issues in general, for example depression, seem to have become less frequently researched in recent years and dementia in older age, which has always been a more dominant issue has taken on even greater importance in both research and policy. Recent research at the Cambridge Institute of Public Health indicates that prevalence rates for dementia may not be related to age per se but to 'healthy age', opening up the possibility of deferring the onset of dementia by improving general health in older age. There is also increased interest in the use of technology to support dementia care and in the care of older people with dementia in their own homes.

1.8.8 Neighbourhoods, age friendly cities and the built environment

To many people, 'older people' are seen as older 'people', that is with similar needs and aspirations to people of all ages. Measures to improve cities, neighbourhoods and the built environment for older people, for example through improved public transport, benefit everyone. At the same time older people do have some shared characteristics and changed needs, for example in the use and availability of public toilets. The provision of age friendly cities and neighbourhoods has become an area of increased interest.

1.8.9 Intergenerational issues

The current generation of older people are often seen as a particularly fortunate generation with, on average, better pensions, increased longevity and accumulated property wealth. The great variations that exist within the cohort are not recognised and older people are often 'blamed' for the good fortune of those visibly better off. This has the potential of being used to stoke up intergenerational tensions. Interest in intergenerational issues has grown steadily over the last decade and this may be an area where additional research would be beneficial to reduce the risk of future intergenerational tensions and conflict and to strengthen the social contract between the generations.

1.8.10 Lifelong learning

Lifelong learning is generally accepted as beneficial for older people, irrespective of what is being learnt, and is well thought of by its participants.⁶ The proportion of learning (for those over 50) for work-related reasons has risen. A benefit of learning recently reported by older people themselves has been the passing on of skills and knowledge. Other reported benefits include the beneficial effects of the associated social interaction. There remains, however, a paucity of evidence of the long-term health effects of continued learning in older age. This may indicate a gap in the evidence base which is unlikely to be helped by the loss of focus on lifelong learning traditionally carried out by the National and Continuing Institute for Adult and Continuing Education (NIACE) – recently subsumed into the Learning and Work Institute.

1.8.11 Religion and spirituality

Issues of religion and spirituality have traditionally been seen to have greater significance in older age, often linked to finding a core meaning in life but, over the past decade, there appears to have been a decline in research interest in this area. One area where spirituality has renewed interest is in its relationship to resilience in later life.⁷

1.9 Gaps in the evidence base

The identification of gaps in the evidence base may be a subjective matter that depends not only on a view of what issues are important for future research but also an assessment of the completeness of what is known already. As indicated above, a selection of immediate gaps in the evidence base might include evidence to support increased physical activity by older people from black and ethnic minority communities, loneliness in care homes, age discrimination in the provision of financial services, ways to reduce the potential for intergenerational tensions and conflict and evidence of the long-term beneficial health effects of lifelong learning. Other areas requiring further evidence include future changes in population lifestyles; the persistence of health inequalities; the growing number of people with more than one long-term condition; the link between physical and mental health; and the relationship between housing and wellbeing in older age.

The 2011 *Futurage* road map for European ageing research identified seven major priorities for ageing research, which provide a useful, if broad, framework. These were *1. Healthy ageing for more life in years; 2. Maintaining and regaining mental capacity; 3. Inclusion and participation in the community and in the labour market; 4. Guaranteeing the quality and sustainability of social*

⁶ McNair S (2012) *Understanding older people's learning*, National Older Learners Group and NIACE

⁷ Centre for Policy on Ageing (2014), *Resilience in Older Age*

*protection systems; 5.Ageing well at home and in community environments; 6.Unequal ageing and age-related inequalities; and 7.Biogerontology - from mechanisms to interventions.*⁸

Within the theme of ‘social participation’ the Futurage study identified *Ageism, Lifelong learning, Migration, Overcoming the digital divide, Mobility and accessibility, Ageing and spirituality, Volunteering, Participation as a consumer or user, Discrimination in the labour market, Enabling a longer working life, and Reconciliation of paid work and informal care* as key topics for future ageing research in the European context.⁸

1.10 Further opportunities for the Centre for Ageing Better to add value

Ageing is now everybody’s business but, although there is a spread of interest and research activity from a broader spectrum of organisations, there is an impression, supported by this review, that research and policy activity and evidence collection in the field of ageing and older age in the UK appeared to reach a peak in the years before 2008 and has not returned to those levels. This does not mean that the landscape is devoid of activity - far from it. However, there is a danger that currently held attitudes towards older age, despite all that has been written on the changing demographics, are not moving us away from the more traditional notion of later life that is seen as burdensome and riddled with problems.

As well as filling some of the evidence and research gaps identified earlier in this review, the Centre might use its influence to encourage the development of a new cross-disciplinary research programme on ageing to go forward from the New Dynamics of Ageing and Lifelong Health and Wellbeing research programmes, including the encouragement of more research on the cultural and psycho-social aspects of ageing.

UK researchers need a solid information base to determine what has gone before, in order to minimise unnecessary duplication and to build on and develop the learning and practice from evidence already in existence. As new knowledge and evidence is generated this needs a robust and accessible framework to collate with earlier evidence, and enable the sharing of, and transmission of that earlier research, including easy retrieval and dissemination of findings. Without this the evidence as a whole, however important, will remain dispersed, unstructured and ultimately, therefore, less available for future learning and adoption, affecting its ability to make a difference to people’s lives. While funding, although not easy to obtain, is available for individual research programmes and projects, including some funding for dissemination, support for the information infrastructure, including development of specialist ageing databases and resources and the communication of evidence, is limited. In addition to addressing gaps in the evidence itself, the Centre for Ageing Better might consider ways in which it could work in partnership to fill this overlooked, and possibly little understood gap in the way that research can be accessed and built on.

1.11 Second stage development of this evidence landscape review

This landscape review and listings currently excludes (see appendix A) the wealth of evidence of what works held by individual local authorities in the UK. A useful second stage, since the database has now been built, would be to carry out further searches to capture this potentially rich source of

⁸ Futurage (2011) *A road map for European ageing research*

information. In addition the database could be further developed into a shared, web based, easily accessible resource providing information to all about where to go to find evidence on older age issues. The resource would be searchable by topic and type of organisation or resource, providing flexible listings with links to recent evidence. The resource could be further enhanced to include a focused search engine that searches just the websites of the evidence sources and providers identified within the resource.

1.12 Conclusion

As this review has shown, the evidence landscape for what works to improve older age in the UK is complex, with a number of issues, and there is therefore a real opportunity, through collaborative approaches, for CfAB to make a real impact. The gathering, sharing and strengthening of evidence is critical to making sure that 'what works' *will* work to enable everyone to enjoy a good later life.

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2. Evidence resources for particular areas of interest

This section lists evidence resources for particular areas of interest. For each area of interest the sources are listed alphabetically by name and details of each resource can be found in Section 4.

Ageing in general (all aspects)

Age Action Alliance	Ipsos MORI
Age UK	Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Aston Research Centre for Healthy Ageing (ARCHA)	KT-EQUAL: Putting ageing and disability research into practice
Big Lottery Fund	Lifelong Health and Wellbeing (LLHW)
British Society of Gerontology	Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA) - University of Manchester
Brunel Institute for Ageing Studies	National Centre for Social Research (NatCen)
BUPA / BUPA UK Foundation	National Institute for Care and Health Excellence (NICE)
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation	National Pensioners Convention
Centre for Ageing and Biographical Studies - Open University	NESTA
Centre for Ageing Better	New Dynamics of Ageing
Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) - University of Swansea	New Philanthropy Capital
Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA)	Newcastle University Institute for Ageing (NUIA)
Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender (CRAG) - University of Surrey	Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA)
Centre for Social Gerontology - Keele University	Nuffield Foundation
Christians on Ageing	Nuffield Trust
Citizens Advice	Ready for Ageing Alliance
Department for Work and Pensions	Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
Department of Health and Social Sciences - University of the West of England	Scottish Centre for Social Research (ScotCen)
Department of Sociological Studies - University of Sheffield	Sheffield Institute for Studies on Ageing (SISA)
Design Council	Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)	Southampton Ageing Resource Network (SARN) - University of Southampton
English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)	SPARC - Strategic Promotion of Ageing Research Capacity
Government Office for Science: Future of an ageing population	Strathclyde Ageing Network (SAN) - University of Strathclyde
Growing Older	UK Advisory Forum on Ageing (UKAFA)
Healthy Ageing In Scotland (HAGIS)	UK Data Service
Helpage International	What Works Scotland
Institute of Gerontology - Kings College London	Years Ahead Partnership Board (the North East Regional Forum on Ageing)
International Longevity Centre ILC-UK	

Age discrimination

Age UK
Citizens Advice
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)
Equality and Human Rights Commission

Government Equalities Office
International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
Older People's Commissioner for Wales
Women and Equalities Committee, House of Commons

Age friendly cities and the built environment

Age UK
Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre for Intergenerational Practice)
Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) - University of Swansea
Environmental Audit Committee, House of Commons
Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)
Institute of Gerontology - Kings College London
The Intergenerational Foundation

International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
Joseph Rowntree Foundation
LGiU [Local Government Information Unit]
Lifelong Health and Wellbeing (LLHW)
Local Government Association (LGA)
Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA) - University of Manchester
Policy Studies Institute (PSI)
Young Foundation

Care and support

Abbeyfield
Age Exchange
Age UK
Alzheimers Society
Anchor Trust
Audit Scotland /Accounts Commission
Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre for Intergenerational Practice)
Bournemouth University Dementia Institute (BUDI)
BUPA / BUPA UK Foundation
Care and Support Alliance
Care England
Care Inspectorate
Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) - University of Swansea
Centre for Research on Ageing - University of Southampton
Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender (CRAG) - University of Surrey

Centre for Social Justice
Centre for Workforce Intelligence
Christians on Ageing
Citizens Advice
Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland
Committee of Public Accounts, House of Commons
Communities and Local Government Committee, House of Commons
Dementia Services Development Centre
Dementia UK
Demos
Department of Health
Department of Health and Social Sciences - University of the West of England
Elderly Accommodation Counsel
Fabian Society
Grandparents Plus
Hanover Housing Association

Health and Care Research Wales
 Health and Social Care Board [Northern
 Ireland]
 Health and Social Care Information Centre
 (HSCIC)
 Health Economics Research Unit (HERU)
 Housing & Care 21
 In Control
 Independent Age
 Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)
 Institute of Gerontology - Kings College
 London
 International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
 Jewish Care
 Joseph Rowntree Foundation
 Kings Fund
 LaingBuisson
 LGiU [Local Government Information Unit]
 Local Government Association (LGA)
 Mansfield Advisors
 Methodist Homes (MHA)
 My Home Life
 National Audit Office
 National Care Forum (NCF)
 National Development Team for Inclusion
 (NDTi)
 National Institute for Care and Health
 Excellence (NICE)
 New Local Government Network (NLGN)

Nuffield Trust
 Office of Health Economics (OHE)
 Office of Public Management
 Personal Social Services Research Unit
 (PSSRU)
 Point of Care Foundation
 Public Policy Institute for Wales
 Relatives and Residents Association
 Research in Practice for Adults
 ResPublica
 Royal College of Nursing
 School of Health Sciences - University of East
 Anglia
 Scottish Collaboration for Public Health
 Research & Policy (SCPHRP)
 Select Committee on Public Service and
 Demographic Change, House of Lords
 Sense
 Silver Line
 Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)
 Social Care Workforce Research Unit (SCWRU)
 - King's College London
 Social Policy Research Unit (SPRU) - University
 of York
 Strategic Society Centre
 Stroke Association
 Think Local Act Personal
 UnLtd
 Welsh Government Social Research

Climate change

Helpage International
 Policy Studies Institute (PSI)

ResPublica

Creative arts

Age Exchange
 Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
 Bournemouth University Dementia Institute
 (BUDI)
 Centre for Intergenerational Practice (CIP)
 Centre for Social Gerontology - Keele
 University

Culture, Media and Sport Committee, House
 of Commons
 NESTA
 Positive Ageing Associates
 University of the Third Age

Crime

Action on Elder Abuse
National Association for Retired Police
Officers (NARPO)

Older People's Commissioner for Wales

Cultural diversity

Age Exchange
Centre for Research on Ageing - University of
Southampton
Equality and Human Rights Commission

Jewish Care
Runnymede Trust
Southampton Ageing Resource Network
(SARN) - University of Southampton

Dementia

Abbeyfield
Age Exchange
Alzheimer Scotland
Alzheimers Research UK
Alzheimers Society
Anchor Trust
Association for Dementia Studies - University
of Worcester
Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre
for Intergenerational Practice)
Bournemouth University Dementia Institute
(BUDI)
Brain Research Trust
British Medical Association
Care England
Centre for Dementia Prevention - University
of Edinburgh
Christians on Ageing
Dementia Intelligence Network
Dementia Services Development Centre
Dementia Services Development Centre
(DSCD) Wales - Bangor University
Dementia UK
Department of Health
Design Council
EQUAL (Extend Quality Life) - EPSRC research
initiative

Forestry Commission Scotland
Global Observatory for Ageing and Dementia
Care
Health Economics Research Unit (HERU)
Health Services Research Unit - University of
Aberdeen
Housing & Care 21
Institute of Older Persons Health and
Wellbeing - University of the West of Scotland
International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
Jewish Care
Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Manchester Institute for Collaborative
Research on Ageing (MICRA) - University of
Manchester
Mental Health Foundation
Methodist Homes (MHA)
National Care Forum (NCF)
National Institute for Care and Health
Excellence (NICE)
NESTA
Newcastle University Institute for Ageing
(NUIA)
NHS Research Scotland (NRS)
Office of Health Economics (OHE)
Personal Social Services Research Unit
(PSSRU)

Research in Practice for Adults
Royal College of Nursing
Royal College of Psychiatrists
Royal Society for Public Health

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)
UK Age Research Forum
Voyage

Demographics

Cass Business School - City University London
Centre for Research on Ageing - University of Southampton
ESRC Centre for Population Change
Government Office for Science: Future of an ageing population
Helpage International
International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
National Centre for Social Research (NatCen)

Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study Research Support Unit
Office for National Statistics (ONS)
Oxford Institute of Population Ageing
Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU)
Scottish Centre for Social Research (ScotCen)
Select Committee on Public Service and Demographic Change, House of Lords
UK Data Service

Digital inclusion

Centre for Intergenerational Practice (CIP)
Demos
Digital Unite
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
Health Lab

Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)
Joseph Rowntree Foundation
NESTA
Select Committee on Digital Skills, House of Lords

Disability

Arthritis Action
Arthritis Research UK
Care and Support Alliance
Equality Act 2010 and Disability Committee, House of Lords
Jewish Care
Joint Committee on Human Rights, House of Lords / House of Commons
KT-EQUAL: Putting ageing and disability research into practice

Mental Health Foundation
Mind
National Centre for Ageing Science and Innovation (NASI) - Newcastle University
SPARC - Strategic Promotion of Ageing Research Capacity
Strategic Society Centre
Stroke Association
Tizard Centre - University of Kent

Finances and financial planning

Age UK

British Medical Association

Cass Business School - City University London
 Centre for Policy Studies
 Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender
 (CRAG) - University of Surrey
 Centre for Social Justice
 Citizens Advice
 Committee on the Mental Capacity Act 2005,
 House of Lords
 Demos
 Department for Work and Pensions
 Department for Work and Pensions -
 Automatic Enrolment Evaluation Team
 Department for Work and Pensions - Social
 Research
 Fabian Society
 In Control
 Institute for Economic and Social Research
 (ISER)
 Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)
 The Intergenerational Foundation
 International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
 Joseph Rowntree Foundation

National Association for Retired Police
 Officers (NARPO)
 National Centre for Ageing Science and
 Innovation (NASI) - Newcastle University
 National Institute for Social and Economic
 Research
 National Pensioners Convention
 New Economics Foundation
 Nuffield Foundation
 Office of Health Economics (OHE)
 Oxford Institute of Population Ageing
 Personal Social Services Research Unit
 (PSSRU)
 Policy Exchange
 Resolution Foundation
 Southampton Ageing Resource Network
 (SARN) - University of Southampton
 Strategic Society Centre
 What Works Centre for Wellbeing
 Work and Pensions Committee, House of
 Commons

Health – (Physical health, mental health and health service provision)

Age Exchange
 Age UK
 Alzheimer Scotland
 Alzheimers Research UK
 Alzheimers Society
 Arthritis Action
 Arthritis Research UK
 Aston Research Centre for Healthy Ageing
 (ARCHA)
 Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre
 for Intergenerational Practice)
 Biotechnology and Biological Sciences
 Research Council BBSRC
 Brain Research Trust
 British Geriatrics Society
 British Heart Foundation
 British Medical Association
 Brunel Institute for Ageing Studies
 BUPA / BUPA UK Foundation

Care England
 Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) -
 University of Swansea
 Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender
 (CRAG) - University of Surrey
 Chief Scientist Office [Scotland] (CSO)
 College of Optometrists
 Committee on the Mental Capacity Act 2005,
 House of Lords
 Deloitte Centre for Health Solutions
 Dementia UK
 Department of Health
 East Midlands Research into Ageing Network
 (EMRAN)
 EQUAL (Extend Quality Life) - EPSRC research
 initiative
 Forestry Commission Scotland
 Health and Care Research Wales

Health and Social Care Board [Northern Ireland]
 Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC)
 Health Committee, House of Commons
 Health Foundation
 Health Lab
 Helpage International
 In Control
 Institute for Health and Wellbeing - University of Glasgow
 Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)
 Institute of Health Equity - University College, London
 International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
 Kings Fund
 KT-EQUAL: Putting ageing and disability research into practice
 LaingBuisson
 Lifelong Health and Wellbeing (LLHW)
 Mansfield Advisors
 Medical Research Council (MRC)
 Mental Health Foundation
 Mind
 National Audit Office
 National Centre for Ageing Science and Innovation (NASI) - Newcastle University
 National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi)
 National Institute for Care and Health Excellence (NICE)
 National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)
 National Prevention Research Initiative (NPRI)
 NESTA
 NHS Research Scotland (NRS)
 Nuffield Trust

Office of Health Economics (OHE)
 Office of Public Management
 Positive Ageing Associates
 Public Health Agency [Northern Ireland]
 Public Health England (PHE)
 Royal College of General Practitioners
 Royal College of Nursing
 Royal College of Psychiatrists
 Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
 School of Health and Related Research (ScHARR) - University of Sheffield
 School of Nursing and Midwifery - University of Sheffield
 School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences - University of Edinburgh
 Science and Technology Committee, House of Lords
 Science of Ageing (SAGE) and Experimental Research on Ageing (ERA)
 Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research & Policy (SCPHRP)
 Select Committee on HIV and AIDS in the United Kingdom, House of Lords
 Silver Line
 SPARC - Strategic Promotion of Ageing Research Capacity
 Stroke Association
 Think Local Act Personal
 Tizard Centre - University of Kent
 UK Age Research Forum
 Voyage
 What Works Centre for Wellbeing
 Years Ahead Partnership Board (the North East Regional Forum on Ageing)
 Young Foundation

Housing

Abbeyfield
 Age UK
 Anchor Trust
 Building Research Establishment (BRE)
 Care and Repair England

Chartered Institute for Housing
 Chief Fire Officers Association
 Citizens Advice
 Demos
 Digital Unite

Elderly Accommodation Counsel
Hanover Housing Association
Housing & Care 21
Housing Learning and Improvement Network
(Housing LIN)
Independent Age
Institute for Economic and Social Research
(ISER)
Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)
Institute of Gerontology - Kings College
London
International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
Joint Committee on Human Rights, House of
Lords / House of Commons

Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Mental Health Foundation
Methodist Homes (MHA)
National Centre for Ageing Science and
Innovation (NASI) - Newcastle University
New Economics Foundation
Policy Exchange
Public Policy Institute for Wales
Resolution Foundation
ResPublica
Sense
Shelter
Strategic Society Centre

Information, advocacy and advice

Age UK
Alzheimer Scotland
Alzheimers Society
Arthritis Action
Arthritis Research UK
Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre
for Intergenerational Practice)
British Heart Foundation
BUPA / BUPA UK Foundation
Care and Repair England
Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA)
Citizens Advice
Culture, Media and Sport Committee, House
of Commons
Digital Unite
Elderly Accommodation Counsel
English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)
Government Office for Science
Grandparents Plus
Hanover Housing Association
Health and Social Care Information Centre
(HSCIC)

In Control
Independent Age
Jewish Care
Knowledgehub (formerly LGA Knowledge hub)
Manchester Institute for Collaborative
Research on Ageing (MICRA) - University of
Manchester
Mental Health Foundation
Mind
National Institute for Care and Health
Excellence (NICE)
Older Peoples Advocacy Alliance
Prison Reform Trust
Relatives and Residents Association
Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
Sense
Shelter
Silver Line
Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)
Stonewall
Stroke Association

Intergenerational issues

Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre for Intergenerational Practice)
Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) - University of Swansea
Centre for Intergenerational Practice (CIP)

Centre for Social Gerontology - Keele University
The Intergenerational Foundation
Policy Exchange

Lifelong learning

Association for Education and Ageing (AEA)
Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre for Intergenerational Practice)
Business, Innovation and Skills Committee, House of Commons

Centre for Lifelong Learning - University of Strathclyde
Demos
National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE)

Older offenders

Prison Reform Trust

Poverty

Centre for Social Justice
Citizens Advice
Fabian Society
Helpage International
Institute for Economic and Social Research (ISER)
Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)

Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Public Policy Institute for Wales
Southampton Ageing Resource Network (SARN) - University of Southampton
Voyage
Young Foundation

Religion and spirituality

Christians on Ageing
Jewish Care

Methodist Homes (MHA)

Residential and nursing home care

Abbeyfield
Anchor Trust
BUPA / BUPA UK Foundation
Care England

Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) - University of Swansea
Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender (CRAG) - University of Surrey
Centre for Workforce Intelligence

Dementia Services Development Centre
 Demos
 East Midlands Research into Ageing Network (EMRAN)
 Elderly Accommodation Counsel
 Hanover Housing Association
 Housing & Care 21
 Independent Age
 Institute of Older Persons Health and Wellbeing - University of the West of Scotland
 International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
 Jewish Care
 Joseph Rowntree Foundation
 LaingBuisson
 Local Government Association (LGA)
 Mansfield Advisors
 Mental Health Foundation

Methodist Homes (MHA)
 My Home Life
 National Audit Office
 National Care Forum (NCF)
 National Institute for Care and Health Excellence (NICE)
 Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU)
 Public Policy Institute for Wales
 Relatives and Residents Association
 Research in Practice for Adults
 ResPublica
 Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)
 Social Care Workforce Research Unit (SCWRU)
 - King's College London
 Strategic Society Centre

Retirement and other transitions

Abbeyfield
 Age UK
 Anchor Trust
 Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre for Intergenerational Practice)
 British Medical Association
 BUPA / BUPA UK Foundation
 Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
 Citizens Advice
 Demos
 Elderly Accommodation Counsel

Grandparents Plus
 Housing & Care 21
 Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)
 International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
 Joseph Rowntree Foundation
 National Association for Retired Police Officers (NARPO)
 Strategic Society Centre
 Timebanking UK
 University of the Third Age

Rural issues

Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE)
 Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) - University of Swansea

Community Transport Association
 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, House of Commons
 Transport Committee, House of Commons

Sensory loss

Action on Hearing Loss
 Care and Support Alliance

Care England

Centre for Ageing and Biographical Studies -
Open University
College of Optometrists
Equality Act 2010 and Disability Committee,
House of Lords
Health and Social Care Board [Northern
Ireland]
Health Services Research Unit - University of
Aberdeen

Lifelong Health and Wellbeing (LLHW)
Manchester Institute for Collaborative
Research on Ageing (MICRA) - University of
Manchester
MRC/CSO Institute of Hearing Research -
Scottish Section
Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)
Sense
Thomas Pocklington Trust

Sexuality and LGBT issues

Government Equalities Office
Select Committee on HIV and AIDS in the
United Kingdom, House of Lords

Stonewall
Women and Equalities Committee, House of
Commons

Social connections

Action on Elder Abuse
Age Exchange
Age UK
Big Lottery Fund
Brunel Institute for Ageing Studies
Campaign to End Loneliness
Centre for Intergenerational Practice (CIP)
Centre for Social Justice
Community Transport Association
Department of Health and Social Sciences -
University of the West of England
Independent Age
Institute for Economic and Social Research
(ISER)

Institute for Public Policy Research IPPR
International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Manchester Institute for Collaborative
Research on Ageing University of Manchester
(MICRA)
Mental Health Foundation
Older Peoples Advocacy Alliance
Silver Line
Years Ahead Partnership Board (the North
East Regional Forum on Ageing
Young Foundation

Technology

Culture, Media and Sport Committee, House
of Commons
Digital Unite
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research
Council (EPSRC)
Health Economics Research Unit (HERU)
Innovate UK

Institute of Older Persons Health and
Wellbeing - University of the West of Scotland
National Centre for Ageing Science and
Innovation (NASI) - Newcastle University
National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)
NESTA
Office of Health Economics (OHE)

Transport

Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) -
University of Swansea
Community Transport Association
International Longevity Centre ILC-UK

National Centre for Ageing Science and
Innovation (NASI) - Newcastle University
Policy Studies Institute (PSI)
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
Transport Committee, House of Commons

Volunteering

Abbeyfield
Action on Elder Abuse
Age UK
Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre
for Intergenerational Practice)
Centre for Social Justice
Independent Age
Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)

Royal Voluntary Service
Silver Line
Timebanking UK
University of the Third Age
UnLtd
Years Ahead Partnership Board (the North
East Regional Forum on Ageing)

Work

Cass Business School - City University London
Centre for Research into the Older Workforce
(CROW)
Centre for Research on Ageing - University of
Southampton
Centre for Workforce Intelligence
Citizens Advice
Demos
Department for Work and Pensions
Department for Work and Pensions - Social
Research
Institute for Economic and Social Research
(ISER)
Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)
Institute of Gerontology - Kings College
London

KT-EQUAL: Putting ageing and disability
research into practice
Lifelong Health and Wellbeing (LLHW)
Manchester Institute for Collaborative
Research on Ageing (MICRA) - University of
Manchester
MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences
Unit, University of Glasgow
Policy Exchange
Resolution Foundation
SPARC - Strategic Promotion of Ageing
Research Capacity
Strategic Society Centre
Timebanking UK
Trading Times
Work and Pensions Committee, House of
Commons

3. Evidence sources by role

An evidence source may have multiple roles for example as a product or service provider and an information centre.

Academic body/unit

Association for Dementia Studies - University of Worcester
Aston Research Centre for Healthy Ageing (ARCHA)
Bournemouth University Dementia Institute (BUDI)
Brunel Institute for Ageing Studies
Cambridge Institute of Public Health - University of Cambridge
Cass Business School - City University London
Centre for Ageing and Biographical Studies - Open University
Centre for Ageing Research (C4AR) - Lancaster University
Centre for Dementia Prevention - University of Edinburgh
Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) - University of Swansea
Centre for Lifelong Learning - University of Strathclyde
Centre for Research into the Older Workforce (CROW)
Centre for Research on Ageing - University of Southampton
Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender (CRAG) - University of Surrey
Centre for Social Gerontology - Keele University
Dementia Services Development Centre
Dementia Services Development Centre (DSCD) Wales - Bangor University
Department of Health and Social Sciences - University of the West of England
Department of Sociological Studies - University of Sheffield
EPPI-Centre
Global Observatory for Ageing and Dementia Care
Health Economics Research Unit (HERU)

Health Services Research Unit - University of Aberdeen
Healthy Ageing In Scotland (HAGIS)
Institute for Health and Wellbeing - University of Glasgow
Institute of Gerontology - Kings College London
Institute of Health Equity - University College, London
Institute of Older Persons Health and Wellbeing - University of the West of Scotland
Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA) - University of Manchester
MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow
National Centre for Ageing Science and Innovation (NASI) - Newcastle University
Newcastle University Institute for Ageing (NUIA)
Oxford Institute of Population Ageing
Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU)
School for Policy Studies - University of Bristol
School of Health and Related Research (SchHARR) - University of Sheffield
School of Health Sciences - University of East Anglia
School of Nursing and Midwifery - University of Sheffield
School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences - University of Edinburgh
Sheffield Institute for Studies on Ageing (SISA)
Social Care Workforce Research Unit (SCWRU) - King's College London
Social Policy Research Unit (SPRU) - University of York
Southampton Ageing Resource Network (SARN) - University of Southampton

Strathclyde Ageing Network (SAN) - University of Strathclyde

Tizard Centre - University of Kent
Voyage

Collaboration/Consortium

Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE)
Age Action Alliance
Association for Education and Ageing (AEA)
Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre for Intergenerational Practice)
Campaign to End Loneliness
Care and Support Alliance
Centre for Intergenerational Practice (CIP)
Design Council
East Midlands Research into Ageing Network (EMRAN)
Elderly Accommodation Counsel
ESRC Centre for Population Change
Housing Learning and Improvement Network (Housing LIN)

Institute for Economic and Social Research (ISER)
Local Government Association (LGA)
National Pensioners Convention
Older Peoples Advocacy Alliance
Ready for Ageing Alliance
Strathclyde Ageing Network (SAN) - University of Strathclyde
UK Advisory Forum on Ageing (UKAFA)
UK Age Research Forum
UK Urban Ageing Consortium
University of the Third Age
What Works Centre for Wellbeing
Years Ahead Partnership Board (the North East Regional Forum on Ageing)

Consultancy

Alzheimers Society
Mansfield Advisors
New Philanthropy Capital
Office of Health Economics (OHE)

Office of Public Management
Point of Care Foundation
Positive Ageing Associates
Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

Database – (UK based database)

Ageinfo - Centre for Policy on Ageing
DARE (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects)- Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)
HTA (Health Technology Assessment) database - Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)
NDAR (National Database of Ageing Research) - Centre for Policy on Ageing

NHS EED (the NHS Economic Evaluation Database) - Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)
Social Care Online - Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)
Social Policy and Practice (SPP) - OVID (Wolters Kluwer)

Data source

English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)
EPPI-Centre
Health and Social Care Information Centre
(HSCIC)
Healthy Ageing In Scotland (HAGIS)

Knowledgehub (formerly LGA Knowledge hub)
National Centre for Social Research (NatCen)
Office for National Statistics (ONS)
UK Data Service

Government Department/Agency

Audit Scotland /Accounts Commission
Building Research Establishment (BRE)
Business, Innovation and Skills Committee,
House of Commons
Care Inspectorate
Chief Scientist Office [Scotland] (CSO)
Commissioner for Older People for Northern
Ireland
Committee of Public Accounts, House of
Commons
Committee on the Mental Capacity Act 2005,
House of Lords
Communities and Local Government
Committee, House of Commons
Culture, Media and Sport Committee, House
of Commons
Dementia Intelligence Network
Department for Business, Innovation and
Skills (BIS)
Department for Work and Pensions
Department for Work and Pensions -
Automatic Enrolment Evaluation Team
Department for Work and Pensions - Social
Research
Department of Health
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Committee, House of Commons
Environmental Audit Committee, House of
Commons
Equality Act 2010 and Disability Committee,
House of Lords
Forestry Commission Scotland
Government Equalities Office
Government Office for Science

Government Office for Science: Future of an
ageing population
Health and Care Research Wales
Health and Social Care Board [Northern
Ireland]
Health Committee, House of Commons
Innovate UK
Joint Committee on Human Rights, House of
Lords / House of Commons
National Audit Office
NHS Research Scotland (NRS)
Northern Ireland Statistics and Research
Agency (NISRA)
Office for National Statistics (ONS)
Older People's Commissioner for Wales
Public Administration and Constitutional
Affairs Committee, House of Commons
Public Health Agency [Northern Ireland]
Public Health England (PHE)
Science and Technology Committee, House of
Lords
Select Committee on Digital Skills, House of
Lords
Select Committee on HIV and AIDS in the
United Kingdom, House of Lords
Select Committee on Public Service and
Demographic Change, House of Lords
Transport Committee, House of Commons
UK Advisory Forum on Ageing (UKAFA)
Welsh Government Social Research
What Works Network
Women and Equalities Committee, House of
Commons

Information centre

Action on Hearing Loss	EPPI-Centre
Age UK	Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC)
Alzheimers Research UK	Mental Health Foundation
Alzheimers Society	National Institute for Care and Health Excellence (NICE)
Arthritis Research UK	National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)
Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA)	Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)
Dementia UK	
Elderly Accommodation Counsel	

Journals, Bulletins and Newsletters (a selection)

Age and Ageing (British Geriatrics Society; Oxford University Press)	Journal of Social Policy (School for Policy Studies University of Bristol)
Ageing and Society (British Society of Gerontology; Centre for Policy on Ageing; Cambridge University Press)	LINKs – Housing LIN Bulletin (Housing Learning and Improvement Network)
Generations Review (British Society of Gerontology)	New Literature on Old Age (Centre for Policy on Ageing)
Journal of Population Ageing (Oxford Institute of Population Ageing)	NCF Members Weekly Update (National Care Forum)
	Older People and Public Policy Briefing (Independent Age)

Product or Service provider

Abbeyfield	Digital Unite
Action on Elder Abuse	Elderly Accommodation Counsel
Action on Hearing Loss	Hanover Housing Association
Age Exchange	Housing & Care 21
Age UK	In Control
Alzheimer Scotland	Independent Age
Alzheimers Society	Jewish Care
Anchor Trust	Mental Health Foundation
Arthritis Action	Methodist Homes (MHA)
BUPA / BUPA UK Foundation	Mind
Care and Repair England	Office of Health Economics (OHE)
Christians on Ageing	Point of Care Foundation
Citizens Advice	Prison Reform Trust
Dementia UK	Relatives and Residents Association

Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
Royal Voluntary Service
Sense
Shelter
Silver Line
Stonewall
Stroke Association

Think Local Act Personal
Thomas Pocklington Trust
Timebanking UK
Trading Times
United for All Ages
University of the Third Age
UnLtd

Professional body

British Geriatrics Society
British Medical Association
British Society of Gerontology
Care England
Chartered Institute for Housing
Chief Fire Officers Association
College of Optometrists
Community Transport Association
National Association for Retired Police Officers (NARPO)

National Care Forum (NCF)
National Institute for Care and Health Excellence (NICE)
Royal College of General Practitioners
Royal College of Nursing
Royal College of Physicians
Royal College of Psychiatrists
Royal Society for Public Health
Royal Society of Medicine - Geriatrics & Gerontology Section

Research company

Building Research Establishment (BRE)
Deloitte Centre for Health Solutions
Ecorys

Ipsos MORI
LaingBuisson

Research funder

Abbeyfield
Action on Hearing Loss
Alzheimers Research UK
Alzheimers Society
Arthritis Action
Arthritis Research UK
Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
Big Lottery Fund
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council BBSRC
Brain Research Trust
British Heart Foundation
BUPA / BUPA UK Foundation

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
Chief Scientist Office [Scotland] (CSO)
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
Health and Care Research Wales
Health Foundation
Innovate UK
Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Medical Research Council (MRC)
National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)
New Philanthropy Capital
Nuffield Foundation

Nuffield Trust
Public Health Agency [Northern Ireland]
Royal Voluntary Service

Scottish Collaboration for Public Health
Research & Policy (SCPHRP)
Thomas Pocklington Trust
Young Foundation

Research organisation

Alzheimer Scotland
Arthritis Research UK
Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre
for Intergenerational Practice)
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences
Research Council BBSRC
British Heart Foundation
Centre for Health Service Economics and
Organisation
Chief Scientist Office [Scotland] (CSO)
Demos
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
Health Economics Research Unit (HERU)
Health Services Research Unit - University of
Aberdeen
Institute for Economic and Social Research
(ISER)
Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)
Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)
International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Mental Health Foundation

MRC/CSO Institute of Hearing Research -
Scottish Section
MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences
Unit, University of Glasgow
National Centre for Social Research (NatCen)
National Institute for Social and Economic
Research
National Institute of Adult Continuing
Education (NIACE)
NHS Research Scotland (NRS)
Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study Research
Support Unit
Nuffield Foundation
Office of Health Economics (OHE)
Public Policy Institute for Wales
Scottish Centre for Social Research (ScotCen)
Scottish Collaboration for Public Health
Research & Policy (SCPHRP)
Southampton Ageing Resource Network
(SARN) - University of Southampton
What Works Scotland
Young Foundation

Research programme

English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)
EQUAL (Extend Quality Life) - EPSRC research
initiative
Government Office for Science: Future of an
ageing population
Growing Older
KT-EQUAL: Putting ageing and disability
research into practice

Lifelong Health and Wellbeing (LLHW)
National Prevention Research Initiative (NPRI)
New Dynamics of Ageing
Science of Ageing (SAGE) and Experimental
Research on Ageing (ERA)
SPARC - Strategic Promotion of Ageing
Research Capacity

Think-tank

Centre for Ageing Better
Centre for Intergenerational Practice (CIP)
Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA)
Centre for Policy Studies
Centre for Social Justice
Centre for Workforce Intelligence
Demos
Equality and Human Rights Commission
Fabian Society
Grandparents Plus
Health Foundation
Health Lab
Helpage International
Independent Age
Institute for Economic and Social Research (ISER)
Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)
Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)
The Intergenerational Foundation

International Longevity Centre ILC-UK
Kings Fund
LGiU [Local Government Information Unit]
My Home Life
National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi)
NESTA
New Economics Foundation
New Local Government Network (NLGN)
New Philanthropy Capital
Policy Exchange
Policy Studies Institute (PSI)
Research in Practice for Adults
Resolution Foundation
ResPublica
Runnymede Trust
Strategic Society Centre
Young Foundation

4. Evidence sources brief details - by name

Abbeyfield

Charitable housing organisation running over 500 houses providing accommodation for independent living with care, supported housing and residential care. The Society also runs a research funding programme. Research priorities are: progress and quality in the care and support of residents with dementia, the identification of vulnerability and prospective long-term care need as defined by loneliness; meeting the spiritual needs of older residents; the impact of geographic and socioeconomic variation on care need and provision; the identification and development of a reliable minimum dataset for the measurement of change in the status (physical, mental, functional and emotional) of residents; and the provision of domiciliary support.

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Web link(s): <https://www.abbeyfield.co.uk/get-involved/research/>

Action on Elder Abuse

The only UK charity working exclusively to protect and prevent the abuse of vulnerable older adults and other adults at risk of abuse. Offers training and training products and sells personal safety alarms. Also runs a confidential Helpline, a Practitioner Forum which focuses exclusively on adult protection and safeguarding, and a peer support volunteer programme which aims to bring together older people to support each other.

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Web link(s): <http://elderabuse.org.uk/>

Recent evidence

[Time for Action DVD](#) | [Personal Assistant Recruitment: Working Together DVD](#) | [Domiciliary Care Training: Consequences DVD](#) | [Financial Abuse: Gardens with Red Roses DVD](#)

Action on Hearing Loss

Action on Hearing Loss is the national charity for people with deafness, tinnitus and hearing loss. It recently merged with Deafness Research UK. The organisation continues to fund many large research projects, PhD studentships and small project grants that were originally awarded through Deafness Research UK. See more at: <http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/your-hearing/biomedical-research/projects-and-research/projects.aspx?pt=DRUK> It offers care and support to people on a range of issues, including finances, mental health, relationships, health and activities.

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Web link(s): <http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/>

Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE)

Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), formed in 1987, is the national voice for the 38 rural community councils. ACRE's vision is to be the voice of rural communities, supported by the evidence and intelligence on rural matters collected from its members. ACRE uses this evidence to influence national policy on rural issues, from housing, health and transport to broadband, services and fuel poverty. ACRE sees older people as an integral part of community life. The number of older people living in rural areas is increasing faster than in urban areas. Older people are the single largest group on low incomes in rural areas and they are further disadvantaged by the extra costs of accessing essential services and impacts of heating older, less fuel efficient homes. This means that the rising level of older people who find themselves financially excluded and the availability of local services are inextricably linked.

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Recent evidence

[Older People - Policy Position Paper \(2014\)](#)

Age Action Alliance

The Age Action Alliance is a partnership of 855 organisations and individuals who have committed to working together to improve older people's lives and achieve its shared aims. Its focus is on the most disadvantaged and promoting positive attitudes to ageing. All Members and Partners are signed up to the Alliance Declaration & Membership Agreement.

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Web link(s): <http://ageactionalliance.org/>

Recent evidence

[Employer Toolkit: Guidance for Managers of Older Workers 2015](#) | [Healthy Working Lives: A Guide for Employers 2015](#)

Age Exchange

Uses reminiscence arts - drama, dance and music - to improve wellbeing and combat loneliness and isolation in older age. Runs RADIQL (Reminiscence Arts and Dementia Impact on Quality of Life) - an

innovative method of supporting people with dementia, provides almshouse residents living in Greenwich with a range of reminiscence and creative activities, runs The Exchange in Blackheath which offers a range of services, including a café and a community library, and offers a broad programme of training and support services for people and their carers living with dementia together with training and support for reminiscence arts practitioners and community workers.

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Recent evidence

[Mapping Memories: Reminiscence with Ethnic Minority Elders](#) | [Our Lovely Hops: Memories of hop-picking in Kent](#)

Age UK

National organisation working in five main areas: finance, wellbeing, health and care, home and community. Amongst its many activities, Age UK runs a befriending service, campaigns for warmer homes, provides information about housing and care, supports volunteer programmes, fundraises through its retail shops, insurance services and other trading activities, runs two Integrated Care Programmes, delivers a range of conferences, and funds the Disconnected Mind research project which aims to discover how thinking skills change with age. Products range from stair lifts and travel insurance to hearing aids and funeral plans. It also carries out public policy reviews, undertakes evidence reviews and commissions new research. See separate site for professionals

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/professional-resources-home/>

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Web link(s): <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/> | <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/professional-resources-home/>

Recent evidence

[Later Life in the UK 2016](#) | [Improving Later Life for People with Sight Loss 2015](#) | [The End of Formal Adult Social Care 2015](#) | [Later Life in a Digital World 2015](#) | [Gearing Up: Housing Associations' Responses to Tenants with Dementia from Black and Minority Ethnic Groups](#)

Alzheimer Scotland

Alzheimer Scotland provides a wide range of specialist services for people with dementia and their carers. Its Dementia Research Centre funds clinical and scientific research.

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Web link(s): <http://www.alzscot.org>

Alzheimers Research UK

Funds a broad range of research projects to understand dementia and work towards better diagnosis, preventions and treatments. Runs the Alzheimer's Research UK Research Network which unites over 1000 dementia researchers from across the UK to support and streamline dementia research.

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Recent evidence

[Dementia in the Family: The Impact on Carers 2015](#) | [Women and Dementia 2015](#) | [The Trajectory of Dementia in the UK 2014](#) | [Defeat Dementia Policy Report 2014\(?\)](#) | [The Power to Defeat Dementia: Manifesto 2015-2020](#)

Alzheimers Society

The UK's leading dementia support and research charity for people affected by any form of dementia in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It provides information and practical and emotional support and funds research. Its Dementia Knowledge Centre is an information service for professionals and others with an interest in dementia care and evidence-based research into dementia. By 2017 it aims to spend at least £10 million a year on new research projects. The Society campaigns to improve public understanding of, and government action on, dementia and offers training, consultancy and resources for health and social care professionals. It provides almost 3,000 community-based services, including dementia advisers and support workers, dementia cafes, day and home support, befriending, carer support groups and its Singing for the Brain groups.

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Web link(s): <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/>

Recent evidence

[Evidence-based approaches for improving dementia care in care homes](#) | [Memories are made of this: Reminiscence activities for person-centred care](#) | [Promoting mobility for people with dementia: A problem-solving approach](#)

Anchor Trust

Anchor is a not-for-profit provider of housing and care to older people living in England. They own a range of housing options from sheltered accommodation and rental property to retirement communities and care homes. All their homes have a dedicated dementia care specialist. As well as helping individuals to find the right housing, they also publish a range of guides and advice sheets.

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Arthritis Action

Arthritis Action is the only UK charity giving hands-on help to combat arthritis pain through self-management and lifestyle advice. It gives people access to physical therapies in their local area alongside personal dietary and nutritional advice to help individuals manage their arthritis. It also funds research projects undertaken by universities in the field of arthritis and lifestyle. Current research includes the University of Kent's research into the effectiveness of the nutritional element of Arthritis Action's Programme - the university has designed an intervention study which uses a food frequency questionnaire and arthritis impact questionnaire to record nutritional intake and correlate them with symptoms of arthritis to give a subjective view of the efficacy of diet on arthritis. Contact details:

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Arthritis Research UK

Provides information for people with arthritis, health professionals, researchers, policy makers and fundraisers. It funds a wide variety of medical research from basic laboratory research through to clinical trials. <http://www.arthritisresearchuk.org/research/our-current-research.aspx#sthash.VV0Egp4q.dpuf> Arthritis Research UK also publishes a range of patient information booklets and leaflets and educational resources for students and health professionals. Contact details:

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Recent evidence

[Everyday living and arthritis](#) | [Caring for a person with arthritis](#) | [Complementary and alternative medicines for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and fibromyalgia](#) | [Clinical assessment of the musculoskeletal system a guide for medical students and healthcare professional](#) | [Ankylosing spondylitis](#)

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) aims to fund research projects not fully supported from other sources, including those of field-defining or transformative potential and deploying interdisciplinary and thematic approaches; take an overview of research in the arts and humanities

in order to support new areas and important but vulnerable disciplines; provide opportunities for outstanding researchers at key stages of their careers to develop intellectual leadership in their own disciplines and beyond; support postgraduate research to ensure that capability across the disciplines is maintained and the best possible training is provided; enable the exchange of knowledge to deliver civic, cultural and economic benefits; and on behalf of the UK, develop international opportunities to further arts and humanities research The AHRC is a member of Research Councils UK (RCUK), which is a strategic partnership of the United Kingdom's seven Research Councils. In 2012 The AHRC supported a call with the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and led by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) for proposals from interdisciplinary consortia for evidence-led research into ageing and mobility in the built environment. The call was being run under the auspices of the Lifelong Health and Wellbeing (LLHW) cross-council ageing research programme which supports research addressing factors throughout life that influence health and wellbeing in older age.

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Web link(s): <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/>

Recent evidence

[What does an All-Age-Friendly city look like?](#)

Association for Dementia Studies - University of Worcester

The Association for Dementia Studies (ADS), established in 2009 at the University of Worcester, aims, primarily through research, education and scholarship, to make a contribution to building evidence-based practical ways of working with people living with dementia and their families, that enables them to live well. The work focusses on 4 core areas: Home, Communities, Public Health and Diversity: living well post diagnosis; Skilled Care, Assessment and Leadership in Services for People Living with Dementia and Complex Needs; Enriching Lives in dementia through Creativity, Arts, Nature and Sport; and Dementia Friendly Person-Centred Design & Technology. Current and recent projects include: At Home with Dementia Project; Evaluation of Keys to Care Resource; MeetingDem - Implementation and Evaluation of the Meeting Centres support programme for people with dementia and their carers in Europe; Alzheimer's Society Connecting Communities Project; My Musical Memories; Sound Healing; Focussed Intervention for Training of Staff (FITS); Dementia and Sight Loss Project; and the PANICOA projects - Care Home Organisations Implementing Cultures for Excellence (CHOICE); and PIECE-dem.

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Recent evidence

[Early Intervention Dementia Service, Worcestershire - Evaluation Report](#) | [EU Joint Action on Alzheimer's Initiative \(ALCOVE\)](#) | [Worcestershire Dementia Adviser Service - Final Report](#)

Association for Education and Ageing (AEA)

Founded in 1985, the Association for Education and Ageing (AEA) is an international membership organisation, open to all. Its concern is learning in later life. Its aims are to advance knowledge, to improve practice and to contribute to the development of policy. The AEA's executive committee includes: Dr Jonathan Hughes (Honorary Chair), Dr Sardar Ahmad (Honorary Treasurer), Dr Caroline Holland, Dr Anne Jamieson, Michaela Moody, Carlie Newman, Professor Keith Percy, Professor Josie Tetley and Dr Jane Watts

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Web link(s): <http://www.associationforeducationandageing.org/about-us.html>

Recent evidence

[Memory in later life, Learning - Supporting - Developing Project Handbook](#)

Aston Research Centre for Healthy Ageing (ARCHA)

ARCHA takes a multidisciplinary approach to successful ageing by asking how technological, therapeutic and psychosocial strategies can be employed to understand and arrest age-related decline. ARCHA research is organised into clusters: the ageing eye; ageing mind; ageing metabolism; medicines and devices in ageing; ageing lives; and advanced imaging. Most clusters focus on health and physical and mental ageing but 'ageing lives', led by Dr Judy Scully, has a wider remit including research on: Dementia care; ExtraCare; Facilitating sport and exercise in older people and the impact on wellness and social functioning; Older people's diet and alcohol consumption ; Quality of life and age-related macular degeneration; Risk and safety issues for older adults; and Public policies that affect the lives of older people .

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Recent evidence

[ExtraCare research final report \(2015\)](#) | [West \(2014\) - Older people, population ageing, and policy responses](#) In Bochel and Daly - Social Policy | [Stevens, Bartlett, Walsh, and Cooke. \(2014\). Age-related macular degeneration patients' awareness of nutritional factors. British Journal of Visual Impairment, 32, 77-93.](#) | [Be SMART: examining the experience of implementing the NHS Health Check in UK primary care \(2015\)](#)

Audit Scotland /Accounts Commission

The Accounts Commission is the public spending watchdog for local government. It holds councils in Scotland to account and help them improve. It operates impartially and independently of councils and of the Scottish Government, and meets and reports in public. The Commission is responsible for

coordinating and facilitating scrutiny in local government. Conducts performance audits and produces reports on best value: generally focuses on specific local authority.

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Recent evidence

[Health and social care integration \(03 December 2015\)](#)

Bangor University - See Dementia Services Development Centre (DSCD) Wales

Beth Johnson Foundation (See also: Centre for Intergenerational Practice)

One key area of BJF's research is intergenerational practice which covers the Centre for Intergenerational Practice in the UK, the European Map of Intergenerational Learning for practitioners across Europe, and the European Certificate of Intergenerational Learning, an accredited, distance learning, training programme. Other areas of research include the Dementia Advocacy project, the Staffordshire and Wolverhampton cancer advocacy and support project, and the Positive Living project which is looking to train community volunteers, within Stoke, on health and wellbeing related topics including exercise, nutrition, positive thinking and age-related illness prevention and awareness. The Foundation is working in partnership with Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust and the Haywood Rheumatism Research and Development Foundation (The Haywood Foundation) in the design and development of a specialist Patient Information and Education Resource (PIER) centre to be based at the Haywood Hospital. BJF is currently working with Manchester City Council around the theme 'Ageing in Cities', and in South Staffs supporting their Impact Communities programme and delivering a range of training. It is part of the UK Urban Ageing Consortium, together with Manchester City Council, Keele University and the University of Manchester.

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Recent evidence

[Healthy Workplaces](#) | [Positive Living Course Guide](#) | [Dementia Advocacy Information](#) | [Ten Top Tips When Choosing a Care Home](#)

Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery Fund is responsible for distributing 40 per cent of all the money raised for good causes by the National Lottery. In the fund's 2014-15 financial year, it awarded more than £1 billion to projects with a social mission. Palliative care projects include medical and wider support systems. They provide support for individuals with life-threatening and life-limiting illness as well as their families and carers. In December 2006, the Big Lottery Fund commissioned the Policy Studies Institute to assess the relevance and impact of its funding programmes on older people. The research highlighted the low levels of funding received by older people and noted that animals attract more giving from the general population. Suggested areas of older people policy can be enhanced by BIG funding include: Health and social care.; Poverty and social exclusion; Employment and education; and Active citizenship. Recent funded projects and programmes include: UK Homeshare Pilot - Bringing older people and young people together whilst providing companionship and support; Rethink Good Health - Working in partnership to prevent alcohol misuse amongst older people; The Silver Dreams Fund - Pioneering ways to help vulnerable older people deal more effectively with life-changing events; Fulfilling Lives: Ageing Better - Reducing social isolation among older people in England;

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Recent evidence

[Never too old to do IT](#) | [Foresight Report \(7\) - Ageing in the UK](#) | [Living well with dementia](#) | [Review of older people programmes - report](#) | [Review of older people programmes - report summary](#)

Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council BBSRC

One of seven research councils that work together as Research Councils UK (RCUK) and funded by the Government's Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. BBSRC's interests are in the biological aspects of ageing research and were funders of the SAGE and ERA research programmes and a contributory funder of the New Dynamics of Ageing research programme.

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Recent evidence

[Why we need to invest in our longer life](#) | [Human brains age less than previously thought](#)

The Birmingham 1000 Elders group

The Birmingham 1000 Elders Group was formed in the early 1980s by Professor Bernard Isaacs, the

professor of Geriatric Medicine. At its peak the group had over 3000 members. Initially the Birmingham 1000 Elders were involved in research that used questionnaires to find out about all aspects of life as an older adult in the UK, looking at issues such as health, housing, social activity, pensions etc. More recently this has expanded to include involvement in medical research including research into heart disease, infections in old age and falls.

A new research institute at Birmingham University - the Centre for Healthy Ageing Research that will carry out research to learn how to maintain good health in old age, and will involve older people as volunteers in research and members of focus groups advising the Centre. As the Elders group was set up over 25 years ago, the number of healthy Birmingham 1000 Elders has reduced dramatically and the group needs to be revitalised with new members.

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Bournemouth University Dementia Institute (BUDI)

The Bournemouth University Dementia Institute (BUDI) works collaboratively within the university as well as regionally, nationally and internationally to provide service evaluation, education and training, consultancy and research services. Researchers are active members of the Dorset Dementia Partnership and have several projects on-going with clinicians, practitioners and community members across Dorset. BUDI works with academics and practitioners nationally on funded research, practice development and educational initiatives and are a member of the national Dementia Action Alliance. The BUDI Orchestra has received funding from Dorset County Council. A performance on 27th March 2015 was a culmination of eight weeks' rehearsals to prepare a number of songs and pieces for the public's enjoyment. This is part of a wider project looking at the impact of a music initiative on the lives of people with dementia and their carers from the community.

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Web link(s): <https://research.bournemouth.ac.uk/centre/dementia-institute/>

Recent evidence

[A 'How to' Guide: Setting up and running gaming technology groups for people with dementia](#) | [The Budi Orchestra](#)

Brain Research Trust

The Brain Research Trust funds the biological and medical aspects of brain research including age related conditions such as Alzheimer's disease and Stroke. It supports Alzheimer's research at University College London's Institute of Neurology (IoN) including Inherited Alzheimer's Network (DIAN) Study - Imaging onset and progression of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The team at IoN discovered mutations in genes that make the protein 'amyloid' and identified the very first

gene that can cause early onset of the disease. IoN is also developing novel cell models for conditions where plaque is observed in the brain such as frontal temporal dementia, Alzheimer's Disease and Parkinson's Disease.

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Recent evidence

[Brás, J; Guerreiro, R; Hardy, J; \(2015\) SnapShot: Genetics of Parkinson's disease. Cell , 160 \(3\) 570 - 570.e1. 10.1016/j.cell.2015.01.019.](#)

Bristol, University of - See: School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol

British Geriatrics Society

The British Geriatrics Society is the professional body of specialists in the health care of older people in the United Kingdom. Membership is drawn from doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, scientists and others with a particular interest in the care of older people and the promotion of better health in old age. The BGS uses the expertise of its members to inform and influence the development of health care policy in the UK and to ensure the design, commissioning and delivery of age appropriate health services. BGS shares examples of best practice to ensure that older people are treated with dignity and respect and, wherever possible, live healthy, independent lives. BGS is associated with the UK Association of Academic Geriatric Medicine (AAGM), a group of leading Professors and Senior Lecturers of Geriatric Medicine who meet to discuss research and education matters in different universities. The Society runs two large scientific conferences each year, alongside several specialty meetings around more focused topics. The events are multi-disciplinary and the Society encourages abstracts from researchers around the world. The society publishes the journal Age and Ageing with Oxford University Press.

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Recent evidence

[Marie H. Murphy - Changes in sedentary behaviours across the retirement transition: a systematic review - Age & Ageing \(2015\) 44 \(6\): 910-911](#)

British Heart Foundation

Founded in 1961 by a group of medical professionals wanting to fund extra research into the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of heart and circulatory disease, British Heart Foundation is the the largest independent funder of cardiovascular research in the UK. BHF funds research throughout

the UK into heart disease and provides information to both patients and professionals.

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British Medical Association

The British Medical Association is the trade union and professional body for doctors in the UK. It aims to be the centre of excellence on ethical, scientific, research, educational and international matters. It works to ensure that the interests of patients and all types of doctors are represented, through a range of boards and committees, including the Committee on Community Care, Medical Ethics Committee, and the Retired Members Forum. One key area of support that it gives to its members is advice on pension reform and retirement. <http://www.bma.org.uk/support-at-work/pensions> The BMA has a comprehensive library available to all members with over 1,400 e-books and 400 online journals. The website lists all current and recent policy issues. <http://web2.bma.org.uk/bmapolicies.nsf/Search?OpenForm> With its publishing arm BMJ, the BMA claims to be the leading global publisher of medical information, producing a wide range of journals, reports, books, guides and online products and services including the weekly journal the British Medical Journal, BMJ Supportive and Palliative Care, End of Life Journal, Evidence Based Mental Health, and Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.

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Recent evidence

[Guidelines for Reporting Health Research: A User's Manual. 2014](#) | [How to Read a Paper: The Basics of Evidence-Based Medicine. 5th ed. 2014](#) | [ABC of Dementia. 2014](#) | [Knowledge Translation in Health Care: Moving from Evidence to Practice. 2nd ed. 2013](#) | [Evidence-Based Geriatric Medicine. 2012](#)

British Society of Gerontology

The primary purpose of the British Society of Gerontology is the furtherance and promotion of gerontology and in particular: to increase, disseminate and apply knowledge of the social and behavioural aspects of ageing in human beings by means of research, teaching and education, and to support, encourage and raise standards of research, service and teaching in gerontology, and to aid researchers, teachers and practitioners in their professional work. BSG members are predominantly academics and presentations at the Society's annual conference cover a wide range of topics.

Generations Review is the open access newsletter of the British Society of Gerontology, published

online three times a year. BSG and the Centre for Policy on Ageing jointly sponsor the Cambridge University Press journal Ageing and Society.

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Recent evidence

[Generations Review](#) | [Ageing and Society](#) | [John Bond, Sheila Peace, Freya Dittman-Kohli, Gerben Westerhof \(eds.\) Ageing in Society: European Perspectives on Gerontology. Sage, London, 3rd edition, 2007.](#) | [Impact brochure - Making the Case for the Social Sciences - Ageing](#)

Brunel Institute for Ageing Studies

The Brunel Institute for Ageing Studies (BIAS) is a research centre and collaborative network bringing together staff from different schools in Brunel University for the purpose of conducting interdisciplinary research in gerontology. The research institute seeks to determine How can we ensure that people age happily, healthily and free of disability? and, for those who become ill and disabled, How can we ensure that interventions and care are provided effectively, efficiently and in line with the perceived needs and wishes of older people themselves? Recent programmes include A Study of the Prevalence and Nature of Financial Abuse of Those Lacking Mental Capacity (2014); New Perspectives on Loneliness: Developing Theory, Methodology and Evidence (2014); Bridging the gap between policy and practice: dignity in care for older people(2011 - 2013); Inter, intra-generational and transnational caring in minority communities : reciprocity, duty or obligation? (2011 - 2013); Families and Caring in South Asian Communities (2007 - 2011); Study to develop integrated working between primary health care services and care homes (2008 - 2011); and KISS: Keeping Individuals Safe and Secure Network. (2006-2007).

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Recent evidence

[Pikhartova, J., Bowling, A. and Victor, C. \(2015\) 'Is loneliness in later life a self-fulfilling prophecy?'. Aging and Mental Health](#) | [Victor, CR., Kinnear, D. and Williams, V. \(2014\) 'The meaning of dignified care: an exploration of health and social care professionals' perspectives working with older people'. BMC Research Notes, 7 \(854\).](#) | [Gilbert, A., Stanley, D., Penhale, B. and Gilhooly, M. \(2013\) 'Elder abuse in England: a policy analysis perspective related to social care and banking'. Journal of Adult Protection, 15 \(3\). pp. 153 - 163](#) | [Davies, ML., Gilhooly, MLM., Gilhooly, KJ., Harries, PA. and Cairns, D. \(2013\) 'Factors influencing decision-making by social care and health sector professionals in cases of elder financial abuse'. European Journal of Ageing, 10 \(4\). pp. 313 - 323](#) | [Richards, S., Sullivan, MP., Tanner, D., Beech, C., et al. \(2013\) 'On the edge of a new frontier: Is gerontological social work in the UK ready to meet twenty-first-century challenges?'. The British Journal of Social Work](#)

Building Research Establishment (BRE)

BRE is a world leading multi-disciplinary building science centre with a mission to improve the built environment through research and knowledge generation. BRE Trust commissions and supports research in the built environment for public benefit through the BRE group of companies and the wider construction industry. All profits made by the BRE Group are gift aided to the Trust to fund a wide range of research and education programmes, many of which inform government policy and regulation on energy efficiency, sustainability, CO2 reduction and fire safety in the UK and across the world.

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Recent evidence

[Homes and ageing in England; Helen Garrett and Selina Burris, BRE, on behalf of Public Health England \(Briefing paper\) \(2 December 2015\)](#) | [The cost of poor housing to the NHS; Simon Nicol, Mike Roys, Helen Garrett, BRE \(Briefing paper\) \(2015\) \(An update to The real cost of poor housing, 2010\)](#)

BUPA / BUPA UK Foundation

BUPA offers health and dental services, together with health and travel insurance. Its website offers free health information on a wide range of topics from dementia to nutrition with tools, calculators and videos. One strand of the BUPA offer is elderly care. It provides a range of care homes, retirement villages, retirement properties and assisted living properties, and offers home health care. It runs an Elderly Care Support Line 0370 218 6707. The Bupa Foundation funds practical projects which aim to tackle critical challenges in health and social care, deliver public benefit and make a direct impact on people's health and wellbeing <http://www.bupaukfoundation.org/>

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Business, Innovation and Skills Committee, House of Commons

The Business, Innovation and Skills Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the administration, expenditure and policy of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and its associated public bodies, including the Office of Fair Trading (OFT). Chair in 2010-15 Parliament Adrian Bailey (Lab). In 2015- Parliament, Chair is Iain Wright (Lab)

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Recent evidence

[Adult literacy and numeracy: fifth report of Session 2014-15 \(HC 557 incorporating HC 1073-I-III, Session 2013-14\] \(8 September 2014\)](#) | [Adult literacy and numeracy: government response to the fifth report of Session 2014-15 \(Cm 8982\) \(December 2014\)](#)

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is a charitable foundation established in Portugal in 1956 with cultural, educational, social and scientific interests. The Foundation's Headquarters are in Lisbon with offices in London (the UK Branch) and Paris. The UK branch is relatively small but is part of one of the largest European foundations. The purpose of the UK Branch is to bring about long-term improvements in well-being, particularly for the most vulnerable, by creating connections across boundaries (national borders, communities, disciplines and sectors) which deliver social, cultural and environmental value. The December 2015 "Transitions in Later Life" programme aims to increase knowledge about transitions in later life and secure more appropriate responses to the issues they create for older people. The long-term aim is reduced loneliness in later life, with people in mid-life becoming happier, more resilient and better supported to respond positively to change. Transitions in later life can include: retirement; moving home; becoming a grandparent; relationship breakdown; becoming a carer, bereavement; acquiring a long-term health condition; entering a care environment; and preparing for the end of life .

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Recent evidence

[Transitions in Later Life](#)

Cambridge Institute of Public Health - University of Cambridge

The Cambridge Institute of Public Health includes a substantial work programme on Public Health, Ageing and the Brain led by Professor Carol Brayne. CFAS - The Cognitive Function and Ageing Studies are large UK-based longitudinal multicentre studies looking at health and cognitive function in older people. CC75C - The Cambridge City over-75s Cohort Study is a long-term follow-up study of a representative population-based sample of older people which started in 1985 from a survey of over 2,600 men and women aged 75 and above. The Cambridge Centre for Ageing and Neuroscience (Cam-CAN) is a large-scale collaborative research project, launched in October 2010, with funding from the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC). The Cam-CAN project is using epidemiological, behavioural, and neuroimaging data to understand how individuals can best retain cognitive abilities into old age. NIHR CLAHRC Eastern - these programmes of work cover End of Life Care (Dr Stephen Barclay), dementia and frailty (Dr Jane Fleming). NIHR School for Public Health Research - The Institute hosts the Cambridge team investigating ageing well, alcohol, childhood obesity and the effects of the built environment on health. This programme is co-

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Recent evidence

[Findings from population studies of older people led by Professor Carol Brayne](#) | [Cognitive Function and Ageing Study](#) | [Cambridge City over-75s Cohort Study](#) | [The Cambridge Centre for Ageing and Neuroscience \(Cam-CAN\)](#)

Campaign to End Loneliness

The Campaign to End Loneliness is a project which aims to create connections in older age. It was started in 2010 by four founder partners, Age UK Oxfordshire, Counsel and Care, Independent Age and WRVS, and is funded by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. It aims to achieve the following objectives: raise awareness of the problems caused by loneliness and why they matter; identify and raise awareness of what works in reducing loneliness in older age and where the gaps are for interventions to succeed; create a vision of a society where loneliness in older age is ended; and identify what we all can do to future-proof our lives against loneliness. The Campaign to End Loneliness gathers together and offers to policy makers and practitioners the latest evidence on loneliness and isolation. It draws on research through its The Campaign to End Loneliness Research Hub exists to increase and develop the evidence base on the issue of loneliness in older age. The Research Hub works to identify gaps and debates in the academic research on loneliness and isolation and create new research for the benefits of both practitioners and academics. The Hub involves university academics, other researchers and practitioners.

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Recent evidence

[Safeguarding the Convoy - a call to action from the Campaign to End Loneliness \(2011\)](#) | [Combating loneliness: a guide for local authorities \(2012\)](#) | [Measuring the impact of services on loneliness \(2014\)](#) | [Alone in the crowd: loneliness and diversity \(2014\)](#) | [Hidden Citizens: how can we identify the most lonely older adults? \(2015\)](#)

Care and Repair England

Care & Repair England is an independent charitable organisation which aims to improve older people's housing. It promotes and supports the development of practical housing solutions, particularly for older people living in private housing. The website lists organisations that can give advice on a range of issues including home repairs and adaptations and moving home. Its website has information on research and evidence on various housing related topics.

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Recent evidence

[First Stop advice for older people: and independent evaluation of local services. 2015](#) | [First Stop advice: the evidence for integrated impartial advice about housing and care for older people. 2015](#)

Care and Support Alliance

The Care & Support Alliance (CSA) was set up in July 2009. It is a consortium of over 70 organisations that represent and support older and disabled people, including disabled children, those with long-term conditions and their families, and campaigns to keep adult care funding and reform on the political agenda.

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Recent evidence

[Response to the regulations and guidance of the Care Act 2014 - Prevention](#) | [Response to the regulations and guidance of the Care Act 2014 - Information and advice](#)

Care England

Care England, formerly the English Community Care Association (ECCA), is the leading representative body for independent care services in England, working on behalf of small, medium and large providers. Its membership includes single care homes, small local groups, national providers and not-for-profit voluntary organisations and associations, all providing a variety of services for older people and those with long term conditions, learning disabilities or mental health problems. It has an online shop selling over 2,500 independent living aids, including dementia, incontinence, care and medical products. <http://www.careenglandshop.org> The Care England monthly newsletter, Care Agenda, contains an overview of the latest developments in regulation, legislation and government policy. The website offers a range of practical advice and links to other relevant organisations and resources and includes a page with information on evidence, guidance and resources to help improve care for people with sensory loss in care homes. <http://www.careengland.org.uk/sensory-loss-care-homes-diagnosis-awareness-response>

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Care Inspectorate

The Care Inspectorate regulates and inspects care services in Scotland to make sure that they meet the right standards. The Inspectorate also jointly inspects with other regulators to check how well different organisations in local areas work to support adults and children. - See more at:

<http://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php/about-us#sthash.qoaxlhye.dpuf>

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Recent evidence

[How the Care Inspectorate uses requirements and recommendations to help regulated care services improve \(March 2015\)](#)

Cass Business School - City University London

Sir John Cass Business School carries out research in the three specialist areas of finance, actuarial science and insurance, and management. Research at Cass is focused on applying knowledge for a practical purpose. The areas of finance and actuarial science and insurance are of particular relevance to ageing.

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Recent evidence

[Pension pots and how to survive them](#) | [The Mathematics of Mortality](#) | [Managing Financially Distressed Pension Plans in the Interest of Beneficiaries](#) | [Better population data: striving for greater accuracy](#) | [The true cost of social care - planning for the future](#)

Centre for Ageing and Biographical Studies - Open University

Centre for Ageing and Biographical Studies (CABS) within the Faculty of Health and Social Care at the Open University is a well established research hub (set up in 1995). CABS has produced a series (14 to December 2015) of handbooks on 'Older People in Ageing Research' published jointly by CABS and CPA. Current and recent research includes: Exploring the needs and aspirations of visually impaired older people; OPT-IN: older people's use of new technologies; and Transitions in Kitchen Living - the role, function and design of kitchens within the lives of people aged over 60; and Older people with high support needs.

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Recent evidence

Centre for Ageing Better

The Centre for Ageing Better is an independent charitable foundation 'working to help everybody enjoy a good later life'. Their approach is based on evidence - developing sharing and applying evidence to help people age better. The intention is bring fresh thinking to the challenges and opportunities that everyone faces as more people live longer. The focus is on change and supporting projects that can make a difference to later lives. The Centre works in partnership with people and by collaborating with a range of organisations, hopes to create measurable change for the long-term. The Centre for Ageing Better received £50 million from the Big Lottery Fund in January 2015 in the form of an endowment to enable it to identify what works in the ageing sector by bridging the gap between research, evidence and practice.

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Recent evidence

[Findings from Later life in 2015](#) | [Later life in 2015: An analysis of the views and experiences of people aged 50 and over](#)

Centre for Ageing Research (C4AR) - Lancaster University

The Centre for Ageing Research conducts interdisciplinary research and promotes research-led teaching around ageing, older people and age-related disease that seeks to establish Lancaster University as a regional, national and international centre for ageing research and teaching. Lancaster University are making contributions to both early diagnosis and alleviation of some of the worst effects of mental and physiological ageing. The research work encompasses neuro-generative disease (particularly Alzheimer's and Parkinson's), molecular change associated with the ageing process as well as pathological developments associated with disease. The research teams are also working on the design and development of new technologies to support and enhance the health and well-being older people and their care-givers. The International Observatory on End of Life Care also plays a key role in research around ageing and end of life care within the Faculty. The Ageing and Neurodegenerative Disease research group also contribute to the cross-faculty research theme on Ageing. Recent programmes include Innovation for Sustainable Living: creating virtuous cycles of wellbeing through older age; Patient-centred palliative care pathways in advanced cancer and chronic disease; Improving palliative care to older people living in nursing homes; and Neighbourhood and Dementia: a mixed methods study.

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Recent evidence

[Place and wellbeing: shedding light on activity interventions for older men \(2015\)](#) | [Balancing acts of work in the third sector: older volunteers' experience in woodland conservation](#) | [Amyloid \$\beta\$ -peptide and Alzheimer's disease](#) | [Managing end of life medications at home-accounts of bereaved family carers: a qualitative interview study \(2015\)](#) | [Older men and social activity: a systematic review of Men's Sheds and other gendered interventions \(2015\)](#)

Centre for Dementia Prevention - University of Edinburgh

Launched in November 2015 and based at the University of Edinburgh, the Centre plans to bring together clinical, basic science and social science expertise to understand and reduce risk associated with dementia. The PREVENT Dementia study focuses on people in middle age to identify biological and psychological factors which may increase the risk of dementia in later life. Once the study has identified which factors are changing the intention is to select those people at high risk and intervene in this process. These interventions might be lifestyle changes or measures to affect the risk of an individual developing dementia.

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Recent evidence

[Ethical challenges in preclinical Alzheimer's disease observational studies and trials: Results of the Barcelona summit](#) | [The PREVENT study: a prospective cohort study to identify mid-life biomarkers of late-onset Alzheimer's disease](#)

Centre for Health Service Economics and Organisation

The CHEO is a research unit focused on whole-system analysis of the English health and social care sector and selected local health economies. It is based in the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, and linked to the Department of Economics, in the University of Oxford. Working with economists and statisticians, the Centre aims to produce high quality strategic analysis. It has recently completed a programme of longer-term projects commissioned by the Department of Health, and is currently conducting studies funded by the National Institute for Health Research, the Wellcome Trust and the Professional Standards Authority.

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Recent evidence

[Understanding emergency hospital admissions of older people](#)

Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) - University of Swansea

The Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) provides a centre of excellence for research and training in the study of ageing. The CIA initiates, coordinates and supports ageing research within the University of Swansea and fosters collaboration between researchers in Swansea and those further afield (nationally and internationally). The Centre hosts the Older People and Ageing Research & Development Network, and the Wales Stroke Research Interest Group and has strong links with Wales Dementias and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network (NEURODEM Cymru). The Centre is the only one of its kind in Wales. Professor Vanessa Burholt is an elected member of the National Partnership Forum for Older People in Wales. Professor Judith Phillips represents the Welsh Assembly on the UK Age Research Forum. Christian Beech is the President for Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA), within the British Society of Gerontology. Current research falls into four broad topic areas: Civic and social engagement and participation of older people; Environments of ageing; Care provision for older people; and Chronic conditions, falls and prevention in old age. Recent projects include: Elder abuse and independent advocacy; Intergenerational relationships and support networks for older South Asians; Supporting the development of a National Institute for Social Care and Health Research All Wales Academic Social Care Research Collaboration 2011 - 2015; CFAS Cognitive Function in Ageing Study 2010 - 2015; Going Outdoors, Falls, Ageing and Resilience (GO FAR) 2011 - 2013 ; Older People's External Residential Assessment Tool (OPERAT) 2013 - 2015 ; Dementia and imagination: connecting communities and developing well-being through socially engaged visual arts practice 2013 - 2015 ; The role of older people's support networks in health literacy and patterns of health and social care service use 2012 - 2015 ; Inter, intra-generational and transnational caring in minority communities in Wales 2011 - 2013; The closure of care homes for older people in Wales: Prevalence, process and impact 2010 - 2011; and A novel system of activity monitoring to measures functional recovery from stroke during rehabilitation 2010 - 2013.

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Recent evidence

[Beyond Transport: Understanding the Role of Mobilities in Connecting Rural Elders in Civic Society. \(2014\) | Planning for an Ageing Society: Voices from the Planning Profession / Ann Hockey ; Judith Phillips ; Nigel Walford | Extracare: Does It Promote Resident Satisfaction Compared to Residential and Home Care?.\(2015\) British Journal of Social Work 45\(3\), 949-967.](#)

Centre for Intergenerational Practice (CIP)

An initiative of the Beth Johnson Foundation, the Centre provides a national platform for the development of intergenerational practice by: supporting a network of member organisations and individuals with a commitment to intergenerational practice; influencing policy-makers; conducting events; gathering evidence and resources on the benefits of intergenerational practice; promoting

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Recent evidence

[An Age-friendly School Project Report Cregagh Community. 2015 \(N Ireland\)](#) | [Linking Generations Northern Ireland Evaluation of the Linking Generations Northern Ireland Programme 2011 - 2014. 2015](#) | [Digital Age Project \(A 4 year project \(2012 - 2016\) to incorporate information technologies into sheltered housing schemes.](#) | [A Soul Journey \(A collaboration between an arts company, a photographer and a writer about a woman with dementia\)](#) | [Age2Age Evaluation. 2013](#)

Centre for Lifelong Learning - University of Strathclyde

Demographic change, population ageing and the challenge of an ageing workforce are key global challenges facing almost all developed countries in the world. The European project activity carried out by the Centre for Lifelong Learning examines ways of confronting these key global challenges using lifelong learning, LIST (Leveraging the Digital & ICT Competences of Senior Women to Externuate the Knowledge Divide) The LIST project aims to address women who may be at risk of exclusion from the information society due to age, level of education and economic status. Female participation in lifelong learning activities together with an increase in the digital divide has become a concerning issue across Europe. CaMEO Demographic change over the last 30 years has resulted in the significant ageing of Europe's population. This has led to a steady rise in the number of adults over 50 who are seeking employment. One important sector for special consideration is the Information & Communications Technology (ICT) sector, which has amongst the highest salaries and is experiencing a significant skills gap of workforce. However, older workers can face barriers in gaining employment in this sector. In the above context, CaMEO aims to 1) Improve the knowledge base for policy makers of attitudes to the mobility of older workers among employers and 2) Develop an e-Academy for older workers that they can use to benchmark their skills and experience against the EQF (European Qualifications Framework). The objectives of this project include the mapping of the EU market regarding mobility policies and the creation of two online platforms that can support the career mobility of older ICT workers: an online-Academy and Matching Database.

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Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA)

The Centre for Policy on Ageing was established by the Nuffield Foundation, in 1947, as an independent grant giving charity 'The National Corporation for the Care of Older People', changing its name to Centre for Policy on Ageing in 1987. Since then CPA has focused on older age policy issues and has published over 250 reports and reviews. CPA has a long history and was instrumental in a number of developments including setting up Hanover Housing, The British Society of Gerontology and the University of the Third Age (U3A). CPA has a library and information service and hosts the National Database of Ageing Research (NDAR) and Ageinfo, the only bibliographic database dedicated to older age issues in the UK and one of very few in the world. It publishes the 'Representation of Older People in Ageing Research' series with the Centre for Ageing and Biographical Studies at The Open University. The Centre carries out reviews and also publishes 'New Literature on Old Age', a bimonthly synopsis of additions to its collection.

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Recent evidence

[The future ageing of the ethnic minority population of England and Wales \(2011\)](#) | [Resilience in Older Age \(2014\)](#) | [Using housing wealth and other assets to pay for care \(2014\)](#) | [Wellness': Prevention and the sustainability of health and well-being in older age. \(2013\)](#) | [Managing and administering medication in care homes for older people. \(2012\)](#)

Centre for Policy Studies

The Centre develops and promotes policies to limit the role of the state, to encourage enterprise and to enable the institutions of society, such as families and voluntary organizations, to flourish. It has published several reports on pensions and pension tax relief, and inheritance tax relief.

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Recent evidence

[Who will care for Generation Y? 2015](#) | [An ISA-Centric Savings World 2015](#) | [How to cut Inheritance Tax 2015](#) | [Some suggestions for the new pensions minister 2015](#) | [Auto-protection at 55 2015](#)

Centre for Research into the Older Workforce (CROW)

The Centre for Research into the Older Workforce was established in 2003 by Stephen McNair at the University of Surrey. It was funded by the South East of England Development Agency, to investigate the potential contribution of older people to the region's economy. In 2006 the Centre moved from the University of Surrey to the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE), and then to the University of Newcastle, where it is now led by Dr Matt Flynn. The Centre for Research into the Older Workforce exists to study the working of the ageing workforce, in the UK and beyond. The

Centre was created in response to the growing policy interest in the ageing population, and to the wish of Governments to encourage more people to stay in paid work later in life. It is particularly interested in understanding the attitudes to retirement and work after 50 of older people and employers; in how the skills of people over 50 can help overcome skills gaps and shortages; and in the kinds of education and training which might help in this.

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Recent evidence

[Managing a Healthy Ageing Workforce: a small and medium sized enterprise business imperative](#) | [Managing a Healthy Ageing Workforce: a business imperative](#) | [Making Better Use of Older Workers](#) | [Managing Age: a guide to good employment practice](#)

Centre for Research on Ageing - University of Southampton

The Centre for Research on Ageing is 'an international and multi-disciplinary research centre examining key issues in ageing and the lifecourse, informing policy and debate at the national and local level'. Research themes include: Ageing in developing and transitional societies; Diversity in later life and ethnic minority ageing; Gender and pension reform; Income, pensions and inequality; Health and social care; Paid work and informal caring; Retirement prospects of future generations of elders; and Social networks and informal support. Current and recent research includes: Characteristics of, and living arrangements amongst, informal carers at the 2011 and 2001 Censuses: stability, change and transition; Fuel and food poverty among older people; Pension protection for minority ethnic groups in Britain: determinants, prospects and policy implications; Ageing and wellbeing in a globalizing world (AgeGlobe); Understanding resilience in later life in a low resource setting; The Care Life Cycle. The Centre is noted for its work on demography and population studies and is a founder member of the ESRC Centre for Population Change.

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Recent evidence

[Satisfaction with social care services among South Asian and White British older people \(2015\)](#) | [Informal caring in England and Wales - Stability and transition between 2001 and 2011 \(2015\)](#) | [Women's economic activity trajectories over the life course: implications for the self-rated health of women aged 64+ in England \(2015\)](#) | [The determinants of receiving social care in later life in England \(2015\)](#) | [Ethnicity and occupational pension membership in the UK \(2015\)](#)

Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender (CRAG) - University of Surrey

The Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender (CRAG) is a research centre within the Department of Sociology at the University of Surrey. CRAG focuses specifically on the interconnections between gender and ageing. Later life is a time of transition from paid employment to retirement, marriage to widowhood, health to functional impairment and independent living to residence in a care home. CRAG conducts research on how these transitions have different meanings and implications for older women and men, and on the ways in which policy should take into account these differences. Recent and completed research includes: ELiCiT (Exploring lifestyle changes in transition); SomnIA: Sleep in Ageing; Clinical Decisions in Older Patients: A US/UK Comparison; Evaluation of Residential Care Rebuild and Refurbishment Programme; Food in later Life: Choosing Foods, Eating Meals, Sustaining Independence and Quality of Life; Gender, Employment and Pension Acquisition; and Older Men: their Social Worlds and Healthy Lifestyles.

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Recent evidence

[Subjective financial well-being, income and health inequalities in mid and later life in Britain \(2014\)](#) | [Factors affecting residents' sleep in care homes](#) | [Understanding older peoples' decisions about the use of sleeping medication: Issues of control and autonomy](#) | [Striking the balance: Night care versus the facilitation of good sleep](#)

Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) - See National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

Centre for Social Gerontology - Keele University

Established in 1987, the Centre for Social Gerontology at Keele University specialises in conducting research that is relevant to public policy concerns. In recent years, substantive projects have explored new housing and care options for older people; the situations of older people living in disadvantaged urban and rural communities; ageing with HIV and other chronic conditions; health promotion initiatives in later life; ageing without children; and older people's participation in creative and cultural activities. Current research includes Making Sense of History, Biography, and Health; Ageing, drama and creativity; Cultural value; Late Life Creativity and the 'new old age'; Theatre as a Pathway to Healthy Ageing; Ageing without Children; and Longitudinal study of Ageing in a Retirement Community (LARC). Recent research includes HIV and Later Life (HALL); Identifying Vulnerability in Grief; Fit as a Fiddle; Preventing pain from interfering with later life; Ages and Stages: The Place of Theatre in Representations and Recollections of Ageing; 'The Lost Generation': The Social Worlds of Older Gay Male Survivors of the AIDS Epidemic; Increasing the participation of the elderly in clinical trials (PREDICT); Community Action in Later Life - Manchester Engagement (CALL-ME); Boomers and Beyond: Intergenerational Consumption and the Mature Imagination; Extending Working Life; Multiple Exclusion and Quality of Life amongst Excluded Older People in

Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods; Necessities of Life: Older People's Experiences of Poverty; Rural Disadvantage: Quality of Life and Disadvantage amongst Older People.

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Recent evidence

[Social support, mental health, and quality of life among older people living with HIV](#) | [Fit as a fiddle final evaluation report](#) | [Ages and Stages](#)

Centre for Social Justice

The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) was established as an independent think-tank by the Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP in 2004. Following publication of their report Breakthrough Britain in 2007, the Centre identified five 'pathways to poverty': family breakdown, economic dependency and worklessness, educational failure, drug and alcohol addiction and serious personal debt. It also made recommendations about unlocking the potential of the voluntary sector to reverse social breakdown. Whilst older people are not mentioned in this key report, the Centre has published in this area in the last five years.

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Recent evidence

[When I Get Off the Phone I Feel Like I Belong to the Human Race: Evaluation of The Silver Line Helpline pilots 2013](#) | [Strengthening relationships to prevent isolation and loneliness in older age 2013](#) | [Why the Dilnot social care reforms miss the point 2013](#) | [Transformin g Social Care for the Poorest Older People 2012](#)

Centre for Workforce Intelligence

The CfWI is a key contributor to the planning of future workforce requirements for health, public health and social care in England. It is commissioned by the Department of Health, as well as Health Education England and Public Health England, to look at specific workforce groups and pathways, and to provide materials, tools and resources to inform workforce planning policy decisions at a national and local level.

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Recent evidence

[Forecasting the Adult Social Care Workforce](#)

Chartered Institute for Housing

CIH is the professional body for housing. A membership organisation, with charitable status, it has members working in the public and private sectors, in 20 countries. Members have free access to an online practice database <http://www.cih.org/practiceonline> which clarifies recent policy changes and their implementation.

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Recent evidence

[UK Housing Review 2015](#) | [Sheltered and Retirement Housing: a good practice guide. 2005](#)

Chief Fire Officers Association

CFOA is the professional body of the UK fire and rescue service. In 2012 it launched a project to raise awareness in the fire service of the signs of dementia

http://cfoaservices.co.uk/pdf/CFOA_Annual_Report_2013.pdf. In 2013 it published a strategy document, Ageing Safely, which requires fire and rescue services to think and plan far beyond their traditional role as an emergency response service and to be pro-active in tackling risk factors such as ill-health, isolation and poverty. Its position statement on reducing risk for vulnerable people sets out the Association's position on fire safety provisions for these people and aligns with supporting statements on ageing safely, fire suppression systems and domestic fire detection. The principle of this statement is that risk and risk reduction measures should be developed around the health, behaviour and needs of persons and not solely the type of premises or properties in which they reside.

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Recent evidence

[Ageing Safely - Protecting an Ageing Population from the Risk of Fire in the Home. 2013](#) | [Reducing risk for vulnerable people a person centred approach. 2015](#)

Chief Scientist Office [Scotland] (CSO)

Chief Scientist Office (CSO) is part of the Scottish Government Health Directorates. Aims to support and increase the level of high-quality health research conducted in Scotland. This is for the health and financial benefits of the population so that Scotland is recognised globally as a 'come to place' for health science. The website contains information about all aspects of the work of CSO which encompasses awarding grants and fellowships, funding research units, supporting all research in NHS Scotland through NRS (NHS Research Scotland), contributing to UK-wide research programmes managed by NETSCC, encouraging industry-funded research and fostering a research culture in NHS

Scotland. Currently working with the Health Research Authority and other devolved administrations in developing a new UK Policy Framework for health and social care research. Currently each of the 4 UK departments have their own Research Governance Frameworks. The plan is to replace these with just the one UK-wide policy document. It will explain in detail the principles of good practice in the management and conduct of health and social care research in the UK. CSO funds 6 Research Units across Scotland promoting research excellence in: * Health Services Research – HSRU, Aberdeen Director – Professor Marion Campbell * Health Economics – HERU, Aberdeen Director – Professor Mandy Ryan Hearing Research – Scottish Section of Institute of Hearing Research, Glasgow Director – Dr Graham Naylor Nursing and Allied Health Professions – NMAHP RU, Glasgow Caledonian and Stirling Director – Professor Brian Williams * Social and Public Health Sciences – SPHSU, Glasgow Director – Professor Laurence Moore * Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research Policy – SCPHRP Director – Professor John Frank (* - also added to this database) CSO partners the Medical Research Council (MRC) in funding MRC Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research and Policy and MRC Institute of Hearing Research. Focus on Research summaries. From 2013 onwards summaries will be indexed using the UKCRC Health Research categories listed below: Blood; Cancer; Cardiovascular; Congenital Disorders; Ear: Eye; Infection; Inflammatory and Immune System; Injuries and Accidents; Mental Health; Metabolic and Endocrine; Musculoskeletal; Neurological; Oral and Gastrointestinal; Renal and Urogenital; Reproductive Health and Childbirth; Respiratory; Skin; Stroke; Generic Health Relevance.

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Christians on Ageing

Christians on Ageing, official name Christian Council on Ageing, is a voluntary, national, ecumenical member-based organisation. It is a resource to churches and to other bodies and individuals concerned with the needs, especially the spiritual needs, of all older people. It publishes booklets and a quarterly magazine; organises conferences; and has set up networks of people engaged in specific aspects of growing older, including a dementia network.

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Recent evidence

[Faith in the Third Age \(research study looking at how people acquire a religious faith and what it means to them and at the nature, origin and effect of religious faith\)](#) | [Growing Dementia-friendly Churches](#) | [Worship in Residential Care](#)

Citizens Advice

The CAB provides free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities in all countries of the UK. Main advice areas are around debt and money, welfare, pensions and retirement, consumer issues, energy, relationships, health care, housing and public services. It publishes a wide range of research reports, advice guides and leaflets, including a Budgeting Tool.

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Recent evidence

[How People Think About Older Age and Pensions. 2015](#) | [Welfare Reform Impact Analysis. 2015](#) | [Approaching Retirement: How consumers think about their lives and future plans before withdrawing their pensions. 2015](#) | [Potential Intersectional Discrimination Cases. 2009](#) | [Consumer Experience of Pension and Pensioner Scams Before April 2015. 2015](#)

City University, London - See: Cass Business School - City University London

College of Optometrists

The College of Optometrists is the professional, scientific and examining body for optometry in the UK. It supports its members in all aspects of professional development, providing pre-registration training and assessment, continuous professional development opportunities, and advice and guidance on professional conduct and standards. Members have access to papers which summarise the evidence-base for various interventions.

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Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland

The Commissioner is an independent champion for older people, who safeguards and promotes their interests. The role of Commissioner for Older People was established under the Commissioner for Older People Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 which was enacted by the Northern Ireland Assembly on 25 January 2011. The Commissioner's office (COPNI) is set up as a non-departmental public body. Both the Commissioner and her office are sponsored by the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister but are operationally independent. The Commissioner's principal aim is to safeguard and promote the interests of older people, which defined by legislation include those aged 60 and over, and in exceptional circumstances those aged 50 or over. The Commissioner has promotional,

advisory, educational and general investigatory duties and powers which include: Key Duties 1. To promote awareness of the interests of older people in Northern Ireland. 2. To keep under review the adequacy and effectiveness of the law as it affects the interests of older people. 3. To keep under review the adequacy and effectiveness of services provided to older people by "relevant authorities". 4. To promote the provision of opportunities for and the elimination of discrimination against older people. 5. To encourage best practice in the treatment of older people. 6. To promote positive attitudes towards older people and encourage participation by older people in public life. 7. To advise the Assembly, the Secretary of State and a relevant authority on matters concerning the interests of older people. 8. To take reasonable steps to communicate with older people. General Powers 1. Make arrangements for research or educational activities concerning the interests of older people. 2. Issue guidance on best practice in relation to any matter concerning the interests of older people. 3. Conduct investigations for the purpose of any of her functions. 4. Compile and publish information concerning the interests of older people. 5. Provide advice or information on any matter concerning the interests of older people. The Commissioner also responds to individual cases relating to older people through her legal team, with issues including safeguarding concerns and complaints about care homes or hospital care. Northern Ireland's first Commissioner for Older People was Claire Keatinge who was appointed to the role in November 2011 and completed her term in November 2015. (Recruitment for the next Commissioner for Older People has commenced) Contact details:

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Recent evidence

[Domiciliary Care in Northern Ireland A Report of the Commissioner's Summit \(October 2015\)](#)

Committee of Public Accounts, House of Commons

This Committee scrutinises the value for money - the economy, efficiency and effectiveness - of public spending and generally holds the government and its civil servants to account for the delivery of public services. As delivery models for public services have changed, so the reach of the Committee, in following the taxpayer's pound, has spread beyond government departments to also examine public bodies and private companies providing public services. Chair of Committee from 2015: Meg Hillier (Labour) Inquiries in 2015/16 include: Care Quality Commission; Access to general practice in England; Automatic enrolment to workplace pensions; Cancer Drugs Fund; and Care Act first phase reforms and local government new burdens.

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Recent evidence

[Care Act first-phase reforms and local government new burdens Tenth Report of Session 2015-16](#)

[\(HC 412\) \(2 December 2015\)](#) | [Care Quality Commission: twelfth report of Session 2015-16 \(HC 501\) \(11 December 2015\)](#) | [Services to people with neurological conditions: progress review inquiry \(session 2015-16\)](#)

Committee on the Mental Capacity Act 2005, House of Lords

The Committee was appointed to consider and report on the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Chairman: Lord Hardie, Crossbench) . A debate on the report took place on Tuesday 10 March 2014. The Committee ceased to exist on the publication of its report.

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Recent evidence

[Oral and written evidence – Volume 1 \(A – K\) \[pp 1-906\] \(13 March 2014\)](#) | [Oral and written evidence – Volume 2 \(L – W\) \[pp 905-1854\] \(13 March 2014\)](#) | [Mental Capacity Act 2005: post-legislative scrutiny \(HL 139\) \(13 March 2014\)](#) | [Valuing every voice, respecting every right: making the case for the Mental Capacity Act: the Government's response to the House of Lords Select Committee Report on the Mental Capacity Act 2005; presented to Parliament by the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice and Secretary of State for Health \(Cm 8884\) \(June 2014\)](#)

Communities and Local Government Committee, House of Commons

The Committee monitors the policy, administration and spending of the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and its associated arms length bodies, including the Homes and Communities Agency. (Chair in this and previous Parliament is Clive Betts) Inquiry on the Government's Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill in session 2015/16 will examine a variety of devolution issues, e.g. whether the Manchester devolution deal provides a model for other areas, and how the devolution of health spending to Greater Manchester will affect delivery of health services locally. Financial Settlement inquiry (one-off session on 9 Dec 2015 re DCLG financial settlement from Autumn Statement. Spending review and impact on DCLG spending. However, you have to go back to session 2012/13 to find anything which isn't about housing issues, child abuse, fly tipping ...

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Recent evidence

[The role of local authorities in health issues: eighth report of Session 2012-13: Volume I: Report, together with formal minutes, oral and written evidence \(HC 694\) \(27 March 2013\)](#) | [Mutual and cooperative approaches to delivering local services: fifth report of Session 2012-13: Report, together with formal minutes, oral and written evidence \(HC 112\) \(6 December 2012\)](#) | [Localisation issues in welfare reform: fifth report of Session 2010-12: Volume I: Report, together with formal minutes, oral and written evidence \(HC 1406\) \(13 October 2011\)](#)

Community Transport Association

Community transport enables people to live independently, participate in their community and to access education, employment, health and other services. It uses and adapts conventional vehicles, from minibuses to mopeds, for social and community benefit. Typical services include voluntary car schemes, community bus services, hospital transport, dial-a-ride, wheels to work and group hire services. The CTA is a national membership association which leads and supports community transport in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. It provides leadership by promoting community transport and influencing the development of better strategy, policy, regulations and investment at all levels of government; and it provides support by advocating high standards of practice and providing advice, information, training and hands-on support that helps operators work to these standards. It runs training schemes and courses, provides an advice line and publishes good practice guides and leaflets.

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Culture, Media and Sport Committee, House of Commons

Chair, 2015-, Jesse Norman (Conservative). Among inquiries ongoing, inquiry into cyber security and the protection of personal data online; and BBC Charter review. In previous Parliament, Chair John Whittingdale (Conservative) Inquiry into nuisance telephone calls and text messages, focused on the current regulatory system and its enforcement, the effectiveness of the Telephone Preference Service, and practical measures by communications service providers to curtail such communications. Library closures

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Recent evidence

[Nuisance calls: fourth report of Session 2013-14: Volume I: Report, together with formal minutes, oral and written evidence \(HC 636\) \(5 December 2013\)](#) | [Nuisance calls: fourth report of Session 2013-14: Volume II: Additional written evidence \(5 December 2013\)](#) | [Library Closures Third Report of Session 2012-13 Volume I Volume I: Report, together with formal minutes, oral and written](#)

[evidence ...](#) | [Cyber security: protection of personal data online inquiry \[ongoing inquiry, 15 November 2015-\]](#)

Deloitte Centre for Health Solutions

Deloitte UK Centre for Health Solutions is the life sciences and health care research arm of Deloitte United Kingdom. The Deloitte UK Centre for Health Solutions generates "insights and thought leadership based on the key trends, challenges and opportunities within the healthcare and life sciences industry". Working closely with other centres in the Deloitte network, including the U.S. centre in Washington, the team of researchers develop ideas, innovations and insights that encourage collaboration connecting the public and private sectors; health providers and purchasers; and consumers and suppliers.

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Recent evidence

[Transforming care at the end-of-life Dying well matters 2014](#) | [Better care for frail older people Working differently to improve care 2014](#) | [Telecare and Telehealth](#)

Dementia Intelligence Network

This is the dementia hub of the National Mental Health Dementia and Neurology Intelligence Network (NMHDNIN) which is hosted within the Public Health England Knowledge and Intelligence Team (Northern and Yorkshire). It is for commissioners, providers and stakeholders to better understand health intelligence to improve services and achieve the best outcomes for local communities. The dementia profile has local level data following the dementia pathway of care: prevalence, preventing well, diagnosing well, living well, supporting well and dying well. The dementia data catalogue lists indicators and datasets relevant to dementia intelligence. It includes national datasets collected at clinical commissioning group (CCG), local authority or provider level. Availability scores for each data item can be used to inform development work.

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Recent evidence

[Dementia Profile and Data Catalogue](#) | [Reasons why people with dementia are admitted to a general hospital in an emergency](#)

Dementia Services Development Centre

The Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC), at the University of Stirling, is an international centre of knowledge and expertise dedicated to improving the lives of people with dementia. DSDC draws on research and practice, from across the world, to provide a comprehensive, up-to-date resource on all aspects of dementia. The multi-disciplinary research team undertakes policy and practice relevant social scientific research, working collaboratively with other disciplines across the University, nationally and internationally. Current research projects include work on: outcomes for people with dementia; decision making for care provision; innovations in care; the roles of community-based care professionals; and the importance of the dementia-friendly neighbourhoods. Other research programmes look at specific populations - people with onset of dementia at a younger age, and those with alcohol-related brain injury.

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Recent evidence

[Eating, drinking and dementia: a pocket guide about nutrition](#) | [Dementia: the one-stop guide](#) | [Supporting people with dementia: understanding and responding to distressed behaviour](#) | [Physical activity for people with dementia: a scoping study](#) | [Literature review: the cost effectiveness of assistive technology in supporting people with dementia](#)

Dementia Services Development Centre (DSCD) Wales - Bangor University

DSDC Wales is a partnership between Bangor University and an NHS service development team in Cardiff. It hosts NEURODEM Cymru, the Dementias and Neurodegenerative Diseases Registered Research Group for Wales, and works closely with other components of Health and Care Research Wales (formerly NISCHR). Within Bangor University, DSDC Wales collaborates closely with the REACH group in the School of Psychology and with the PONTIO project on arts and dementia.

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Recent evidence

[DSDC Publications](#) | [1000 Lives Plus How to Guide: Improving Dementia Care \(2010\)](#) | [Windle, G. \(2009\) Variations in well-being: Psychological resilience in older Age](#) | [Woods, B., Keady, J., & Seddon, D. \(2008\) Involving Families in Care Homes.](#) | [Algar, K., Woods, B., & Windle, G. \(2014\). Measuring the quality of life and well-being of people with dementia: A review of observational measures.](#)

Dementia UK

Offers specialist one-to-one support and expert advice for people living with dementia. Admiral Nurses work with families to help them cope with the fear, uncertainty and difficult everyday reality of dementia. Hosts the Higher Education for Dementia Network.

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Recent evidence

[Admiral Nurse Standards](#) | [Curriculum for UK Dementia Education](#)

Demos

Demos aims to be Britain's leading cross-party think-tank, producing original research, publishing innovative thinkers and hosting thought-provoking events. Work is concentrated in four programmes: Welfare and public services; Citizenship and education; Growth and good business; Centre for the Analysis of Social Media.

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Recent evidence

[The Commission on Residential Care: A vision for care fit for the twenty-first century.](#)

[2014](#) | [Unlocking the Potential: We need a step-change in the way people plan for social care.](#)

[2014](#) | [Ways and Means: People's final journey must be one of their choosing. 2013](#) | [Ageing](#)

[Sociably: Businesses can do more to support older people's social participation. 2012](#) | [The](#)

[Affordability of Retirement Housing: An inquiry by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Care for Older People. 2014](#)

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)

The Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS) is the department for economic growth. The department invests in skills and education to promote trade, boost innovation and help people to start and grow a business. BIS also protects consumers and reduces the impact of regulation. BIS is a ministerial department, supported by 48 agencies and public bodies. (including the Research Councils and the Government Office for Science) At time of publication of 'The business case for equality and diversity ...', Government Equalities Office was based in DBIS. In 2015, NIACE reported to DBIS on: 'Mid Life Career Review: pilot project outcomes: Phases 1, 2, and 3 (2013- 2015)'

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[skills](#)

Recent evidence

[The business case for equality and diversity: a survey of the academic literature \(BIS Occasional paper no 4\) \(Government Equalities Office, DBIS, 2013\)](#) | [Learning and wellbeing trajectories among older adults in England; Andrew Jenkins and Tarek Mostafa, Institute of Education, University of London \(October 2012\) \(BIS Research paper number 92\)](#)

Department for Work and Pensions

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is responsible for welfare, pensions and child maintenance policy. As the UK's biggest public service department it administers the State Pension and a range of working age, disability and ill health benefits to over 22 million claimants and customers. 2010 to 2015 government policy: older people: policy paper: "This is a copy of a document that stated a policy of the 2010 to 2015 Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition government." Outlines the issues; Actions, including: Improving recruitment and retention of an ageing workforce; and Helping older people get online Improving local services for older people - 'LinkAge Plus' Helping older people most at risk of longer-term loneliness and social isolation to remain active

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Recent evidence

[2010 to 2015 government policy: older people: policy paper: Updated 8 May 2015](#) | [LinkAge Plus: national and local evaluation reports for pilots conducted in Devon, Gateshead, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, Leeds, Nottinghamshire, Salford and Tower Hamlets \(pub'd April 2013\)](#)

Department for Work and Pensions - Automatic Enrolment Evaluation Team

Automatic enrolment aims to increase workplace pension saving in the UK. It forms part of a wider set of pension reforms designed to enable individuals to save towards achieving the lifestyle they aspire to in retirement. As of March 2015 all employers with 50 or more workers have implemented automatic enrolment. Between June 2015 and February 2018 all employers with 49 or fewer workers will be implementing automatic enrolment. Report 1: This report follows the automatic enrolment evaluation reports for 2013 and 2014. It brings together the latest evidence to show what has happened since automatic enrolment began and updates the indicators we will use to monitor progress throughout implementation.

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Recent evidence

[Automatic enrolment evaluation report 2015 \(ISBN 9781911003090\) \(DWP Research Report No](#)

[909\), November 2015.](#) | [Official statistic on workplace pension participation and saving trends of eligible employees, 2004-2014; broken down by sector and other characteristics \(July 2015\)](#)

Department for Work and Pensions - Social Research

DWP Social Research clearly an overarching section which produces ad hoc reports and the like. Of particular interest is something called 'Fuller Working Lives: a framework for action', which started in 2014 under the Coalition Government. Also title of publication which explains the benefits of working longer and how we intend to help people have fuller working lives. (It is/was part of the Age Positive initiative - but is that name still being used??) Focus of 'Employer attitudes to fuller working lives' is on employing workers over 50, practices to support fuller working lives, employer attitudes to training workers aged 50 and over, and perceived benefits and challenges of employing workers aged 50 and over. (Leanne Dew, DWP, given as "author" on description link page for this item, but research for pubn itself was by YouGov PLC).

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Recent evidence

[Employer attitudes to fuller working lives: A report of research carried out by YouGov PLC ... \(DWP ad hoc research report no. 21\) \(2015\)](#) | [Fuller Working Lives: a framework for action \(2014\)](#) | [Fuller Working Lives – Background Evidence \(June 2014\)](#)

Department of Health

The Department of Health (DH) "leads, shapes and funds health and care in England, making sure people have the support, care and treatment they need, with the compassion, respect and dignity they deserve." Policy areas include: Cancer research and treatment; Carers' health; Choice in health and social care; Compassionate care in the NHS; Dementia; Drug misuse and dependency; End of life care; Health and social care integration; Health emergency planning; Long term health conditions; Mental health service reform; Patient safety; and Research and innovation in health and social care.

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Recent evidence

[Research and development work relating to assistive technology, 2009-10 to 2014-15.](#) | [Peer support networks and dementia advisers: evaluation: The findings of the Healthbridge evaluation report into peer support networks and dementia advisers \(October 2013 - \)](#) | [What's important to me. a review of choice in end of life care; the Choice in End of Life Care Programme Board; report, executive summary and annexes \(February 2015\)](#) | [Inclusion Health: Education and Training for](#)

[Health Professionals: Study commissioned and funded by the Department of Health to inform the work of the National Inclusion Health Board: report, summary and appendices; Allied Health Solutions \(8 January 2015\)](#)

Department of Health and Social Sciences - University of the West of England

Public Health and Wellbeing Research Group within the Department of Health and Social Sciences at the University of the West of England has within it an active research group focusing on older age issues, led by Professor Robin Means. Current projects include: Bristol Ageing Better - Community involvement in reducing loneliness and social isolation in older people. Bristol Ageing Better is funded by Big Lottery 2015-2020. £255,000. Robin Means (PI) Richard Kimberlee and Naomi Woodspring. Earlier projects and collaborations have focussed on rural transport and hospital food. Contact details:

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Recent evidence

[Improving hospital food: Evaluating the impact of the Soil Association Food for Life programme \(2015\)](#) | [Participation and social connectivity \(2014\)](#) | ['Brave new world': How will the government respond to the social care challenge of an ageing population? \(2014\)](#) | [Beyond transport: Understanding the role of mobilities in connecting rural elders in civic society. \(2014\)](#) | [Towards connectivity in a grey and pleasant land?](#)

Department of Sociological Studies - University of Sheffield

Principally through the work of Professor Alan Walker, the Department of Sociological Studies has become both a UK and European hub of ageing research. Professor Walker was Director of the Growing Older and New Dynamics of Ageing Research Programmes in the UK and the ERA and FUTURAGE programmes in Europe. He is currently leading two EU projects INNOVAge and MOPACT. The INNOVAge project aims to help older people to live independently for longer in their own homes by increasing their autonomy and through the emerging of new 'technological supply chains' associated with new developments like independent living and 'eco-innovation'. The MOPACT programme "operationalises the multidimensional concept of active ageing as the basis on which longevity can be made an asset for social and economic development". MOPACT brings together 29 partners from 13 countries across Europe in a collaboration to study the interfaces between the demographic developments and the five main dimensions of their economic and social impact: 1. Economic and financial consequences of ageing; 2. Societal structures, civil society and cohesion; 3. Social support, long-term care and quality of life in an ageing society; 4. The built and technological environment; 5. Health and well-being, biological ageing (biogerontology), and the boundaries of frailty. MOPACT is coordinated at the Department of Sociological Studies. Key staff are: Professor Alan Walker, Coordinator and Juliet Craig, Senior Research Manager. The Department of Sociological Studies is associated with a range of interdisciplinary research centres and networks based within the University including Sheffield Institute for Studies on Ageing (SISA).

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Recent evidence

[The FUTURAGE Road Map for European Ageing Research](#) | [Trends in Healthy Life Expectancy and Health Indicators Among Older People in 27 EU Countries](#) | [Mobilising the Potential of Active Ageing in Europe - Extending Workin Lives - National Policy Report](#)

Design Council

Established in 1944 to demonstrate the value of industrial design in reviving post-war Britain, the Design Council is now an enterprising charity which works to improve people's lives through the use of design. The Council aims to improve the built environment, and transform public services.

Launched in 2011, Living Well with Dementia was a Design Challenge run in partnership with the Department of Health to improve the lives of those affected by dementia. The aim was to design and develop products and services that rethink living with dementia and launch them as real initiatives.

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Recent evidence

[Case Study - Ode](#) | [Case Study - Dementia Dog](#) | [Case Study - Grouple](#) | [In dependence Matters Design Challenge](#)

Digital Unite

Since 1996m Digital Unite has been providing products and services to support digital skills learning through the training and support of Digital Champions within organisations, both community, public, private and charitable. It has developed training courses and evaluation frameworks to support the work of these Champions. It works extensively in social housing and has set up an e-learning network specifically to train and support Digital Champions in housing. The Digital Champions Network for Housing has 20 individual member organisations with over 700 Champions between them representing 2 million residents. The website offers a range of downloadable guides. Recent work has included a market research exercise for BT amongst social housing providers to support product development specific to the sector. This included an extensive research paper utilising all relevant resources and organising and facilitating a focus group session.

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Recent evidence

[How to connect to wifi](#) | [How to put music on an iPod](#) | [What is Apple Pay?](#) | [How to join a local social network](#)

East Anglia, University of - See: School of Health Sciences - University of East Anglia

East Midlands Research into Ageing Network (EMRAN)

The East Midlands Research into Ageing Network (EMRAN) is based within Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) East Midlands. The EMRAN Discussion Paper series has an editorial board drawn from members of EMRAN. It publishes a wide range of papers such as research protocols, field work, conference or other events, literature reviews, further details about studies published elsewhere, and audits.

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Recent evidence

[Chair based exercise: a survey of care homes in Nottinghamshire](#) | [Older People in England & Wales: an overview of their health and well being](#) | [Health care for older people research in Nottingham and Derby.](#)

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

The UK's largest organisation for funding research on economic and social issues, supporting independent, high quality research which has an impact on business, the public sector and the third sector. Current research programmes offering opportunities for research into older age issues include the Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI) - open call. Funding is provided for up to 18 months with an overall limit of £200,000 (100 per cent FEC) per grant.

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Recent evidence

[Secondary Data Analysis Initiative \(SDAI\) - open call](#)

Ecorys

Ecorys provide research, consulting, programme management and communications services to public, private and civil society organisations. They provide programme management and evaluation services. Ecorys and partners manage the 'Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund' funding

programme for the Department of Health. In the field of Ageing, Ecorys were selected by BIG to carry out an eight year evaluation of the Fulfilling Lives: Ageing Better programme, in collaboration with Christina Victor at Brunel University's Institute for Ageing Studies. Ecorys helps run the Erasmus funding programme with its lifelong learning element. In addition to its head office, Ecorys has an Erasmus office in Birmingham, and other UK offices in London, Leeds and Keele.

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Recent evidence

[Evaluation of the Fulfilling Lives: Ageing Better programme](#)

Edinburgh, University of - See: Centre for Dementia Prevention; and School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences

Elderly Accommodation Counsel

A national charity that aims to help older people make informed choices about meeting their housing and care needs. It provides an information and advice service directly to older people and their relatives and carers; and raises awareness amongst other advisory agencies, professionals and policy makers of the importance people attach to information and advice which helps them make their own decisions about how and where to live in older age. FirstStop Advice is its independent, free telephone service developed in partnership with Care & Repair England, the Housing Learning and Improvement Network (Housing LIN), Age UK and Foundations. It has a website, HousingCare.org which provides free information and guidance and includes specialist directories of over 40,000 retirement housing developments and care homes in the UK. A web-based Directory of Home Services provides information on local services that can help older people live safely and independently at home. Among its current projects are: Housing for Older People Awards; Quality of Information Mark (QI Mark); Over 60s Art awards; and HOOP (Housing Options for Older People).

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Recent evidence

[Directory of home services](#)

Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

EPSRC is the main UK government agency for funding research and training in engineering and the physical sciences. Current research programmes in the field of ageing include Intelligent

Technologies to Support Collaborative Care. The Information Communication Technology (ICT), Healthcare Technologies and Digital Economy Themes within EPSRC are inviting outline proposals which look towards the development of reliable and intelligent technologies to support collaborative care in the community.

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Recent evidence

[Intelligent Technologies to Support Collaborative Care](#) | [Strategic Plan \(2015\)](#)

English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)

The English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA) is a unique and rich resource of information on the health, social, wellbeing and economic circumstances of the English population aged 50 and older. The current sample contains data from up to six waves of data collection covering a period of eleven years. The ELSA includes objective and subjective data relating to health and disability, biological markers of disease, economic circumstance, social participation, networks and well-being. The multidisciplinary and longitudinal nature of the data allows for the examination of complex relationships and causal processes. To enable longitudinal analysis, the same key topics are included in the content of the questionnaire for each wave, while others may be rotated on and off. The nurse interview involves measurements of physical function, anthropometric measurements and collection of blood samples (for extraction of biomarkers and DNA). The ELSA Wave 7 fieldwork was completed in May 2015 and the data will be accessible from the data archive in January 2016. A number of new items were included in the survey at Wave 7: an objective measure of hearing ability, additional questions to determine cognitive ability and questions on expectations of paying for care and knowledge of care funding. ELSA partners: Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS); University College London (UCL); NatCen Social Research; and University of Manchester.

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Recent evidence

[The dynamics of ageing: Evidence from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing 2002-12 \(Wave 6\) \(2014\)](#)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, House of Commons

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee (EFRA) is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and its associated public bodies. The Committee chooses its own subjects of inquiry on environmental, agricultural subjects. Neil Parish was elected as Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee on Thursday 18 June 2015.

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Recent evidence

[Defra's responsibilities for air quality inquiry: \[scope, evidence and publications, session 2015-16\]](#) | [Rural Communities Sixth Report of Session 2013–14: Volume I: Report, together with formal minutes, oral and written evidence \(HC 602 \[Incorporating HC 714-i to vi, Session 2012-13\] Published on 24 July 2013\)](#) | [Rural Communities Sixth Report of Session 2013–14 Volume II: Additional written evidence \(24 July 2013\)](#)

Environmental Audit Committee, House of Commons

In session 2013/14, the Committee (chaired by Joan Walley) examined two ongoing Government-sponsored initiatives intended to increase the measurement and use of sustainable development metrics, one of which was the project by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) for 'Measuring National Well-being', which aims to identify the state of each of the 'capitals' under the three pillars of sustainable development—economic, social and environmental (or natural) capital. More than three years after the Prime Minister's declaration that we should be "measuring our progress as a country not just by our standard of living but by our quality of life", wellbeing measures are not yet receiving the same attention as economic ones. The ONS work on 'subjective well-being'—capturing the views of individuals about the satisfaction they get from their lives—is producing valuable new insights into people's satisfaction with society, our environment and our economy. The process of producing a single headline indicator of well-being, which might be considered alongside GDP, could prompt a useful debate about what matters most to people, but it runs the risk of not being accepted by those who do not agree the weightings given to particular components of well-being. Such a move should not be contemplated until a track-record has been built up and a general consensus and acceptance secured on the appropriate component measures of well-being. Well-being considerations should increasingly drive policy-making, including 'nudge' programmes, as the extent and understanding of well-being data is increased. The so far 'experimental' nature of the data, and current gaps in understanding of cause and effect, has prompted Government caution. The Government should begin using the already available data to 'wellbeing-proof' existing policy proposals, and set out a clear plan for how and in what circumstances the data should start to be used proactively to identify new policies.

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Recent evidence

[House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee Well-being: fifteenth report of session 2013-14:](#)

EPPI-Centre

The EPPI-Centre is a specialist centre for: (i) developing methods for systematic reviewing and synthesis of research evidence; and (ii) developing methods for the study of the use research. It has close links with the main international collaborations in synthesis methods and partners or undertakes other work with many of the UK government what works centres. We are interested in complexity and mixed methods reviews to understand research relevant to decision making as well as methods for how that research is used in practice. We see research as both a crucially important form of academic enquiry and as an important resource for use in society. As well as being directly involved in research synthesis and research use, EPPI-Centre provide two MSc programmes and many short courses in research synthesis and social policy and research. We also produce many publications on research synthesis and research use. The work in research synthesis and research use is across many areas of social policy including education, health, social care, developing economies, sport, environment, and crime. The EPPI-Centre is based in the Social Science Research Unit in the Department of Social Science and Policy, University College London. The work of the centre started in 1993, the name 'EPI-Centre' was used from 1995 and then changed to the current name of 'EPPI-Centre' from 2001.

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Recent evidence

[An Introduction to Systematic Reviews](#) | [Non-drug treatments for symptoms in dementia: an overview of systematic reviews](#)

EQUAL (Extend Quality Life) - EPSRC research initiative

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council was the main funder of the EQUAL research programme between 1998 and 2005. It was followed by SPARC (2005 - 2008) and KT-EQUAL (2009 - 2013). All the Research Councils (apart from the Council of the Central Laboratories of the Research Councils) were involved to a certain extent in programmes linked to EQUAL. BBSRC established a 'Science of Ageing' (SAGE) Programme and ESRC established its 'Growing Older' Programme as "a direct result of the EQUAL initiative". EQUAL project areas included: Cognition, dementia, learning disabilities [Assessment and rehabilitation of cognitive-motor skills following Stroke; Smart rehabilitation: technological applications for use in the home; A multi-media reminiscence experience and conversation support for elderly people with memory loss; Design for dementia: an evidence based approach to standards in caring environments; Configuration and design in caring environments; Designing the external physical environment to extend quality life for older people with dementia; Development of devices for use in a smart house for people with dementia; The

production of an input device for virtual environments for use by people with learning disabilities; Independent: investigating enabling domestic environments for people with dementia] Hearing, seeing [Deafness, design and communication in the built environment; Hearing loss in the built environment: the experience of elderly people; Acoustic guidelines & teaching strategies for optimising learning conditions in classrooms for hearing and hearing impaired children; Development and assessment of a self-administered hearing test for elderly people; The development of an auditory navigation beacon for building emergency egress; Auditory location finder (alf) with emergency call facility for blind, elderly & visually impaired people; glare disability and its practical consequences in patients with glaucoma; Document production for blind people] Design for all [I-design - inclusive design for the whole population ; A design tool for the multivariate estimation of percentage accommodated; Older users' perspectives on mobility - related, assistive technology research: an exploratory study; An information/navigation aid for complex indoor space feasibility study to establish older people's; Using a model of hand and object interaction to optimise activities of daily living within an inclusive approach to packaging product development; Integration of biomechanical and physiological parameters of functional performance of older adults into a new cad package for inclusive design ; Design for all of a hospital portal serving patients needs for information, communication and entertainment] Housing (see also cognition, dementia and learning disabilities) [Affordable housing adaptations using modular construct - a case study of accessible toilets & bathrooms ; Profiling the housing stock for older people, the transition from domesticity to caring; Feasibility study identifying cost effective strategy for realisation of life time homes in existing stock; Integrated control and communication systems for distributed sheltered housing in the community; Feasibility study: technologies for telecare in the home ; Advanced sensors for supportive environments for elderly people Supporting independence. New products, new practices , new communities] Accessibility [Modelling access with gis in urban systems (magus): an application to wheelchair users in Northamptonshire ; Improving accessibility for those with impaired mobility (i-aim); Development of a wheelchair virtual reality motion platform for use in evaluating wheelchair access; Accessible public transport in rural areas (aptra); Bridging the gap between theory & implementation in accessibility - a best practice approach; A feasibility study into creating accessible environments within the briefing process; Inclusive design for getting outdoors i'dgo] .

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Recent evidence

[Equal projects](#)

Equality Act 2010 and Disability Committee, House of Lords

The Equality Act 2010 and Disability Committee was appointed on 11 June 2015 to consider the impact on people with disabilities of the Equality Act 2010. The Committee was given a reporting deadline of 23 March 2016. A call for evidence has been published seeking written submissions. Chairman: Baroness Deech, Crossbencher. Specialist Adviser: Catherine Casserley - Cloisters

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Recent evidence

[Oral evidence](#) | [Written evidence](#) | [Report: The Equality Act 2010: the impact on disabled people \(PDF\)](#)

Equality and Human Rights Commission

Parliament gave the Commission the mandate to challenge discrimination, and to protect and promote human rights. Chair of the Commission is Baroness Onora O'Neill and Rebecca Hilsenrath is the Chief Executive. For 'Is Britain fairer? The state of equality and human rights 2015', A large systematic review, for which EHRC gathered data and evidence based around 10 domains: education; standard of living; productive and valued activities; health; life; physical security; legal security; individual, family and social life; identity, expression and self-respect; and participation, influence and voice. Within each of these domains, there is a set of indicators and measures that we have used in order to evaluate progress. Produced in parallel with this report are 10 detailed evidence papers (one for each domain), available on website (See web links below - Links given to the two where most recent stats available.)

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Recent evidence

[Is Britain fairer? The state of equality and human rights 2015](#) | [Is Britain fairer? Evidence paper series: Domain B: Health](#) | [Is Britain fairer? Evidence paper series: Domain J: Participation, influence and voice](#)

ESRC Centre for Population Change

The ESRC Centre for Population Change (CPC) is a joint initiative between the Universities of Southampton, St Andrews, Edinburgh, Stirling and Strathclyde, in partnership with the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and the National Records of Scotland (NRS).

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Recent evidence

[Who cares? Continuity and change in the prevalence of caring, and characteristics of informal carers, in England and Wales 2001-2011.](#) | [Population change and housing across the lifecourse: demographic perspectives, methodological challenges and emerging issues.](#) | **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** | [Neighbourhood effects and pension protection amongst ethnic minorities in England and Wales \(2015\)](#) | [Probabilistic population forecasts for informed decision making \(2015\)](#)

Fabian Society

Britain's oldest political think tank, the Fabian Society aims to promote: greater equality of power, wealth and opportunity; the value of collective action and public service; an accountable, tolerant and active democracy; citizenship, liberty and human rights; sustainable development; and multilateral international cooperation. Following the 2015 general election, the Fabian Society launched six new programmes: Born equal: tackling economic inequality in the UK; Britain's future: identity, constitution and the UK's place in the world; Together: public services, communities and collective endeavour; Green lives: the environment and citizens; Business for us all: innovation, responsibility and long-termism; and Facing the Future: the left, the people and the 2020s. As part of these programmes, it has two current long-running projects: the Fabian Commission on Food and Poverty, an independent, year-long Commission examining the food system and The Future of Tax, Contact details:

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Recent evidence

[The Generation Game: spending priorities for an ageing society. 2015](#) | [Hungry for Change: the final report of the Fabian Commission on Food and Poverty. 2015](#)

Forestry Commission Scotland

Forests and dementia - First findings by a University of Dundee PhD student have shown how the woodland environment can help people with early stage dementia. The ranger-led pilot activity programme offered meaningful experiences that contributed to well-being and feelings of self-worth.

Evidence summary: The PhD research study Forests as places of mental well-being: the meaning and use of urban forests by people with early-stage dementia is being carried out by Mandy Cook, (m.cook@dundee.ac.uk) through the departments of Geography and Social Dimensions of Health Institute (SDHI).

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Recent evidence

[Forests as places of mental well-being for people with dementia; Mandy Cook \(Research note\) \(June 2015\)](#)

**Glasgow, University of - See: Institute for Health and Wellbeing; and
MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit,**

Global Observatory for Ageing and Dementia Care

The Global Observatory for Ageing and Dementia Care, hosted at the Health Service and Population Research Department, King's College London, was founded in 2013. Supported by Alzheimer's Disease International and King's College London, the Observatory has a tripartite mission:

- 1) To build upon ADI's 10/66 Dementia Research Group program of population-based and intervention research in low and middle income countries, maximising the impact that research findings from our data can have upon policy and practice.
- 2) To developing, evaluate, and promote primary care and community interventions for people with dementia.
- 3) To synthesise global evidence for policymakers and public, in particular, continuing and developing our role in the preparation of high impact evidence-based reports for Alzheimer's Disease International (World Alzheimer Reports 2009, World Alzheimer Reports 2010 and World Alzheimer Reports 2011), the World Health Organization (Dementia; a Public Health Priority 2012) and other relevant intergovernmental organisations.

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Recent evidence

[Is dementia prevalence rising or declining?](#) | [World Alzheimer Report 2015 - The Global Impact of Dementia: An analysis of prevalence, incidence, cost and trends](#) | [The Epidemiology and Impact of Dementia: Current State and Future Trends. WHO Thematic Briefing](#)

Government Equalities Office

The Government Equalities Office (GEO) is responsible for equality strategy and legislation across government. It works to take action on the government's commitment to remove barriers to equality and help to build a fairer society, leading on issues relating to women, sexual orientation and transgender equality. It co-ordinates the Inter-Ministerial Group on Equalities, which works to

implement the Equality Strategy; and takes the lead on the Equality Act 2010 and being the lead department on gender and LGBT issues in government. It supports and implements international equality measures in the UK, including international commitments to the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the European Union Roadmap for Equality between Women and Men. The GEO also works across Departments. A government equality strategy was published during time of the Coalition (21 June 2011); no corporate documents appear to have been published since 2013. Contact details:

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Recent evidence

[New statistics out today show the gender pay gap remains static at 19.2 per cent. - 18 November 2015 \(this has link to ONS item\)](#) | [Equality strategy \(21 June 2011\)](#) | [Banning age discrimination in the provision of services, public functions and associations \(11 June 2012\)](#)

Government Office for Science

Ensures that government policies and decisions are informed by the best scientific evidence and strategic long-term thinking. Government Science and Engineering organisational directory of expertise (version 1.2) (Updated November 2015) (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/475684/gs-15-35-gse-directory.pdf) This directory sets out the science and engineering capability in government organisations. It aims to: help senior decision makers to make links with other organisations and locate experts; define the Government Science and Engineering (GSE) community; enable individuals in the GSE profession to build understanding, links and resilience.

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Recent evidence

[Directory of expertise](#)

Government Office for Science: Future of an ageing population

The average age of the UK population is expected to increase significantly over the coming decades. This change will bring both challenges and opportunities for central and local government, with impacts on a wide range of public services. One of GO-Science's Foresight projects, the 'Future of an ageing population' project is providing state of the art scientific evidence to government. This

evidence is intended to form the basis for a range of policies and actions to: maintain wellbeing throughout life, for all individuals regardless of their generation; •improve quality of life for older people and enable them to participate more fully in society; and ensure everyone can access the tools and facilities to help them live a long and healthy life. The project is informed by a number of independent evidence reviews, developed by experts from across academia, and peer reviewed by independent academics. These papers provide analysis of the future of an ageing population in the UK. Local essays: The project has commissioned a number of independent think pieces looking at the future of ageing from a local perspective. They are written by academics and those who work with older people (3 pub'ed 11/11/2014 focusing on the north-east. Seminar reports: Holding a series of events with academics, ageing practitioners, professionals and members of the public in cities around the UK (2 in Sunderland, 16/11/2014 and 1 "speculative design workshops, 06/07/2015) The lead expert group (9 members) provide oversight of the Foresight future of an ageing population project and ensure that relevant evidence and research is used.

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Recent evidence

[Materials from the Foresight 'Future of an ageing population' project analysing the challenges and opportunities of an ageing society](#)

Grandparents Plus

Champions the role of grandparents and the wider family in children's lives, especially when they take on the caring role in difficult family circumstances. It does this: by campaigning for change so that grandparents' contribution to children's wellbeing and care is valued and understood; by providing evidence, policy solutions and training; by advising and supporting grandparents and wider family members to ensure they have access to a holistic service, offering them professional advice, information and casework support, giving them a voice and enabling them to help each other; and by advising, informing and supporting professionals. Current projects include: the Early Help Model (developed with 4Children, Mentor UK and the Childhood Bereavement Network to support kinship carers); and the Electronic Assisted Living Technologies Project which is supporting the development of a consumer market for assisted living technologies for 'young' older people; i.e. those people who are approaching retirement and older age.

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Recent evidence

[Disadvantage, discrimination, resilience: the lives of kinship families. 2014](#) | [Grandparenting in Europe The health and wellbeing of grandparents caring for grandchildren: The role of cumulative advantage/disadvantage. 2014](#) | [Forgotten children. 2014](#) | [Doing it all? Grandparents, childcare](#)

[and Employment: Analysis of British Social Attitudes Survey Data from 1998 and 2009. 2011](#) | [Too old to care? 2011](#)

Growing Older

The Growing Older Programme consists of 24 research projects focussed on how to extend the quality of life in old age. They were commissioned together as part of a £3.5 million investment by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). The 24 research projects covered six broad research areas: Defining and Measuring Quality of Life (6 projects); Inequalities in Quality of Life (5); The Role of Technology and the Built Environment (1); Healthy and Productive Ageing (3); Family and Support Networks (6); Participation and Activity in Later Life (3). The research programme ran from 1999 to April 2004 and was later built on by the cross-disciplinary New Dynamics of Ageing research programme.

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Recent evidence

[Publications from the Growing Older programme](#) | [Findings from the Growing Older programme](#)

Hanover Housing Association

Hanover is a national provider of housing and services for older people. It manages approximately 19,000 properties for rent, sale and shared ownership in about 600 locations. This includes nearly 2,500 Extra Care properties where residents can access 24-hour care on-site. Its services include an around-the-clock emergency response service together with a free and confidential service, Be Wise, which has helped residents save money and access unclaimed benefits worth more than £1.53 million. Hanover is planning to develop 1,250 downsizer homes over the next five years.

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Recent evidence

[20 Years of Extra Care: A review. 2009](#)

Health and Care Research Wales

Health and Care Research Wales, formerly National Institute for Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR). The vision of Health and Care Research Wales is for Wales to be internationally recognised for our excellent health and social care research that has a positive impact on the health, wellbeing and prosperity of the people in Wales. Currently open funded research programmes include Social Care Research Award 2015. Recently funded Health / Patient projects include Improving access to

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Recent evidence

[Application process](#) | [Strategic Plan 2015-2020](#)

Health and Social Care Board [Northern Ireland]

The Health and Social Care Board, established by Minister Michael McGimpsey MLA on 1 April 2009, faces a diverse and challenging role as it seeks to develop health and social care services across Northern Ireland. The role of the Health and Social Care Board is broadly contained in three functions: To arrange or 'commission' a comprehensive range of modern and effective health and social services for the 1.7 million people who live in Northern Ireland; To work with the health and social care trusts that directly provide services to people to ensure that these meet their needs; To deploy and manage its annual funding from the Northern Ireland Executive - currently £4 billion - to ensure that all services are safe and sustainable.

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Recent evidence

[Regional reablement service for Northern Ireland: briefing/position paper \[2015\]](#) | [A managed change: an agenda for creating a sustainable basis for domiciliary care in Northern Ireland \(November 2015\)](#) | [Creating accessible primary care services for people with sensory loss \(Best practice guidance\) \(with RNID Northern Ireland and Action on Hearing Loss Northern Ireland\) \(2014\)](#)

Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC)

One of the main national providers of information, data and IT systems for health and social care, HSCIC is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Department of Health. The data sources include Hospital Episode Statistics (HES), Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey (National Study of Health and Wellbeing), Health Survey for England, the Survey of Carers in Households, England and the decennial Adult Dental Health Survey. The resource also encompasses the National Adult Social Care Intelligence Service (NASCIS). Primary care statistical sources include access to the Primary Care Mortality Database. Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) processes over 125 million admitted patient, outpatient and accident and emergency records each year. Each HES record contains a wide range of information about an individual patient admitted to an NHS hospital, including: clinical information about diagnoses and operations; information about the patient, such as age group, gender and ethnicity; administrative information, such as time waited, and dates and

methods of admission and discharge; geographical information such as where patients are treated and the area where they live. It contains admitted patient care data from 1989 onwards, outpatient attendance data from 2003 onwards and A&E data from 2007 onwards. The presence of age / agegroup data allows for age specific analysis. The Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey (National Study of Health and Wellbeing) is a septennial survey carried out by NatCen Social Research on behalf of the Health and Social Care Information Centre. It includes information on wellbeing, disability, physical health, pain, lifestyle behaviours, work and stress. The Health Survey for England is carried out by NatCen Social Research on behalf of the Health and Social Care Information Centre. A number of core questions are included in every wave but each year's survey also has a particular focus on a disease or condition or population group, which are subsequently revisited at appropriate intervals in order to monitor change. The survey combines questionnaire-based answers with physical measurements and the analysis of blood samples. Blood pressure, height and weight, smoking, drinking and general health are covered every year. An interview with each eligible person in the household is followed by a nurse visit. The data is available through the UK Data Service. NASCIS, the National Adult Social Care Intelligence Service (NASCIS) provides an array of analytical and information resources allowing analysis of Social Care data to aid planning, performance management and service improvement. Data covered includes Personal Social Services Expenditure and Unit Costs data, Safeguarding Adults Return (SAR) data, Adult Social Care Survey (ASCS) data, and Mental Capacity Act Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (MCA DoLS) data.

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Recent evidence

[Final 2014-15 Personal Social Services Expenditure and Unit Costs data](#) | [Final 2014-15 Safeguarding Adults Return \(SAR\) data](#)

Health Committee, House of Commons

The Health Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the policy, administration and expenditure of the Department of Health and its associated bodies. The Committee chooses its own subjects of inquiry. Dr Sarah Wollaston (Conservative) was elected as Chair of the Health Committee on Thursday 18 June 2015. Inquiries in session 2015/16 include: Public health post-2013 - structures, organisation, funding and delivery : inquiry into impact of the Health and Social Care Act reforms; Pre-appointment hearing for CQC Chair (inquiry announced 01 December 2015): inquiry into Government's preferred candidate for Chair of the Care Quality Commission; Impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review on health and social care (inquiry announced 10 December 2015); Current issues in NHS England inquiry (announced 14 July 2015)

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Recent evidence

[End of life care: Government response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2014-15 \(Cm 9143\) \(20 October 2015\)](#) | [End of life care: fifth report of Session 2014-15 \(HC 805\) \(15 March 2015\)](#) | [Managing the care of people with long-term conditions: second report of Session 2014-15 Vol. I: Report, together with formal minutes, oral and written evidence \(HC 401\) \(3 July 2014\)](#) | [Managing the care of people with long-term conditions: second report of Session 2014-15 Vol. II: Additional written evidence \(3 July 2014\)](#) | [Primary care inquiry: evidence and publications in session 2015-16](#)

Health Economics Research Unit (HERU)

The Health Economics Research Unit (HERU) has been at the cutting edge of economic research into health for almost forty years. Empirical and methodological research aims to make a real difference both to the effectiveness and delivery of health services and to the health of populations in Scotland and other countries. HERU is supported by the Chief Scientists Office (CSO) and the University of Aberdeen and is part of the Institute of Applied Health Sciences (IAHS).

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Recent evidence

[An evaluation of the effect of informal care targeting the elderly on elderly mortality \[Description and list of publications/presentations, 2013-2015\]](#) | [The use of global position satellite tracking in wandering patients with dementia: feasibility study](#)

Health Foundation

The Health Foundation is an independent charity committed to bringing about better health and health care for people in the UK. Their aim is a healthier population, supported by high quality health care that can be equitably accessed. They aim to find out what works to make people's lives healthier and improve the health care system, from giving grants to those working at the front line to carrying out research and policy analysis. They make links between the knowledge gained from working with those delivering health and health care and their research and analysis. The Health Foundation funds improvement projects, research projects, and individuals "with a passion for health care improvement".

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Recent evidence

[Acute medical care for frail older people in Barnsley](#) | [Staying home: volunteer support programme](#) | [Reducing falls and unnecessary medications through an orthostatic hypotension](#)

[pathway \(NOHARM\)](#) | [Multidisciplinary review of medication in nursing homes: a clinico-ethical framework](#)

Health Lab

Health Lab is a new initiative that builds on several years work by Nesta and its partners to develop People Powered Health - a vision for a health and care system that is for people, by people and with people. It reflects Nesta's long-term commitment to improving people's health and wellbeing in the context of an ageing population. Its focus is on using social and digital innovations to significantly improve health and ageing and it will work with a wide range of partners. An event, The Future of People Powered Health, is scheduled for February 2016 in London to showcase and celebrate pioneering work taking place in the sector **Error! Hyperlink reference not**

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Recent evidence

[Introducing Health Lab. 2015](#) | [The NHS in 2030: a People-powered and Knowledge-powered Health System. 2015](#)

Health Services Research Unit - University of Aberdeen

The Health Services Research Unit (HSRU) has a national remit to research the best ways to provide health care, and to build capacity in health services research. The Unit is supported by the Chief Scientist Office (CSO) of the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates, the University of Aberdeen and competitive grant income. Fairly medical in scope. First item in Research evidence - project is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council in Australia. Among current, recently commenced research :Sensory Impairment and Pharmaceutical Care: What are the needs of older people receiving polypharmacy? (<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/hsru/research/delivery/users/sensory-impairment-and-pharmaceutical-care/>) (Commenced August 2015)

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Recent evidence

[Evidence-based Care of People with Dementia: Investigating Research Implementation Strategies \(IRIS\) \[summary\]](#) | [Systematic review of personalised care planning for adults with chronic or long term conditions \(link to 2013 and 2015 items\)](#) | [Concept:SSM - conceptualising support for self-management \(ongoing\)](#)

Healthy Ageing In Scotland (HAGIS)

Healthy Ageing In Scotland (HAGIS), launched in July 2015, is longitudinal study of over 50s in Scotland. The initial cohort of 1,000 will expand to 8,000 people in 2018. Led by the University of Stirling, the project team includes the Universities of Strathclyde and Edinburgh, with input from a wider steering group including the Universities of Dundee and Essex, IFS, ISER, NHS and ELSA. Anonymous HAGIS pilot survey data will be made available on the UK Data Archive after the fieldwork has been carried out. Fieldwork is expected to commence in mid-February 2016.

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Helpage International

Five organisations, in Canada, Colombia, Kenya, India and the UK (Help the Aged, now Age UK) set up HelpAge International in 1983 to provide a strong network to support older people worldwide. HelpAge International works in over 65 countries and has six regional development centres and offices in London and Brussels.

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Recent evidence

[Ending gender inequality in older age: Guidance for EU development policy. 2015](#) | [Global AgeWatch Index 2015: Insight report](#) | [Climate change in an ageing world. 2015](#) | [In our own words. 2015](#) | [A new convention on the rights of older people: a concrete proposal. 2015](#)

Housing & Care 21

Housing & Care 21 is a national provider of retirement housing and care services for people aged 65 and over. Its care services include home and live-in care, day care and day centres, community care services for people with dementia, long term conditions and learning disabilities, respite care and rehabilitation services and end of life care.

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Housing Learning and Improvement Network (Housing LIN)

The Housing LIN is a leading resource on the housing, care and support needs of older people and people with a long term condition. It is a collaboration of over seventy organisations with individual members across housing, health and adult social care and it works closely nationally and regionally with other trade and professional organisations to influence policy and practice.

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Recent evidence

[Silver Chic: The future of retirement housing and care](#) | [The hidden costs of caring](#) | [The Care Act 2014 and the Integration of Housing: How is the reality measuring up?](#) | [Collaborative Healthcare: Supporting CCGs and HWBs to support integrated personal commissioning and collaborative care](#) | [Green spaces, blue spaces: garden cities re-thought?](#)

In Control

In Control is a national charity working for an inclusive society where everyone has the support they need to live a good life and make a valued contribution. It was the pioneer of self-directed support and has supported more than 400 national organisations to transform their services and deliver personalisation. It partners with local authorities, user-led organisations, government and civil servants, elected members and paid staff, commercial companies, charitable and not-for-profit organisations, as well as working directly with people who need support. Its work includes focused action - to develop, test, motivate and support new practice and cultural change for self-directed support - and to make self-directed support happen in communities and in local authorities; critical reflection - evaluating the success of self-directed support based on how it's really working for people who need support; and learning together - helping to build communities and networks for shared learning and partnership. With Lancaster University and Think Local Act Personal it has published the Third National Personal Budget Survey which is based on the Personal Outcomes Evaluation Tool (POET) developed over the past 10 years as a way to measure what's working and what's not when it comes to personal budgets and personalised care and support. It is currently working with a small number of local authorities as part of phase iii of its work, POET: Embedding outcomes.

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Web link(s): <http://www.in-control.org.uk/>

Recent evidence

[Third National Personal Budget Survey: Experiences of personal budget holders and carers across adult social care and health. 2015](#) | [Personal Health Budget Holders and Family Carers: The POET surveys 2015](#) | [Personal Health Budgets and joint commissioning. 2015](#) | [Promoting People's Right to Choice and Control Under the Care Act 2014. 2015](#)

Independent Age

Independent Age offers an advice and information service on social care provision, including care options and assessments, finding and paying for care, funding concerns and making a complaint. It publishes a series of Wise Guides offering practical information and advice for over-65s on finances, staying independent and getting the most out of later life. It has a befriending service offering regular face-to-face or telephone support to those who are lonely or isolated with the help of a network of volunteers. TalkTime, a telephone book and discussion group, allows older people to connect with others from the comfort of their own homes. Independent Age is also a campaigning organisation, recognising that 1.6 million pensioners live below the poverty line, up to £5.5 billion of benefits (for older people) go unclaimed, up to 1.6 million eligible for Pension Credit are not claiming and 721,000 older people are in fuel poverty with 28,000 dying of the cold every year. Independent Age provides analysis and comment on issues facing older people, as they arise, in the form of press releases. Independent Age is a member of the Ready for Ageing Alliance and hosts the RAA website. .

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Recent evidence

[Moved to care: the impact of migration on the adult social care workforce](#) | [For Richer, For Poorer? A review of the evidence on universal pensioner benefits](#) | [2030 Vision: building a better future for older people in the UK](#) | ["You don't stop the worrying": the difficulties of caring in later life](#) | [Isolation: the emerging crisis for older men](#)

Innovate UK

The organisation "works with people, companies and partner organisations to find and drive the science and technology innovations that will grow the UK economy." It has "helped more than 5,000 innovative companies in projects estimated to add £7.5 billion to the UK economy and create 35,000 extra new jobs." Innovate UK, formerly the Technology Strategy Board, manages the European Union Active Assisted Living (AAL) programme within the UK, with a current (January 2016) competition focussing on the security of the 'internet of things' - for example information from health monitoring sensors. As part of Innovate UK, the Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) is a process to "connect public sector challenges with innovative ideas from industry", supporting companies to generate economic growth and enabling improvement in achieving government objectives.

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Recent evidence

[Regenerative medicine: a new therapy for stroke patients: Case study \(5 November 2014\)](#)

Institute for Economic and Social Research (ISER)

ISER is home to the ESRC Research Centre on Micro-social Change and the Microsimulation Unit, which hosts the EUROMOD project (EUROMOD is a tax-benefit microsimulation model for the European Union that enables researchers and policy analysts to calculate, in a comparable manner, the effects of taxes and benefits on household incomes and work incentives for the population of each country and for the EU as a whole). It is also responsible for the design and management of the UK Household Longitudinal Study known as Understanding Society and its predecessor, the British Household Panel Survey. One current area of research is looking at Low income dynamics amongst pensioner households in the UK. <https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/misoc/strands/low-income-dynamics-amongst-pensioner-households-in-the-UK>

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Recent evidence

[Were we really all in it together? The distributional effects of the 2010-2015 UK Coalition government's tax-benefit policy changes: an end-of-term update 2015](#) | [Nowcasting: estimating developments in the risk of poverty and income distribution in 2013 and 2014.](#) | [Assessing the distributional impact of reforms to disability benefits for older people in the UK: implications of alternative measures of income and disability costs. 2014](#) | [Inequalities in social capital by age and sex. July 2015](#) | [CSI 8: Social capital: are we becoming lonelier and less civic? 2015](#)

Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)

IFS was launched with the principal aim of better informing public debate on economics in order to promote the development of effective fiscal policy. Its research remit is one of the broadest in public policy analysis, covering subjects from tax and benefits to education policy, from labour supply to corporate taxation. IFS hosts to the ESRC Centre for the Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy which analyses fiscal policy to determine its effects on households and companies.

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Recent evidence

[A tale of three distributions: inheritances, wealth and lifetime income 2015](#) | [Life-cycle consumption patterns at older ages in the US and the UK: can medical expenditures explain the difference?](#) | [Living Standards, Poverty and Inequality in the UK: 2015](#) | [Retirement in the 21st Century. 2014](#) | [The Changing Face of Retirement Future Patterns of Work, Health, Care and Income among the Older Population. 2014](#)

Institute for Health and Wellbeing - University of Glasgow

Aim is to improve population health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities in health.

Enabling health and wellbeing among older people: capitalising on resources in deprived areas through general practice (<http://www.scphrp.ac.uk/project-enabling-health-and-wellbeing-among-older-people-capitalising-on-resources-in-deprived-areas-through-general-practice/>) Posted on Thursday, May 29th, 2014 at 12:05 pm; written by Renee Ingram This project is a SCPHRP (Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research & Policy) seed-funded research project. Seed-funding research was part of the SCPHRP remit during the period of 2008-2012.

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Recent evidence

[Enabling Health and Wellbeing in Later Life Mapping: Scottish policies, programmes and initiatives: Report prepared for the Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research and Policy, March 2011](#)

Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)

IPPR's stated purpose is to conduct and publish research into, and promote public education in, the economic, social and political sciences, and in science and technology; including the effect of moral, social, political and scientific factors on public policy and on the living standards of all sections of the community.

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Recent evidence

[Next-generation social care: The role of e-marketplaces in empowering care users and transforming services. 2015](#) | [Charity Street: The value of charity to British households. 2014](#) | [For future living: Innovative approaches to joining up housing and health 2014](#) | [The generation strain: Collective solutions to care in an ageing society 2014](#) | [Condition of Britain briefing 3: Getting older and staying connected. 2013](#)

Institute of Gerontology - Kings College London

The Institute of Gerontology at King's College London brings together experts from a wide range of disciplines and has many long-standing research and teaching collaborations including the School of Medicine, Institute of Psychiatry, and the School of Biomedical Sciences. Founded in 1986, the Institute carries out multi-disciplinary research and teaching, acting as a bridge between the social and clinical sciences. Recent research has included the study of elder abuse; pensions and poverty; housing and technology; the health and social concerns of 'new' ageing populations; end of life care and bereavement; the demography of informal care; falls prevention among older people; and the

biology of natural ageing. Recent projects include An International Study of the role of Grandparents in Family Life -The Gulbenkian Foundation; The New Ageing Populations: Mapping Identities, Health, Needs and Responses Across the Lifecourse - ESRC Seminar Series; Literature review on the impact of trigger events on inequality and resilience in later life - Equality and Human Rights Commission; Improving the health, safety and wellbeing of vulnerable older people through professional integration of falls and accidental domestic fires risk assessment - Dunhill Medical Trust; Life course influences in inequality and poverty in old age: secondary analysis of existing data - Equality and Human Rights Commission; and Understanding the importance of work histories in determining poverty in old age: national insurance contributions and later life income - ESRC.

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Recent evidence

[The Health Impact of Intensive and Nonintensive Grandchild Care in Europe: New Evidence From SHARE \(2015\)](#) | [The Status of Housing Provisions for Older Adults in the UK and Other EU Countries, Assisted Living Innovation Platform \(2014\)](#) | [Wh at Drives National Differences in Intensive Grandparental Childcare in Europe? \(2015\)](#)

Institute of Health Equity - University College, London

The Institute was launched in November 2011, to build on previous work to tackle inequalities in health led by Professor Sir Michael Marmot and his team, including the 'Commission on Social Determinants of Health' and 'Fair Society Healthy Lives' (The Marmot Review). Current work includes a review of Social Determinants of Health and the Health Divide for the WHO European Region.

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Recent evidence

[The Marmot Review \(2010\)](#) | [Marmot Indicators 2015 Background Report](#) | [Marmot Indicators 2015](#) | [Marmot Indicators 2015 - Summary \(five most and least disadvantaged local areas\)](#)

Institute of Older Persons Health and Wellbeing - University of the West of Scotland

The Older Persons' Health and Wellbeing subject group at the University of the West of Scotland is a dedicated team of researchers with expertise in older persons' health and wellbeing who aim to: Advance education and training relating to later life; Promote and disseminate research with the aim of enabling older people to realise their full potential, enjoying reciprocal relationships with their families and communities; and Work in partnership with other agencies to improve the knowledge

and skills of those who work with and care for older people. The Centre conducts applied research on issues relating to older people's health and well-being and undertakes tailored evaluations of processes and services involving older people. Recent work includes Dementia in the Workplace: the potential for continued employment post-diagnosis (2013-2015) - Funded by the Alzheimer Society and Alcohol Use Across Retirement: An investigation of changing experiences of drinking, ageing & later years (2014-2016) - Funded by the Glasgow Centre for Population Health; Supporting People with Dementia and their Families: a co-produced learning programme for family and professional carers (2014-2015) - Funded by NHS Lanarkshire; Management of indwelling urinary catheters in community settings: using the experiences of patients, carers, community nurses and other health and social care staff to co-produce an education/training strategy (2014-2015) - Funded by Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland; Timely Transition: older people moving from acute care to another appropriate destination (2012-2014) - Funded by NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and Your Virtual Garden: using tablet technology to connect the person with dementia to the Flourishing Friends gardening project (2014).

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Recent evidence

[Older Persons' Health and Wellbeing Flyer \(pdf\)](#) | [Banks, P., Waugh, A., Henderson, J., Sharp, B., Brown, M., Oliver, J and Marland, G \(2013\) Enriching the care of patients with dementia in acute settings? The Dementia Champions Programme in Scotland. Dementia](#) | [Holland, S., Kydd, A. \(2014\) The lived experience of people newly diagnosed with dementia: a narrative study using a phenomenological approach. Clinical Nursing Studies 2\(1\) 64-73](#) | [Wild, D., Szczepura, A., Bowman, C., Kydd, A., Wallis, D. \(2014\) Differing perspectives on a role for technology in care homes - to improve the lives of older people and the work environment of staff. Housing, Care and Support Journal. 17 \(2\) 84-94](#) | [Kydd, A., Engström, G., Touhy, T., Newman, D., Skela-Savic, B., Hvalic Touzery, S., Zurb, J., Galatsch, M., Ito, M., Fagerberg, I. \(2014\) Attitudes of Nurses, and Student Nurses Towards Working with Older People and to Gerontological Nursing as a Career in Germany, Scotland, Slovenia, Sweden, Japan and the United States International Journal of Nurse Education July-December 2014, Vol. 6, No.2. 177-185](#)

The Intergenerational Foundation

The Intergenerational Foundation (IF) is an independent charity that exists to research fairness between the generations in order to protect the rights of younger and future generations in British policy-making. The Intergenerational Foundation say that while increasing longevity is to be welcomed, our changing demographic and expectations of entitlement are placing increasingly heavy burdens on younger and future generations. From housing, health and education to employment, taxation, pensions voting, spending, transport and environmental degradation, younger generations are under increasing pressure to maintain the intergenerational compact whilst

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Recent evidence

[Intergenerational Fairness Index 2015](#) | [The £600 billion Question: How public sector pension liabilities are being undervalued at the expense of future generations](#) | [Funding the Future: How Sovereign Wealth Funds Benefit Future Generations](#) | [Fare Concessions for Older People: identifying the numbers \(2013\)](#) | [Can the UK Afford to Pay Pensions?](#)

International Longevity Centre ILC-UK

ILC-UK focusses on some of the key challenges facing Government and society in the context of demographic change. Its policy remit is broad and covers everything from pensions and financial planning, to health and social care, housing design, and age discrimination. It works primarily with central government, but also actively builds relationships with local government, the private sector and relevant professional and academic associations. The ILC-UK is part of the International Longevity Centre Global Alliance which has 17 partners in the USA, Japan, the UK, France, the Dominican Republic, India, South Africa, Argentina, The Netherlands, Israel, Singapore, Czech Republic, China, Brazil, Canada, Australia and Germany. The alliance is a multinational research and educational consortium, united in a common purpose to understand and address the consequences of population ageing and advancing longevity.

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Recent evidence

[The End of Formal Adult Social Care? 2015](#) | [Understanding Retirement Journeys: Expectations vs reality 2015](#) | [Pension Pots and How to Survive Them 2015](#) | [The Costs and Benefits of Paying All the Lowest-Paid Care Home Workers in the UK the Living Wage 2015](#) | [Village Life 2015](#)

Ipsos MORI

Ipsos MORI is a large market research company based in London but with additional offices in Harrow, Manchester, Belfast, Edinburgh and Brussels. Ipsos MORI is a full service UK research company including financial services and market research in the areas of consumer, retail & shopper and healthcare, as well as social & political research who offer a range of online, telephone, face-to-face, mobile and omnibus fieldwork options. Recent work in the field of ageing and older age includes 'Later life in 2015' for the Centre for Ageing Better, 'Older people living with cancer' for Macmillan Cancer Support and 'Understanding the lives of older people living with frailty' for AgeUK.

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Recent evidence

[Later life in 2015: An analysis of the views and experiences of people aged 50 and over \(2015\)](#) | [Older people living with cancer \(2015\)](#) | [Understanding the lives of older people living with frailty \(2014\)](#)

Jewish Care

Jewish Care is the largest health and social care organisation serving the Jewish community in London and the South East, running a wide range of community centres and services, including residential care homes.

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Recent evidence

[An Agenda for Ageing Well Within the Jewish Community in the 21st Century. \(2015?\)](#)

Joint Committee on Human Rights, House of Lords / House of Commons

The Joint Committee on Human Rights is appointed by the House of Lords and the House of Commons to consider matters relating to human rights in the United Kingdom (but excluding consideration of individual cases); proposals for remedial orders, draft remedial orders and remedial orders. The Joint Committee has a maximum of six Members appointed by each House, of whom the quorum for any formal proceedings is two from each House. Chairman (2010-15 Parliament: Dr Hywel Francis MP (Labour) (Chairman, 2015- , Harriet Harman) The Committee's work includes scrutinising every Government Bill for its compatibility with human rights, including; The rights under the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) protected in UK law by the Human Rights Act 1998; Common law fundamental rights and liberties; The human rights contained in other international obligations of the UK.

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Recent evidence

[Implementation of the right of disabled people to independent living: twenty-third report of Session 2010-12: Report, together with formal minutes \(HL Paper 257; HC 1074\) \(1 March 2012\)](#) | [Implemen](#)

[tation of the right of disabled people to independent living: written evidence \(12 December 2011\) \[642 pp\]](#) | [Implementation of the right of disabled people to independent living: Government response to the Committee's twenty-third report of Session 2010-12: second report of Session 2012-13 \(HL Paper 23; HC 429\)](#) | [Implementation of the right of disabled people to independent living: oral evidence \(HC 1074 i-vi\)](#)

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is an independent organisation working to inspire social change through research, policy and practice. In its strategic plan for 2015-2017 it identified four key themes which will run through its work: partnerships, diversity, power and digital. The plan identified some of its key recent achievements including: contributing to the development of dementia friendly communities and employers; working with communities in the North of England to address loneliness; commissioning a comprehensive evidence review of how to reduce poverty in the UK to inform the development of anti-poverty strategies for the four nations; delivering high-quality housing and care in the North East of England; investigating the nature of care homes in the 21st century, and completing an inquiry into risk and regulation.

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Recent evidence

[Dementia friendly communities: supported learning and outreach with the deaf community. 2015](#) | [Low-income retirees, financial position and wellbeing. 2015](#) | [Dementia without Walls – reflections from people with dementia. 2015](#) | [The costs and benefits of paying all the lowest-paid care home workers in the UK the Living Wage. 2015](#) | [Where next for pensioner living standards? 2015](#)

Keele University - See; Centre for Social Gerontology - Keele University

Kent, University of - See: Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU); and Tizard Centre - University of Kent

Kings College London - See: Global Observatory for Ageing and Dementia Care; Institute of Gerontology - Kings College London; and Social Care Workforce Research Unit (SCWRU) - King's College London

Kings Fund

The King's Fund is an independent charity working to improve health and health care in England. It helps to shape policy and practice through research and analysis; promoting the understanding of the health and social care system; and bringing people together to learn, share knowledge and debate. Key topics include: commissioning, integrated care, public health and inequalities, mental health, patient experience, and quality of care. It publishes the British Social Attitudes Survey <http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/articles/british-social-attitudes-2014>

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Recent evidence

[Place based systems of care A way forward for the NHS in England. 2015](#) | [Inequalities in life expectancy. 2015](#) | [Managing quality in community health care services. 2014](#) | [Making our health and care systems fit for an ageing population. 2014](#) | [Providing integrated care for older people with complex needs. 2014](#)

Knowledgehub (formerly LGA Knowledge hub)

The Knowledge Hub provides facilities for group discussion and collaboration and for uploading and sharing documents and information. "Bringing the collective intelligence of the public and not for profit sectors together since 2006." The digital collaboration platform for global public service. As the UK's largest platform for public service collaboration, Knowledge Hub helps members and communities to freely connect, share knowledge, develop their initiatives and exchange expertise in a secure online environment. Over 1500 organisations use the Knowledge Hub, made up of users who are practitioners, elected members, civil servants, researchers, policy makers, suppliers, volunteers... and many more. (e.g. Local Government Association, central government departments, local authorities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland; education, health and housing sectors; police and fire services; not for profits).

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Recent evidence

[Working Carers - Employers Guide - Print version](#) | [Working Carers - Employers Guide - Web version](#)

KT-EQUAL: Putting ageing and disability research into practice

KT-EQUAL was a £1.8m programme funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC). It ran from 2009 -2013 and was a successor to EQUAL and SPARC. KT-EQUAL - (Knowledge Transfer for Extending Quality Life of Older and Disabled People), The KT EQUAL programme was organized and delivered as 4 interrelated work packages (WPs. WP 0: Consortium, co-ordination and management (Sheffield; Cambridge; Reading) WP 1: Ensuring the continuity of

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Recent evidence

[The Science of Age- Supportive Built Environments](#) | [Assistive technologies What is their place in the mainstream market?](#)

LaingBuisson

LaingBuisson produce a series of comprehensive and informative reports on the social and health care markets including the Care of Older People, the Care Home Pay and Extra Care Housing as well as monthly bulletins on health and social care in the independent sector.

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Recent evidence

[CareSearch](#) | [Care of Elderly People UK Market Survey](#) | [Care of Older People 27th ed 2015](#) | [Extra Care Housing 13th ed 2015](#)

Lancaster University - See: Centre for Ageing Research (C4AR)

LGiU [Local Government Information Unit]

LGiU is a think tank and local authority membership organisation as well as a registered charity. Its mission is to strengthen local democracy to put citizens in control of their own lives, communities and local services.(NB: this is a subscription of organisation, and if you sign up for something, you could be invoiced). Report, Key to Care, as a follow-up to LGiU@s final report of the Burstow Commission on the Future of the Home Care Workforce. care and Continuity ... is a guide, which supports the implementation of the Care Act 2014, and was developed on behalf of ADASS, the Department of Health and the LGA. There is some element of collaboration with the LGA, (<http://www.local.gov.uk/care-support-reform>); both reports by Ingrid Koehler of LGiU. State of care ... (Author: Lauren Lucas); done in collaboration with County All Party Parliamentary Group and County Councils Network. LGiU has selected five themes as a focus for its work in 2015: Wellbeing and fun; Caring for people; Technology and transformation; Localism and devolution; and Resilient places.

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Recent evidence

[Key to Care, one year on \(30 November 2015\)](#) | [Care and Continuity: Contingency planning for provider failure A guide for local authorities: Supporting the implementation of the Care Act 2014 \(20 October 2015\)](#) | [The State of Care in Counties The Integration Imperative \(4 March 2015\)](#)

Lifelong Health and Wellbeing (LLHW)

Lifelong Health and Wellbeing (LLHW) was a cross-council initiative supporting multi-disciplinary research addressing factors across the life course that influence healthy ageing and wellbeing in later life. LLHW involved Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC); Biotechnology and Biological Research Council (BBSRC); Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC); Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC); Medical Research Council (MRC); and UK health departments. The initiative aimed to Lead to improvements in health and quality of later life; Inform policy and practice; and Increase capacity building in ageing-related research. Between 2008 and 2015, the LLHW programme committed £51m supporting multidisciplinary ageing research. The LLHW programme closed at the end of March 2015. Groups of research projects funded included Extending working lives; Design for Wellbeing: Ageing and mobility in the built environment; Promoting Physical Activity in Older Age; Markers of ageing - Biomarkers of Healthy Ageing; and Hearing Aid Networks.

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Recent evidence

[Active, Connected and Engaged Neighbourhoods](#) | [Using natural experiments to evaluate population health interventions](#) | [Live Well](#) | [Envisage -A new approach to rehabilitation](#) | [Profiles of physical activity in older adults](#)

Local Government Association (LGA)

The LGA is a politically-led, cross-party organisation that works on behalf of councils to ensure local government has a strong, credible voice with national government. It aims to influence and set the political agenda on the issues that matter to councils so they are able to deliver local solutions to national problems. All English councils are members of the LGA* (414 authorities in total). These members include 349 English councils, the 22 Welsh councils via the Welsh LGA, 31 fire authorities, 10 national parks and one town council. *With the exception of the London Boroughs of Barnet, Bromley, Wandsworth and Sheffield City Council.

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Recent evidence

[National Social Care Category Strategy for local government \(October 2015\)](#) | [Commissioning for better outcomes: a route map](#) | [Ageing: the silver lining](#)

London School of Economics (LSE) - See: LSE Centre for Economic Performance; and Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU)

Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA) - University of Manchester

The Institute acts as an information hub for research on ageing at the University of Manchester linking academics across the University and serving as an entry point for those interested in its research. It has eight research themes: social and cultural change in later life; later life working, retirement and pensions; inequalities, health and well-being; engineering, environment and technology; public policy and care provision; frailty, cognition and dementia; physical decline and tissue regeneration; and biology of ageing and the life span. In 2015 MICRA launched a dementia website.

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Recent evidence

Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. | [Onset of, and recovery from, visual impairment: analysis of causes and consequences using the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing. 2015](#) | [Researching Age-friendly cities. Stories from older people as co-investigators. 2015](#) | [Social Isolation Among Older People booklet. 2015](#) | [How are work requirements and environments evolving and what will be the impact of this on individuals who will reach 65 in 2025 and 2040?](#)

Manchester, University of - See: School of Social Sciences University of Manchester; and Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA);

Mansfield Advisors

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Recent evidence

[Market Outlook: UK Elderly Care Sector - Colliers Spring 2014 Healthcare Research and Market Review - Dr Victor Chua](#) | [Elderly Care](#)

Medical Research Council (MRC)

The Medical Research Council improves human health through medical research. It funds research across the biomedical spectrum, from fundamental lab-based science to clinical trials, and in all major disease areas. In 2014/15, the MRC spent £771.8m on research. MRC supports medical research in three main ways: Through its own research facilities; By funding research centres in partnership with universities; and By providing research grants and career awards to scientists in UK universities and hospitals. MRC is one of the seven funding research councils.

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Recent evidence

[Biomarkers of Healthy Ageing](#) | [LLHW: A strategy for collaborative ageing research in the UK](#) | [Cognitive Function and Ageing Studies II \(CFAS II\)](#)

Mental Health Foundation

Works with and for people with mental health problems, learning disabilities or reduced mental capacity across the full spectrum of severe mental illness, public mental health, happiness and wellbeing. It develops and runs research and delivery programmes across the UK and offers information and advice to individuals and their carers. It is creating 25 self-help and peer-support groups for older people who are lonely and socially isolated in extra care and sheltered housing schemes across London. The project is run in partnership with Housing and Care 21.

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Recent evidence

[Prevention Review: Landscape paper. 2015 \(Launch of a series of reviews examining prevention activity at different stages of the life course\).](#) | [Dementia, rights, and the social model of disability. 2015](#)

Methodist Homes (MHA)

MHA is a charity providing care, accommodation and support services for more than 16,000 older people in the UK. Its mission is to improve the quality of life of older people, inspired by Christian concern. It supports older people living in its care homes and purpose-built apartments and also those living in their own homes.

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Mind

Mind provides information and support to anyone experiencing a mental health problem. Its local Minds support over 400,000 people across England and Wales with services ranging from supported housing, crisis helplines, drop-in centres, employment and training schemes to counselling and befriending. It publishes a wide range of guides and offers mental health training, consultancy and coaching.

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MRC/CSO Institute of Hearing Research - Scottish Section

The Scottish Section is part of the Medical Research Council Institute of Hearing Research (MRC IHR), and is funded jointly by the intramural programmes of the MRC and the Chief Scientist Office (CSO) of the Scottish Government Health Directorates. Its offices and hearing labs are in the New Lister Building at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. One in six UK adults has an auditory disability, rising to one in two over 75. A better understanding of the problems caused by hearing loss is therefore crucial for better public health. This goal underpins the fundamental question defining our research: what does a hearing loss mean for an individual? We are investigating this question by studying how hearing losses in older adults affect their health & quality of life and their auditory perception, especially in the domains of spatial perception and speech intelligibility. We are also investigating what benefits hearing aids can offer.

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Recent evidence

[Auditory disability and spatial hearing: abstract and description of research: the official record of this research project on Gateway to Research website](#) | [Auditory impairment and disability: research topics and recent publications \(viewed 8/1/2016\)](#)

MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow

MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow. aims to improve human health and wellbeing via the study of social, behavioural, economic, cultural and environmental influences on health. Its more specific objectives include: studying the multiple interacting processes through which biological, social, behavioural, economic, cultural and environmental factors influence physical and mental health and health behaviours over the lifecourse discovering mechanisms which can modify these processes and have the potential to improve public health in a complex and changing world developing and evaluating interventions which harness these mechanisms to improve public health and reduce social inequalities in health influencing policy and practice by communicating the results and implications of research to a range of audiences The Unit's nine programmes of research have been recast into six new programmes: Complexity in Health Improvement; Measurement and Analysis of Socio-economic Inequalities in Health; Social Relationships and Health Improvement; Understanding and Improving Health within Settings and Organisations; Neighbourhoods and Communities; and Informing Healthy Public Policy .

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Recent evidence

[Brown J, Neary J, Katikireddi SV, et al. Protocol for a mixed-methods longitudinal study to identify factors influencing return to work in the over 50s participating in the UK Work Programme: Supporting Older People into Employment \(SOPIE\) \(BMJ Open 2015;5:e010525. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2015-010525\) \(16 November 2015\) | Hintsa T, Kouvonen A, McCann M, Jokela M, Elovainio M, Demakakos P. Higher effort–reward imbalance and lower job control predict exit from the labour market at the age of 61 years or younger: evidence from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing. Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health 2015;69:543-9](#)

My Home Life

My Home Life is a UK-wide initiative that claims to promote quality of life and deliver positive change in care homes for older people. It works with care homes, statutory bodies, community organisations and others to co-create new ways of working to better meet the needs of older people, relatives and staff. It publishes a range of practical resources and toolkits for use in homes and publishes a regular bulletin for care home staff, It runs a Users and Carers Involvement Group which meets several times a year to act as a check that it is supporting care homes to deliver the best quality of life possible.

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Recent evidence

[My Home Life Toolkit resources](#) | [My Home Life Literature Review. 2007](#)

National Association for Retired Police Officers (NARPO)

NARPO represents the interests of over 86,000 former police officers of all ranks together with their widows, widowers and former partners. Its primary concern is to promote measures for the welfare of members with particular regard to pensions. In promoting these aims it takes a general interest in all issues affecting the health and wellbeing of older people in society. It runs an annual conference and offers free legal and insurance advice to members.

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National Audit Office

The National Audit Office (NAO) scrutinises public spending for Parliament. Its public audit perspective helps Parliament hold government to account and improve public services. The Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG), Amyas Morse, leads the NAO and is an Officer of the House of Commons. He and the staff of the NAO (about 800 people) are independent of government. They are not civil servants and do not report to a minister. Its reports evaluate the value for money of public spending and recommend how public bodies, nationally and locally, can improve services. Also, following the closure of the Audit Commission in April 2015 the NAO will set the standards for public audit. (Hence also why there is a general theme, Local service delivery.) Related to Public Accounts Committee, which does follow-up investigations on topics covered by NAO; also provides links to related items/ other work in progress. (See: <https://www.nao.org.uk/work-in-progress/>) For example, a report on Progress with personalised commissioning in adult social care is expected in Spring 2016 (Director: Aileen Murphie; Audit Manager: Andy Whittingham). Baseline review of programme to improve access to mental health services.

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Recent evidence

[Stocktake of access to general practice in England \(HC 605, session 2015-16 27\) \(27 November](#)

[2015](#) | [Care Act first-phase reforms - local experience of implementation \(Local government report\) \(August 2015\)](#) | [Care Quality Commission: capacity and capability to regulate the quality and safety of health and adult social care \(HC 271 session 2015-16, 22 July 2015\)](#)

National Care Forum (NCF)

The National Care Forum is a membership organisation for not-for-profit organisations providing care and support services in the UK. It promotes the benefits of the not-for-profit model of care services provision. Its activities centre round assisting members to keep up to date with developments in the care sector and promoting improvements in the quality of services. NCF Quality First is a framework which demonstrates the commitment of NCF members to providing a high quality and continually improving service. It gives members access to a range of resources. http://www.nationalcareforum.org.uk/quality-first.asp?menu_ID=105 NCF runs an annual conference and an annual managers conference and publishes a range of annual surveys, including a workforce survey of staff numbers, turnover, recruitment, retention, age profile, qualifications, sickness absence and agency costs.

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Recent evidence

[Personnel Statistics Report. 2015](#) | [Creative Homes: How the arts can contribute to quality of life in residential care. 2011](#) | [Nutrition and Domestic Survey. 2012](#)

National Centre for Ageing Science and Innovation (NASI) - Newcastle University

The National Centre for Ageing Science and Innovation is a new centre at Newcastle University, starting in 2016, with a budget of £40 million, one half of which is provided by national government. The Centre will support research into diagnostics, wellbeing and ageing as well as other age-relevant themes including home design, finance, transport and mobility. The Centre is headed by Professor Roy Sandbach, formerly Director of Research and Development in the commercial sector with Procter & Gamble and Chair of the Innovation Board of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership.

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National Centre for Social Research (NatCen)

NatCen is Britain's largest independent social research agency. It is involved in carrying out a number of social and health surveys with a bearing on older age including the Health Survey for England (HSE) and the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA). ELSA follows the lives of people in England aged 50 and over.

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Recent evidence

[Health Survey for England](#) | [English Longitudinal Study of Ageing \(ELSA\)](#) | [The dynamics of ageing: Evidence from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing 2002-12 \(Wave 6\)](#) | [Predicting wellbeing](#)

National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi)

A not-for-profit organisation which works to promote inclusive lives for people who are most at risk of exclusion and who may need support to lead a full life. Older people are one group of people that they work with through enabling health, social care, housing and community organisations to improve how they work with people as they age, resulting in effective and impactful services and community interventions. It does this by policy work, research and evaluation and development consultancy.

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Recent evidence

[Commissioning relationship centred care in Essex: an evaluation. 2014](#) | [Supporting older people with learning disabilities: a toolkit for health and social care commissioners. 2014](#) | [Co-production involving and led by older people: an evidence and practice review. 2014](#)

National Institute for Care and Health Excellence (NICE)

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) provides national guidance and advice to improve health and social care. NICE's role is to improve outcomes for people using the NHS and other public health and social care services, by: producing evidence based guidance and advice for health, public health and social care practitioners developing quality standards and performance metrics for those providing and commissioning health, public health and social care services; and providing a range of information services for commissioners, practitioners and managers across the spectrum of health and social care. Quality standards include End of Life Care for Adults; Falls; Home Care; Mental Wellbeing of Older People in Care Homes; and Prevention of Dementia; Social Care of Older People with Multiple Long Term Conditions. <https://www.nice.org.uk/standards-and-indicators> NICE Pathways is an online tool providing easy access to the range of guidance from NICE,

including quality standards, technology appraisals, clinical, public health and social care guidelines and NICE implementation tools. (see Mental Wellbeing... listed below) The website has examples of local practice case studies with a collection of over 500 working examples of quality improvement in health and social care services. For example: Integrated Care Clinical Pharmacist for Frail Older People: Case Management and Enhanced Rapid Response; The Diagnosis of Levels of Distress for End of Life Residents in Care Homes. See all at <https://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/into-practice/local-practice-case-studies> The website also gives access to a range of evidence and awareness services including: Evidence Search, which provides free open access to a unique index of selected and authoritative health and social care evidence-based information.

<http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/> NICE Clinical Knowledge Summaries which provide primary care practitioners with access to evidence-based guidance on over 330 key conditions presenting in primary care. <https://www.nice.org.uk/About/What-we-do/Evidence-Services/Clinical-knowledge-summaries>

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Recent evidence

[Care of dying adults in the last days of life \(NICE guideline 31\). 2015](#) | [Falls in older people: assessing risk and prevention](#) | [Older people with social care needs and multiple long-term conditions \(NICE guidance 22\). 2015](#) | <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/published?type=guidelines> (complete list of guidance) | **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is noted for producing and promoting research evidence to support decision making in health and social care. It carries out Systematic Reviews and has an annual budget of around £13 million. The NIHR Systematic Review Infrastructure (NSRI) comprises: the UK Cochrane Centre (UKCC) and Cochrane Review Groups; the Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD); and Technology Assessment Review (TAR) teams. Twenty NIHR-funded Cochrane Review Groups, all based in academic or health institutions in the UK, cover a wide range of areas of healthcare including dementia, depression, heart disease, oral health, palliative care, pregnancy and childbirth and schizophrenia. The Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD), at the University of York, is a centre of excellence in health research synthesis and a national resource on systematic reviews providing access to DARE (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects), NHS EED (the NHS Economic Evaluation Database) and the HTA (Health Technology Assessment) database. Health Technology Assessment Reviews (TARs) provide a rigorous evidence assessment of the benefits, harms and costs of particular healthcare treatments and tests for those who plan, provide or receive care in the NHS. TARs are prepared by specialist independent academic groups based at universities in the UK.

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Recent evidence

[A brief overview of the National Institute for Health Research](#) | [Exercise programs for people with dementia \(2015\)](#) | [Hearing aids for tinnitus in people with hearing loss \(2015\)](#) | [Enabling Research in Care Homes \(ENRICH\) Toolkit. 2015](#)

National Institute for Social and Economic Research

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research is Britain's longest established independent research institute, founded in 1938. The vision of its founders was to carry out research to improve understanding of the economic and social forces that affect people's lives, and the ways in which policy can bring about change. NIESR's quarterly economic forecasts are produced using a global econometric model, NiGEM, which is also used by many European Central Banks and international organisations such as the IMF.

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Recent evidence

[Who Wins? Evaluating the Impact of UK Public Sector Pension Scheme Reforms](#) | [An economic analysis of the existing taxation of pensions \(EET\) versus an alternative regime \(TEE\)](#) | [Employers' Pension Provision Survey 2013](#) | [Funding Pensions in Scotland: Would Independence Matter?](#) | [A Cost-benefit Analysis of Cataract Surgery based on the English Longitudinal Survey of Ageing \(2012\)](#)

National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE)

From 1 January 2016, NIACE and the Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion will merge to become Learning and Work Institute. NIACE has, for many years, been the National Voice for Lifelong Learning and has produced a number of informative reports. Life-long learning is generally accepted as beneficial for older people, irrespective of what is being learnt, and is well thought of by its participants. The benefits may come, in part, from the beneficial effects of the associated social interaction. There is however little or no concrete evidence of the long-term health effects of continued learning in older age and this may indicate a gap in the evidence base.

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Recent evidence

[A better future for us all](#) | [Learning for older people in care settings](#) | [McNair S \(2012\) Older people's learning in 2012: A survey](#) | [McNair S \(2011\) Older people's learning and education: what do we know? A NIACE paper for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Leicester:](#)

National Pensioners Convention

The National Pensioners Convention was established to carry forward the Trade Union Congress (TUC)'s Campaign for Pensioners. The issues would include the need for travel concessions, help with telephone and TV charges, rising heating costs, the Christmas bonus and the provision of social care. The primary aim of the campaign would centre around the demand that pensioner couples should receive a state pension of not less than half the average gross earnings and a single pensioner one third of average gross earnings. In June 1979 the first National Pensioners' Convention was held at the Central Hall, Westminster; attended by 2500 older people, who discussed and then adopted a Declaration of Intent. It stated: This Convention declares that every pensioner has the right to choice, dignity, independence and security as an integral and valued member of society. In April 1992, representatives of 357 organisations attended a two-day Congress in Birmingham at which an amended version of the Declaration of Intent was adopted. This marked both the start of the annual Pensioners' Parliament and the birth of the NPC in the way it is known today. The National Pensioners Convention is primarily a democratically based campaigning organisation, defending the rights and interests of older people, but it is also an information provider, producing practical informational books and leaflets, particularly on finance and pensions, but also general interest publications such as 'Home Front', interviews with older people on their experiences as non-combatants in the second world war.

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Recent evidence

[For what its worth: Understanding the new state pension](#) | [Facts and figures about older people](#) | [Fuel poverty factsheet](#) | [NPC Dignity Code](#) | [A Decent State Pension For All Generations](#)

National Prevention Research Initiative (NPRI)

The National Prevention Research Initiative (NPRI) was established by 11 research funders including government departments, research councils and medical charities. Through four funding calls (between 2005 and 2011), NPRI-funded research aimed to reduce the burden of chronic non-communicable disease by investigating the role of health-related behaviour, particularly alcohol consumption, smoking, diet and physical activity. The initiative also aimed to build capacity for public health prevention research.

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Recent evidence

NESTA

NESTA was created by Government in 1998 with a broad remit 'to promote innovation and help ideas come to life'. Since then, most of its work has been in the areas of technology, society and the arts. In 2012, it became a charity independent of government. Some of its key achievements have been to pilot different models of People Powered Health; to pioneer social investment; to improve the way evidence is used by bringing together 2,000 organisations and individuals into the Alliance for Useful Evidence to help public services and charities become better at using the available evidence and to help researchers make their evidence useful and usable; to develop an innovation skills DIY Toolkit; and running a flagship festival, FutureFest. A recent initiative is Health Lab which brings together Nesta's practical work on health and ageing to achieve more impact.

<http://www.nesta.org.uk/publications/introducing-health-lab> It has also helped to persuade the government to back a network of six what works centres, including the Centre for Ageing Better.

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Recent evidence

[How should we think about value in health and care? 2015](#) | [Remember me: Improving quality of life for people with dementia and their carers through impact investment. 2015](#) | [Who cares? The role that entrepreneurs and technology can play in improving informal care in the UK. 2014](#) | [Five hours a day. Systemic innovation for an ageing population. 2013](#)

New Dynamics of Ageing

The NDA Programme was the first, cross-Council, multi-disciplinary research Programme on ageing. Launched in 2006, this eight to ten year programme was a unique collaboration between five UK Research Councils: the ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council), the Engineering and Physical Science Research Council (EPSRC), the Biological and Biotechnology Research Council (BBSRC), the Medical Research Council (MRC) and the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC). The 35 projects include Ageing and Biology: A combined genetic and small molecule approach to studying the role of p38/MK2 stress signalling pathway; Ageing and Fiction: Fiction and the cultural meditation of ageing; Ages and Stages: The place of theatre in representations and recollections of ageing; Art and identity: Contemporary visual art and identity construction - wellbeing amongst older people; BRAZZA2: Ageing, well-being and development. A comparative study of Brazil and South Africa; CALL-ME: Promoting Independence and Social Engagement among Older People in Disadvantaged Communities; Cardiovascular ageing; Cell ageing; Design for ageing well: Improving quality of life for the ageing population using a technology enabled garment system; Dignity in care: Maintaining dignity in later life: a longitudinal qualitative study of older people's experiences of supportive care; Envision: Innovation in envisioning dynamic biomechanical data to inform healthcare and design practice; Financial abuse: Detecting and preventing financial abuse: an

examination of decision-making by managers and professionals; HALCyon: Healthy Ageing Across the Life Course; Kitchen living: Transitions in kitchen living; Landscapes: Landscapes of cross-generational engagement; Longitudinal ageing: Trajectories of Senescence through Markov Models; Longitudinal data: Transitions, choices and health at older ages: life course analyses of longitudinal data; Look At Me: Representing self - representing ageing; Map2030: Modelling ageing populations to 2030; mappmal: Multidisciplinary approaches to develop prototype for the prevention of malnutrition in older people; MINA: Migration, nutrition and ageing across the lifecourse in Bangladeshi families. A transnational perspective; Mobility and Ageing: New metrics for exploring the relationship between mobility and successful ageing; Music for life: Promoting social engagement and well-being in older people through participation in musical activities; NANA: Novel assessment of nutrition and ageing; OPUS: Older people's use of unfamiliar space; Poverty in India: Ageing, poverty and neoliberalism in urban South India; Quality of life: Psychometric testing of the multidimensional older people's quality of life questionnaire; Rural Ageing: An interdisciplinary exploration of the connectivity of older people in rural civic society; Safety on Stairs: Biomechanical and Sensory Constraints of Step and Stair Negotiation in Old Age; SomnIA: Optimising quality of sleep among older people; South Asian: Families and caring in South Asian communities; Stress and immunity: Synergistic effects of physical and psychological stress upon immunosenescence; SUS-IT: Sustaining IT use by older people to promote autonomy and independence; TACT3: Tackling ageing continence through theory, tools and technology; Working Late: Strategies to enhance productive and healthy environments for the older workers.

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Recent evidence

[Evaluating the impact of the New Dynamics of Ageing research programme](#) | [The NDA Handbook - A summary of findings from the New Dynamics of Ageing research programme](#) | [New Dynamics of Ageing Programme - Older People's Reference Group - End of Programme Report](#)

New Economics Foundation

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Recent evidence

[Budgets and Beyond Exploring people's experiences of social care through personalisation and co-production. \(2012\)](#)

New Local Government Network (NLGN)

NLGN statement: "The network is a collaboration of around 50 organisations from the public and private sectors united by the belief that local government, through partnership working, can not only navigate the current spending reductions but turn present circumstances to their advantage. NLGN membership is restricted to organisations that have a core commitment to innovation, from the smallest districts to the largest counties, and the established providers to new entrants. At 50 organisations, we're small enough to provide a meaningful network experience, and large enough to convene conversations at the highest level across the sectors. NLGN does not offer public affairs advice and equally we are not a representative body for local government. Rather, we provide members with unique opportunities to work with leading councils and corporates as part of a movement for better local government. As such, our network is at the heart of what we do and what we are trying to achieve." NLGN sent written evidence to the House of Commons' Communities and Local Government Committee inquiry on the Government's Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill, in which it describes itself as "the leading think tank for local government. We work with a network of many of the country's most innovative councils and businesses to inspire tomorrow's public services."

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Recent evidence

[Place-based health: a position paper; Jessica Studdert, Sarah Stopforth \(NLGN and Collaborate\) \[December 16, 2015\]](#) | [The red, the blue, the NHS and you: how Labour and Conservative approach to health and social care integration differ: roundtable writeup; Sarah Stopforth \(NLGN dialogue series\) \(7 April 2015\)](#)

New Philanthropy Capital

New Philanthropy Capital provides consultancy services to support funders, grant-givers and other charities in their work. NPC exists to help the charity sector work as effectively as possible, so that the resources invested in it change the most lives for the better. NPC is not, in itself, a funder but it helps potential grant-givers identify suitable targets for their funding. NPC brings together charities and funders to improve understanding and enhance their combined impact. NPC have supported the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) to prepare a case for a health analytical service/data lab, which would measure impact on secondary care: A&E, admissions, readmissions, lengths of stay and costs. The service could provide insight and analysis to help charities working in health and care assess the value of their interventions and secure future funding. NPC also operates as an independent think-tank to "identify issues that are preventing the sector from achieving its potential, explore ways to overcome them, and work with partners to catalyse change".

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Recent evidence

[Better later life: recommendations on the work on the Centre for Better Ageing](#) | [The Best Medicine? The importance of relationships for health and wellbeing](#) | [Decision time: Will the voluntary sector embrace the age of opportunity?](#)

Newcastle University - See: Centre for Research into the Older Workforce (CROW); National Centre for Ageing Science and Innovation (NASI); Newcastle University Institute for Ageing (NUIA); and Years Ahead Partnership Board (the North East Regional Forum on Ageing)

Newcastle University Institute for Ageing (NUIA)

The Newcastle University Institute for Ageing (NUIA) was created in 2014 and claims to have the largest number of academics working on aspects of ageing of any institution in Europe. The institute focuses on promoting healthy ageing and independent living; understanding the fundamental biology of the ageing process aiming at finding and validating interventions to extend healthy life; creating age-friendly communities and technologies; and addressing the key economic and social challenges presented by our rapidly ageing societies, in particular social inequalities in health both locally and nationally. Newcastle University also hosts a number of Research Council funded ageing research centres including the MRC Lifelong Health and Wellbeing Centre for Ageing and Activity; NIHR Biomedical Research Centre on Ageing; NIHR Biomedical Research Unit on Lewy Body Dementia; NIHR School for Primary Care Research and FUSE, a UKCRC virtual centre of excellence in public health focused on improving population health and reducing health inequalities. The Medical Research Council Cognitive Function and Ageing Study (CFAS) indicates that rates of dementia in the UK have fallen substantially over the past two decades.

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Recent evidence

[NUIA Annual Review 2014-15](#) | [Current Developments in Dementia Risk Prediction Modelling: An Updated Systematic Review](#) | [Magnitude of fragility fracture risk in the very old-are we meeting their needs? The Newcastle 85+Study](#)

NHS Research Scotland (NRS)

NHS Research Scotland (NRS) promotes and supports excellence in clinical and translational research in Scotland so that patients can benefit from new and better treatments. Formed through a partnership of Scottish NHS Boards and the Chief Scientist Office (CSO) of Scottish Government, it

works to ensure that NHS Scotland provides the best environment to support clinical research. Age and ageing one of NRS's research areas. Role is to support the delivery of high quality clinical research relevant to the care of older people. NRS helps to manage participant recruitment to time and target, both for studies which are led from Scotland, and studies led from other nations which Scottish sites are participating in. NRS provides support in the following areas: Managing the study portfolio record; Monitoring the attainment of recruitment targets; Providing advice on study design and feasibility; Troubleshooting issues with poor recruitment; Identifying potential sites for studies; Facilitating access to resource to support research, for example through the Clinical Research Facility; (CRF) Research Nurses; and Facilitating research links and networking. It oversees observational and interventional research that is relevant to the care of older people. The topics of research include: The mechanisms of ageing; Physical activity in older people; Frailty; Sedentary behaviour; Sarcopenia; Dementia; Delirium; Stroke; Parkinson's disease; Falls; Heart failure An excellent website for finding links to the many research areas being investigated , especially on the Dementia and Neurodegenerative Disease section. There is also much collaboration between the research areas, as is the case with the two examples given.

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Recent evidence

[Forests as places of mental well-being for people with dementia; Mandy Cook \(Research note\) \(June 2015\)](#)

Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study Research Support Unit

The Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study (NILS) has been formally available to researchers since the end of 2006. It comprises two major data linkage studies: the NILS and the Northern Ireland Mortality Study (NIMS). These were developed by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) and are maintained and managed by them as a resource for research. Dr Ian Shuttleworth is currently Director of the ESRC-funded NILS Research Support Unit (NILS RSU) and is also a member of the NI Census Advisory Group and the ESRC Census Advisory Committee.

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Recent evidence

[The use of house value \(as defined by rateable value\) as an indicator of cumulative wealth in older people: a study using the Northern Ireland Mortality study; Sheelah Connelly, Queen's University, Belfast \(Project 034\) \[2010-2011\]](#) | [The variation and determinants of the admission of older people to residential and nursing homes in Northern Ireland; Dermot O'Reilly and Mark McCann, Queen's University, Belfast, Centre for Public Health \(Project 007\) \(2011- \)](#) | [Access to transportation, voluntary participation and the self-reported physical and mental health of older people who live alone in rural and urban Northern Ireland; Stefanie Doeblér, Ian Shuttleworth and Claire O'Boyle, Queen's University Belfast \(Project 081\) \[ongoing\]](#)

Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA)

NISRA is the principal source of official statistics and social research on Northern Ireland. Its mission is to provide a high quality and cost effective registration, statistics and research service. As part of Promoting Social Inclusion (PSI), a commitment was given in the Programme for Government that the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister (OFMDFM) would establish a working group to consider the factors that cause older people to be at risk of exclusion. The PSI Working Group on Older People was established in 2002 and consisted of representatives from Northern Ireland departments, the wider public sector, the voluntary sector and organisations representing older people.

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Recent evidence

[A profile of older people in Northern Ireland: annual update \(2015\) \(December 2015\)](#)

Nuffield Foundation

The Nuffield Foundation is a charitable trust established in 1943 by William Morris, Lord Nuffield, the founder of Morris Motors. The aim of the Nuffield Foundation is to improve social well-being by funding research and innovation in education and social policy and building research capacity in science and social science. The Nuffield Foundation aims to improve social wellbeing through education, research and innovation. Current funding programmes include 'Finances of Ageing'. The Finances of Ageing programme takes a broad interest in aspects of finance, economics, and transfers related to individual and population ageing.

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Nuffield Trust

The Nuffield Trust is an independent health charity that aims to improve the quality of health care in the UK by providing evidence-based research and policy analysis and informing and generating debate. The aim is to help achieve a high quality health and social care system that improves the health and care of people in the UK. by improving the evidence base that leads to better care by undertaking rigorous applied research and policy analysis; using the charity's independence to provide expert commentary, analysis and scrutiny of policy and practice; and bringing together policy-makers, practitioners and others to develop solutions to the challenges facing the health and social care system. Current work programmes include: NHS and social care reform; Quality of care; The NHS workforce; New models of health care delivery; Older people and complex care.

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Recent evidence

[Putting integrated care into practice: the North West London experience](#) | [Health and social care priorities for the Government: 2015–2020](#) | [Exploring the cost of care at the end of life](#) | [Focus on: social care for older people](#) | [Caring for an ageing population: points to consider from reform in Japan](#)

Office for National Statistics (ONS)

The ONS Measuring National Well-being programme aims to produce accepted and trusted measures of the well-being of the nation - how the UK as a whole is doing (as in Insights to loneliness ...; and Inequalities in social capital by age and sex) <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/under-guidance/well-being/index.html> Life Events and Population Sources, compiles evidence-based information such as The national survey of bereaved people. (Contact details: Tel. +44 (0)1633 456431; Email: helen.r.colvin@ons.gsi.gov.uk) More overarching is the ONS Omnibus Service, which exists to provide others with a fast and cost effective way of collecting high quality information to the same standards as National Statistics without incurring the costs of setting up a stand-alone survey.

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Recent evidence

[Insights into loneliness, older people and well-being, 2015](#) | [The national survey of bereaved people](#)

[\(VOICES\), 2014 \[Views of Informal Carers - Evaluation of Services\], 09 July 2015](#) | [Inequalities in social capital by age and sex \(July 2015\)](#) | [Measuring national well-being: an analysis of social capital in the UK \(29 January 2015\)](#)

Office of Health Economics (OHE)

The OHE conducts research and provides consultancy services on health economics and related policy issues that affect health care and the life sciences industries. Its work spans four broad themes: economics of industry, economics of health technology assessment, economics of health care systems, and health statistics and data analysis.

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Recent evidence

[Dementia: The R&D Landscape 2015](#) | [The Effect of Free Personal Care for the Elderly on Informal Caregiving 2013](#)

Office of Public Management

Founded in 1989, OPM is an independent, employee-owned research organisation and consultancy, working with leaders, policymakers, regulators, commissioners and providers as well as service users and communities, to ensure that services are designed and implemented efficiently, effectively and in the public interest. They do this through evaluation, research and organisational development. Their research work spans areas including: health and social care; ageing, cohesion and equalities; community capacity building and volunteering; and the environment. OPM carry out Qualitative research - In-depth interviews, expert seminars, deliberative workshops, scenario planning and observational methods such as video ethnography and mystery shopping; Quantitative research - Using our network of partners, to carry out both small and large-scale online and telephone surveys; Literature and evidence reviews - Both rapid literature/evidence reviews and more systematic assessments, capitalising on our partnership with the Centre for Evidence-Based Policy and Practice at King's College, London.

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Recent evidence

[Measuring the economic impact of care homes wellbeing programme](#) | [Tackling the root causes of health inequalities](#) | [Health & Wellbeing Boards: Orchestrating the possible for integrated care](#)

Older Peoples Advocacy Alliance

OPAAL is a charity funded to promote and develop independent advocacy services for new and existing advocacy service providers. It is a national infrastructure organisation and it aims to establish standards and quality frameworks which can be adopted by new and existing service providers to deliver improved independent advocacy for all older people, particularly those most vulnerable. In 2012 it began a project on Cancer, Older People and Advocacy. It publishes a series of training resources.

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Recent evidence

[Independent Advocacy: How to ensure the patient's voice, choice and control are part of the service design](#) | [Every Step of the Way](#)

Older People's Commissioner for Wales

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales is an independent voice and champion for older people across Wales, standing up and speaking out on their behalf. The Commissioner works to ensure that those who are vulnerable and at risk are kept safe and ensures that all older people have a voice that is heard, that they have choice and control, that they don't feel isolated or discriminated against and that they receive the support and services they need. The Commissioner's work is driven by what older people say matters most to them and their voices are at the heart of all that she does.

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Recent evidence

[Crimes against, and abuse of, older people in Wales: access to support and justice: working together: Sarah Wydall, Rebecca Zerk, Jeremy Newman. Aberystwyth University \(January 2015\)](#)

The Open University - See: Centre for Ageing and Biographical Studies - Open University

Oxford Institute of Population Ageing

The Oxford Institute of Population Ageing was established in 1998. Based on the US Population Center, it was funded by a grant from the National Institute of Health (National Institute on Aging - NIA) to establish the UK's first population centre on the demography and economics of ageing populations. It achieved Institute status in 2001. Researchers work in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe, and it runs the Population Networks AFRAN (Africa), LARNA (Latin America), and EAST

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Recent evidence

[Elderly Users' Perspective on the Use of Technology in Daily Life: A Comparative Study of a sample in the UK and Brazil. 2015](#) | [Correlates of Socioeconomic Status and the Health of Older People in the United Kingdom: A Review. 2015](#) | [Global population aging: Unequal distribution of risks in later life between developed and developing countries. 2015](#) | [International Handbook on Ageing and Public Policy. 2014](#) | [Active Ageing in the European Union - Policy Convergence and Divergence. 2013](#)

Oxford, University of - See: Oxford Institute of Population Ageing; and Centre for Health Service Economics and Organisation

Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU)

The Personal Social Services Research Unit is based at the University of Kent, Canterbury and the London School of Economics and Political Science. Since 1974 PSSRU has undertaken independent research in social and health care, in England and elsewhere. The work is underpinned by the production of welfare framework and focuses on needs, resources and outcomes. PSSRU work in the fields of adult and children's social and health care, including mental health, long-term care funding, cost and outcome measurement, and cost-effectiveness evaluation. Current and recent research includes: Unit costs of health and social care; Exploring comparative effectiveness and efficiency in long-term care (EXCELC); Personal health budgets evaluation (PHBE); Economics of Health and Social Care (ESHCRU); Health and wellbeing consequences of social isolation in old age: a scoping study; Adult social care outcomes toolkit (ASCOT); Care and support for older people living in the community.

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Recent evidence

[Perceptions of unmet needs for community social care services in England. A comparison of working carers and the people they care for \(2016\)](#) | [Cost-effectiveness of exercise as a therapy for behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia within the EVIDEM-E randomised controlled trial \(2015\)](#) | [Improving healthcare for people with dementia in England: good progress but more to do \(2015\)](#) | [Individual cognitive stimulation therapy for dementia: a clinical effectiveness and cost-](#)

[effectiveness pragmatic, multicentre, randomised controlled trial \(2015\)](#) | [Open access Adapting the adult social care outcomes toolkit \(ASCOT\) for use in care home quality monitoring: conceptual development and testing](#)

Point of Care Foundation

The Point of Care Foundation is an independent charity working to improve patients' experience of care and increase support for the staff who work with them. It does this by providing evidence and resources to support health and care staff in the work of caring for patients. Its work grew out of the Point of Care programme at The King's Fund (2007-2013) and maintains an evidence-based approach.

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Recent evidence

[Staff care: how to engage staff in the NHS and why it matters](#)

Policy Exchange

The Policy Exchange is an educational charity whose mission is to develop and promote new policy ideas which deliver better public services, a stronger society and a more dynamic economy. Its research predominantly falls under three main themes: jobs and growth; poverty and social mobility; and public services. **overty and Social Mobility •Public Services**

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Recent evidence

[Too Much to Lose: Understanding and Supporting Britain's Older Workers. 2012](#) | [Help to Save: Defusing the pensions time bomb. 2014](#) | [Careless: Funding long-term care for the elderly. 2010](#) | [Housing and Intergenerational Fairness. 2013](#)

Policy Studies Institute (PSI)

PSI is a leading centre for research on environmental and sustainability issues. Current areas of research include: energy and climate change; resource use and the circular economy; mobility and transport; the role of communities and business in delivering a sustainable future; cities, innovation and sustainability transitions; and public behaviours, attitudes and policy.

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Recent evidence

[A review of BIG funding for older people. 2008](#)

Positive Ageing Associates

Positive Ageing Associates is a consultancy which concentrates on promoting positive approaches to ageing. Guy Robertson and Miriam Akhtar are proponents of positive psychology and mindfulness meditation in the promotion of older people's wellbeing. They publish books, run courses and, on their website, list specific music and dvds which enhance wellbeing.

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Recent evidence

[Ageing: the silver lining \(for Local Government Association\)](#)

Prison Reform Trust

The Prison Reform Trust is an independent UK charity working to create a just, humane and effective penal system. It does this by inquiring into the workings of the system, informing prisoners, staff and the wider public, and by influencing Parliament, government and officials towards reform. Its main objectives are to reduce unnecessary imprisonment and promote community solutions to crime; improve treatment and conditions for prisoners and their families; and promote equality and human rights in the justice system.

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Recent evidence

[Doing Time The needs and experiences of older people in prison. 2010](#) | [Elderly, Sick and Disabled: The changing face of imprisonment. 2014](#)

Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, House of Commons

From time to time, the Committee looks at the reports of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) as part of its ongoing scrutiny of the PHSO. This is usually done in a single evidence session. (Chair: Bernard Jenkin) Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman scrutiny inquiry; launched 11 November 2015 and accepting written submissions

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Recent evidence

[Dying without dignity inquiry: evidence and publications \[during session 2015-16\]](#) | [Fundraising in the charitable sector inquiry Inquiry launched 21 July 2015.](#)

Public Health Agency [Northern Ireland]

The PHA was established in 2009 under a major reform of health structures in Northern Ireland. It is a multi-disciplinary, multi-professional body with a strong regional and local presence, and has four key functions: health and social wellbeing improvement; health protection; public health support to commissioning and policy development; and HSC research and development. The PHA was set up to provide a renewed and enhanced focus on public health and wellbeing, by bringing together a wide range of public health functions under one organisation. The PHA is also required to create better inter-sectoral working, including enhanced partnership arrangements with local government, to tackle the underlying causes of poor health and reduce health inequalities. The work of HSC R&D is based on the principle that the best health and social care must be underpinned by knowledge, based on well conducted research, which can then be applied in the delivery of care. HSC R&D does not 'do' research, but works to support research that provides high quality evidence to improve care for patients, clients and the general population, and adds to our understanding of health, disease, treatment and care. This involves supporting researchers based in Northern Ireland as well as those in Health and Social Care Trusts or other bodies who use the outputs from research findings. HSC R&D Division funds eight Translational Research Groups (TRGs). The purpose of TRGs is to bring together multidisciplinary teams of local researchers with the aim of supporting translational research in Northern Ireland. (<http://www.research.hscni.net/translational-research-groups>)

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Recent evidence

[Research having an impact \[outlines with links research that is funded or supported by HSC R&D Division that is making an impact\]](#) | [Living Well with COPD for Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programme](#)

Public Health England (PHE)

Public Health England (PHE) provides many high quality data and analysis tools and resources for public health professionals. The PHE data and knowledge gateway provides direct access to these resources. The resources help local government and health service professionals make decisions and plans to improve people's health and reduce inequalities in their area. They can be used by anyone

with an interest in understanding the health of the population and how it varies across the country. The resources cover a wide range of public health areas, including: specific health conditions, such as cancer, mental health, cardiovascular disease; lifestyle risk factors, such as smoking, alcohol and obesity; wider determinants of health, such as environment, housing and deprivation; and health protection, and differences between population groups, including adults, older people, and children. The tools were produced by organisations that are now part of PHE, including [public health observatories](#), the Health Protection Agency, cancer registries, UK screening programmes and the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse. PHE also plays a lead role in policies, such as Housing for older and vulnerable people, e.g. 'Cold weather plan for England ..' (in collaboration with NHS England and the Met Office) (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/468160/CWP_2015.pdf) In January 2016 released the Dementia Profile http://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health/profile/dementia?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=6645296_HWBB%202016-01-25&dm_i=21A8,3YFJK,M7MA1E,EAD5X,1

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Recent evidence

[PHE data and analysis tools \(previously known as the 'Data and knowledge gateway'\).](#) | [Marmot Indicators for Local Authorities in England, 2014: a new set of indicators of the social determinants of health, health outcomes and social inequality, that broadly correspond to the policy recommendations proposed in Fair Society, Healthy Lives.](#) | [Longer Lives highlights premature mortality across every local authority in England, giving people important information to help them improve their community's health.](#) | [Suicide Prevention Profile: suicide rates per 100.000 population by sex and age group \(e.g. 65+\) by county and unitary authority; Since March 2015; Nov 2015 most recent update.](#) | [PHE with ONS: Health Expectancies at birth by Middle Layer Super Output Areas, England, Inequality in Health and Life Expectancies within Upper Tier Local Authorities: 2009 to 2013](#)

Public Policy Institute for Wales

A member of the UK's What Works Network, the Public Policy Institute for Wales (PPIW) was established in January 2014 to provide the Welsh Government with authoritative independent analysis and advice. It is co-funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Welsh Government, and seeks to use evidence to improve policy and practice in Wales and beyond. Work programmes : Economy; Education; Finance; health and social care; Housing; Natural resources and sustainable development; Public services; Tackling poverty; and Transport e.g. Health and social care: Approaches to encouraging active lifestyles Rapid review Ongoing Increasing the role of social enterprises in the provision of social care Evidence review Ongoing Modelling healthcare reforms Expert advice Ongoing Increasing the uptake of advanced decisions in Wales Expert analysis Ongoing De-escalating intervention for adolescents Expert roundtable Ongoing The Care Home Market in Wales – mapping the sector Expert analysis Complete International Experience of Prioritisation of

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Web link(s): <http://ppiw.org.uk/our-work-programme/> | <http://ppiw.org.uk/about/the-team/> | <http://ppiw.org.uk/publications/>

Recent evidence

[Housing for Older People in Wales: An Evidence Review \(June 2015\) \(Lauren Carter-Davies, Public Policy Institute for Wales Dr Sarah Hillcoat-Nallétamby, Centre for Innovative Ageing, Swansea University\)](#) | [The Care Home Market in Wales: Mapping the Sector October 2015; Keith Moultrie and Nic Rattle Institute of Public Care, Oxford Brookes University](#) | [Using Evidence to Improve Policy The Public Policy Institute for Wales one year on \[Annual report\]](#)

Ready for Ageing Alliance

The Ready for Ageing Alliance is a group of major national charities, including Independent Age, set up to urge the Government and all political parties to face up to the challenge of our rapidly ageing society. Ready for Ageing Alliance members are: Age UK, Anchor, Carers UK, The Centre for Policy on Ageing, Independent Age, The International Longevity Centre and The Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Contact details:

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Web link(s): <https://www.rukba.org.uk/campaigning/our-campaigns/campaigns-we-support/the-ready-for-ageing-alliance/>

Recent evidence

[The myth of the baby boomers](#) | [Getting Ready for Ageing - The Ready for Ageing Alliance manifesto](#)

Relatives and Residents Association

The Association is a national charity which exists for the benefit of older people in residential care, as well as their families and friends left behind at home. It provides information about selecting a care home, paying for care, adjusting to being in care, or complaining about the quality of care.

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Research in Practice for Adults

RIPA's work falls into two categories: one, focussing on the building blocks of good practice, developing learning and development resources to enable those working in health and social care to carry out their work effectively and the other, which is more 'topic' focused, providing learning and development resources to enable professionals to understand and work with specific issues facing adults and families accessing services, such as dementia, self-neglect and working with people who experience multiple and complex needs. The Research in Practice for Adults national network is made up of Partners from local authorities, health and housing providers. It provides support, consultancy, evaluation and training services to complement its range of resources, publications and workshops.

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Recent evidence

[Reimagining adult social care: evidence review: executive summary. 2015](#) | [Appreciative Inquiry in Safeguarding Adults: Practice Tool. 2015](#) | [Adult attachment - Implications for adult social care practice. 2015](#) | [Enablement in Dementia. 2015](#) | [Safeguarding Adults: Literature Review. 2013](#)

Research in Specialist and Elderly Care (RESEC)

RESEC is a national charity, founded in 2006, whose principal aim is to promote research and teaching in social care by identifying priorities for funding and teaching and securing funds to invest in these priorities. It provides finance for agreed projects and ensures findings and outcomes are publically disseminated.

RESEC has sponsored a Research Fellow at Green Templeton College Oxford, looking at the role of GPs in Care Homes, facilitates Learning Sets for managers in social care (in partnership with the National Skills Academy for Social Care) and holds regular Study Groups at Green Templeton College.

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Recent evidence

[The National Care Service: By Professor Guy Daly, Coventry University and Dr John Woolham, Kings College, London](#)

Resolution Foundation

The Resolution Foundation works to improve the living standards of those in Britain on low to middle incomes and works across a wide range of issues such as low pay and the minimum wage, the future of the labour market, social mobility, reforming the tax and benefit system, household

debt, and housing policy.

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Recent evidence

[Care to pay? Meeting the challenge of paying the National Living Wage in social care. 2015](#) | [The self-employed and pensions. 2015](#) | [Housing pinched: Understanding which households spend the most on housing costs. 2014](#) | [Getting On: Universal Credit and older workers. 2013](#)

ResPublica

ResPublica defines its work as being framed and directed by three key programmes: society, prosperity and virtue. Current projects include: Agents of Integration and Agents of Excellence: How to deliver genuine quality and care across social care services emily.crawford@respublica.org.uk.

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Recent evidence

[The Care Collapse: The imminent crisis in residential care and its impact on the NHS. 2016](#) | [After the Green Deal: Empowering people and places to improve their homes. 2015 \(in association with Age UK and others\)](#) | [Out of the Cold: An Agenda for Warm Homes. 2015 \(in association with Age UK and others\)](#)

Royal College of General Practitioners

The RCGP is the professional membership body and guardian of standards for family doctors in the UK, working to promote excellence in primary healthcare. It runs training events, publishes a journal and numerous book titles, and holds regular conferences and one-day events, including one on dementia. The College is involved, together with 31 partner organisations from eight boroughs, in a Whole Systems Integrated Care toolkit programme which supports a shared person-centred vision: to improve the quality of care for individuals, carers and families; empowering and supporting people to maintain independence and to lead full lives as active participants in their community.

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Recent evidence

[North West London Whole Systems Integrated Care website](#)

Royal College of Nursing

The Royal College of Nursing is the world's largest nursing union and professional body, representing over 435,000 nurses, student nurses, midwives and health care assistants in the UK's public, private and voluntary sectors. It has one of the largest specialist nursing libraries in Europe. It offers resources and advice on nursing older people. Publications include a toolkit resource and calculator to determine whether the staff levels in older people's wards meet the recommendations set out in the RCN Safe Staffing for Older People's Wards report.

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Recent evidence

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Royal College of Physicians

The Royal College of Physicians plays a varied role across the healthcare system, interacting with the NHS at various levels. It works closely with clinicians, from trainee doctor to consultant; hospitals and other NHS providers; and national bodies in the NHS. It also sets physicians' exams and provides ongoing support to its members and fellows throughout their careers.

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Royal College of Psychiatrists

The Royal College of Psychiatrists is the professional body responsible for education and training, and setting and raising standards in psychiatry. The main specialities in psychiatry are represented by College Faculties and Special Interest Groups. The Faculty on Old Age takes primary responsibility within the College for formulating policies on psychiatric services to older people and giving advice to other bodies (including the Department of Health) on matters pertaining to the mental health of older people. It holds a residential meeting once a year.

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Recent evidence

[Evidence Based Mental Health \(journal\)](#) | [Criteria for old age psychiatry services in the UK. 2015](#) | [Accreditation for Inpatient Services - Older People](#) | [Psychiatric Services for Black and](#)

Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)

RNIB is a leading source of information on sight loss and the issues affecting blind and partially sighted people. It publishes evidence-based reviews which look in detail at the experiences of blind and partially sighted people in different age groups and include a profile of the group, the policies that govern and impact upon their lives, and a commentary on what the evidence tells us.

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Recent evidence

[People With Sight Loss in Later Life: RNIB evidence-based review. 2015](#)

Royal Society for Public Health

Formed in October 2008 with the merger of the Royal Society of Health and the Royal Institute of Public Health, the RSPH helps to inform policy and practice, and work to educate, empower and support communities and individuals to live healthily. A key area of work is Dementia Awareness.

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Recent evidence

[Healthier Foods and Special Diets - Book](#) | ['Improve and Protect' - Video](#) | [Minded to change: the link between mental wellbeing and healthier lifestyles \(2015\)](#) | [Reflecting back, looking ahead Annual Review 2014/15](#) | [Dementia prevention](#)

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

ROSPA promotes safety and the prevention of accidents at work, at leisure, on the road, in the home and through safety education. Its Infocentre houses a unique collection of safety-related documents and provides an extensive enquiry service on all aspects of safety and health. The Home Accident Surveillance System (HASS) and Leisure Accident Surveillance System (LASS) are two linked databases holding details (from 1980 to 2002) of home and leisure accidents that caused a serious enough injury to warrant a visit to hospital.

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Royal Society of Medicine - Geriatrics & Gerontology Section

The geriatrics and gerontology section of the Royal Society of Medicine aims to promote, advance and enhance the science of ageing and clinical care and includes specialists in 'elderly medicine', old age psychiatry, social scientists and anyone else with an interest in the activities of the Section.

Section meetings and conferences are usually organised by members of the Section Council, led by the Section President

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Royal Voluntary Service

RVS is one of the largest volunteer organisations in the country with over 35,000 volunteers who help older people to stay active and independent by providing practical and emotional help where and when it is needed. RVS commission a large number of reports and studies from other organisations. Recent reports include: Help them home - The challenges facing families of older patients (2015); Hearing loss and older people (2015); Going home alone (2014); Avoiding unhappy returns (2013); Involving older age: the route to twenty-first century well-being (2013); Going nowhere fast: Impact of inaccessible public transport on wellbeing (2013); Loneliness amongst older people and impact of family connections (2012); Falls: measuring the impact on older people (2012); Getting back on your feet: reablement in Wales (2012); Ageing Across Europe (2012); The impact of volunteering on well-being in later life (2012); Current trends in joint commissioning: reablement, well-being and the voluntary sector (2011); Voices on well-being (2011); Public spending cutbacks and impacts on older people (2011); Social return on investment (2011); Gold Age Pensioners (2011); Safeguarding the Convoy - a call to action from the Campaign to End Loneliness (2011).

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Recent evidence

[The impact of volunteering on well-being in later life](#) | [Help them home - The challenges facing families of older patients](#) | [Hearing loss and older people](#) | [Going nowhere fast: Impact of inaccessible public transport on wellbeing \(GB\)](#) | [Involving older age: the route to twenty-first century well-being](#)

Runnymede Trust

Runnymede is the UK's leading independent race equality think tank. It has an oral history website which tracks the key moments in the struggle for race equality between 1968 and 1988 through archival research and audio interviews recorded with some of the major figures in Runnymede's history and, therefore, the history of race relations in Britain. Another website is Making Histories which is a collection of family histories and migration stories documented by young people in Cardiff, Leicester, Sheffield, Manchester and London; this is the second phase of a previous Runnymede project called Bangla Stories which is a learning resource for young people (KS3) about migration, integration and life histories.

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Recent evidence

[A 'Race' Against Time? Social services provision to black elders. 1990](#) | [A Sense of Place. Retirement Decisions among Older Black and Minority Ethnic People. 2012](#) | [An Oral History of the Runnymede Trust](#) | [Making Histories](#)

School for Policy Studies - University of Bristol

The School of Policy Studies is associated with the Cambridge University Press Journal of Social Policy, co-edited by Dr Patricia Kennett and Dr Misa Izuhara, one of the key sources for articles on ageing in the UK. Main areas of research include: Ageing; cities, housing and neighbourhoods; Determinants of nutrition and physical activity; Health and social care; Inter-professional practice; International social and public policy; Mental health; Poverty and social exclusion; and Social work practice and education. Current and recent research projects include: Healthy Ageing in Residential Places: The HARP Project ; The Last Refuge revisited: Continuity and change in residential care. Money, rights and risks; and New dynamics of ageing research programme: Seeking a new, interdisciplinary methodology to quantify the benefits of housing interventions for older people; Support for Older Carers of Older People: The Impact of the 2014 Care Act (2015-2017); and The Everyday Operation of Models of Social Care Provision within the Extra Care Housing Sector (2015-2017).

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Recent evidence

[Journal of Social Policy](#) | [Smith, R 2015, 'Longitudinal studies and housing with care in England: a review'. Housing, Care and Support, vol 18., pp. 1-11](#) | [Atkinson, T, Evans, S, Darton, R, Cameron, AM, Smith, RC and Porteus, J 2014, 'Creating the asset base: A review of literature and policy on housing with care'. Housing, Care and Support, vol 17., pp. 16-25](#) | [Lloyd, L, Banerjee, A, Fadnes, F, Harrington, C & SZehebely, M 2014, 'It's a Scandal!: Comparing the causes and consequences of nursing home media scandals in five countries'. International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy,](#)

[vol 34., pp. 2-18](#) | [Lloyd, L, Ray, M, Milne, A, Beech, C, Phillips, J, Richards, S, Sullivan, MP & Tanner, D 2014, 'Gerontological Social Work: Reflections on its role, purpose and value'. British Journal of Social Work., pp. 1-17](#)

School of Health and Related Research (SchARR) - University of Sheffield

SchARR's main focus is on health research, engaging in a broad range of research activities from priority-setting, modelling and pre-protocol work through to large clinical trials. SchARR provides both decision support and policy evaluation. Evidence synthesis is a major area of activity with SchARR staff contributing to over 200 systematic reviews for clients that include the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE). SchARR includes a multi-disciplinary research and teaching group on Public Health,. The core interest of this group is in improving the health of the public at local, regional, national and international levels, through research informed teaching.

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Recent evidence

[Ineq uitable access to services for older people](#) | [Approaches to capturing the financial cost of family care-giving within a palliative care context: a systematic review](#)

School of Health Sciences - University of East Anglia

Through studying interventions relating to the health and social care of older people and developing knowledge about the role of rehabilitation and participation in the lives of those with long term conditions, the School of Health Sciences University of East Anglia aims to influence policy and practice to improve the health and well-being of these groups. The School actively works with service providers and users to develop and test interventions designed to improve the care of older people. Supporting independence and improving rehabilitation for people with age-related long term conditions is also a significant area of research. The School's researchers are looking at a wide range of long term conditions, including stroke and dementia, and the place of rehabilitation in care and recovery. Current activity is focused within the following areas: Epidemiology of ageing; Mental health in late life; Improving the relational care of older people; Neuro-muskuloskeletal rehabilitation; The role of exercise and lifestyle factors; Economic impact of disability in older age; Clinical trials and evaluating therapy practice.

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Recent evidence

[Killett, A., Burns, D., Kelly, F., Brooker, D., Bowes, A., La Fontaine, J., Latham, I., Wilson, M., O'Neill, M. \(2016\) Digging deep: How organisational culture affects care home residents' experiences in](#)

[Ageing and Society 36. pp. 160-188](#) | [Hyde, P., Burns, D., Hassard, J., Killett, A. \(2014\) Colonizing the aged body and the organization of later life in Organization Studies 35. pp. 1699-1717](#) | [Hyde, P., Burns, D., Killett, A., Kenkmann, A., Poland, F., Gray, R., institutional abuse, older people \(2014\) Organisational aspects of elder mistreatment in long term care: A knowledge synthesis in Quality in Ageing and Older Adults 15. pp. 197-209](#) | [Burns, D., Hyde, P., Killett, A. \(2014\) Reconceptualising institutional abuse: formulating problems and solutions in residential care Palgrave](#) | [Killett, A., Hyde, P., Burns, D., Gray, R., Poland, F., elder care, organizational dynamics \(2013\) How organizational factors interact to influence the quality of care of older people in the care home sector in Journal of Health Services Research and Policy 18. pp. 14-22](#)

School of Nursing and Midwifery - University of Sheffield

The School of Nursing and Midwifery benefits from, and contributes to, the University of Sheffield's strong research culture. The work is focused on the health and well-being of the communities the school seeks to work with and is organised under the theme: Health and care across the life course: a relational approach. One key focus is 'Enhancing the care of older people and family carers'. Under this theme the school has expertise in the sociological and policy aspects of palliative and end-of-life care and a programme of research focusing on the implementation and evaluation of innovative strategies to promote evidence-based practice.

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Recent evidence

[Approaches to capturing the financial cost of family care-giving within a palliative care context: a systematic review](#)

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Recent evidence

[Ritchie, S. J., Bastin, M.E., Tucker-Drob, E. M., Muñoz Maniega, S., Engelhardt, L. E., ... & Deary, I.J. \(2015\). Coupled changes in brain white matter microstructure and fluid intelligence in later life. The Journal of Neuroscience, 35\(22\), 8672-8682.](#) | [Ritchie, S. J., Tucker-Drob, E. M., & Deary, I. J. \(2014\).](#)

[A strong link between speed of visual discrimination and cognitive ageing. Current Biology, 24\(15\), R681-R683](#) | [Ritchie, S. J., Bates, T. C., Corley, J., McNeill, G., Davies, G., Liewald, D. C., Starr, J. M., & Deary, I. J. \(2014\). Alcohol consumption and lifetime change in cognitive ability: A gene x environment interaction study. AGE, 36\(3\), 9638](#)

Science and Technology Committee, House of Lords

The Science and Technology Committee has a broad remit "to consider science and technology". It scrutinises Government policy, by undertaking cross-departmental inquiries into a range of different activities. These include: public policy areas which ought to be informed by scientific research (for example, health effects of air travel); technological challenges and opportunities (for example, genomic medicine); and public policy towards science itself (for example, setting priorities for publicly research). In addition, the Committee undertakes from time to time shorter inquiries, either taking evidence from Ministers and officials on topical issues, or following up previous work. Chairman since 8 June: Earl of Selborne (Chairman) Conservative; in previous Parliament(s), it was Lord Krebs. So far in this Parliament, inquiries begun on Relationship between EU membership and UK science; and Genetically modified insects. Of more interest are inquiries in 2010-15 Parliament on Sports and exercise science and medicine (including focus on arthritis); and in 2005-10 Parliament on Ageing: scientific aspects (follow-ups conducted) (Chairman: Lord Broers) (We have printed out from the downloads which were available at the time)

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Recent evidence

[Sports and exercise science and medicine: building on the Olympic legacy to improve the nation's health: Oral and written evidence \(27 June 2012\)](#) | [Sports and exercise science and medicine: building on the Olympic legacy to improve the nation's health: 1st report of Session 2012-13 \(HL33\) \(18 July 2012\)](#) | [Ageing : scientific aspects: 1st report of session 2005-06: Vol 1: Report \(HL 20-I\) \(21 July 2005\)](#) | [Ageing : scientific aspects: 1st report of session 2005-06: Vol 1I: Evidence \(HL 20-II\) \(21 July 2005\)](#) | [Ageing : scientific aspects - follow-up: 6th report of session 2005-06: Report with evidence; \[including Government response to the 1st report of session 2005-06\] \(HL 146\) \(22 March 2006\)](#)

Science of Ageing (SAGE) and Experimental Research on Ageing (ERA)

The SAGE and ERA research programmes, funded by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), focussed on the biological aspects of ageing. SAGE focused on the biological processes of ageing at the level of individual cells, systems and whole populations. Its aim was to understand the fundamental biology of the ageing process, and to develop the UK's research capability in the biology of healthy ageing to complement work already underway into the diseases of old age. From 1997 29 grants were funded, with a total value of £5M. In 2001, BBSRC launched

the Experimental Research on Ageing (ERA) initiative with further funding of £2M. The aim of ERA was to understand the basic biology of healthy ageing, focusing on normal ageing at the molecular, cellular, systems and behavioural levels. David Kipling acted as a co-ordinator on both programmes. SAGE research projects included: The control of immunosenescence in CD8+ T lymphocytes; Dissecting the mechanisms of human cell senescence; Biological determinants of ageing - Cost of reproduction, caloric restriction, oxidative damage and ageing in *Drosophila*; The effect of age on neutrophil function and apoptosis: role of superoxide anion and PKC isoenzymes; Diet-related death of neurons in the ageing gut: causes and effects; and Longitudinal and cross-sectional studies of normal ageing in mice: cognitive, neurochemical and neural analyses. The ERA research studies included: The basis for decreased responsiveness to immune challenge in the elderly; Modification of IL-7 and the reversal of thymic involution in aged mice; and Ageing in the parasitic nematode *Strongyloides ratti*.

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Recent evidence

[Evaluation of Science of Ageing \(SAGE\) and Experimental Research on Ageing \(ERA\) initiatives](#)

Scottish Centre for Social Research (ScotCen)

ScotCen is an offshoot of the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) specialising in research in Scotland. As for NatCen, ScotCen covers a wide range of social research including matters related to ageing. Its work has been commissioned by a number of major funders.

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Recent evidence

[The liveable lives study: understanding everyday help and support](#)

Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research & Policy (SCPHRP)

The Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research and Policy (SCPHRP) is a collaborative effort, with members spanning the United Kingdom, and featuring a mix of SCPHRP employees, academics, policy makers, practitioners, and volunteers/professionals from the third sector. The core team is based in Edinburgh, Scotland and is administratively housed within the University of Edinburgh. Covers all age groups; most of research etc focuses on childhood and adolescence, BUT there is: The Later Life Working Group focuses on the health of people towards, and at the end of, the working life (around 65 years) onwards with the aim of 'reducing frailty and dependency inequalities in the elderly'. The Working Group has subdivided into three sub-groups, each with a different substantive focus: 'Social Connectedness', 'Multimorbidity/Complexity'; 'Quality of End-of-Life'.

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Recent evidence

[Seven Key Investments for Health Equity across the Lifecourse: Scotland versus the rest of the UK \(John Frank et al\) \(22/07/2015 \)](#) | [Combining Health, Social Services and Functional data for older people in Tayside: a multisource, interdisciplinary record linkage project. \(Posted 29 May 2014; written by Renee Ingram. This project is a SCPHRP seed-funded research project\)](#)

Select Committee on Digital Skills, House of Lords

The Digital Skills Committee was appointed on 12 June 2014. A call for evidence was published on 11 July 2014. The deadline for written submissions was 5 September 2014. Chairman, Baroness Morgan of Huyton One of questions in the inquiry: Q11. Is there an inclusion agenda in relation to digital skills in the workplace? How are groups with protected characteristics such as older people, those with disabilities, and women, being engaged? How can this be improved? 175 instances of "older people" in the 1102 pp (Some of them gave responses to the negative of the above question). (And no reference at all to older people in Govt response) Age UK et al evidence (14 Oct 2014) pp8-25, (Lucy Hastings, Programme Director for Strategy, Age UK, Clare Sutcliffe, Co-founder and CEO, Code Club, Iain Wood, Public Affairs Manager, TalkTalk, and Mary Payne, Chief Executive Officer, UCanDoIT)

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Web link(s): <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/digital-skills-committee/timeline/>

Recent evidence

[Digital skills: oral evidence \(1102 pp\)](#) | [Make or break: the UK's digital future: Report of Session 2014-15 \(HL 111\) \(17 February 2015\)](#) | [The Government's response to the House of Lords Select Committee Report on Digital Skills; presented to Parliament by the Minister of State for Culture and the Digital Economy \(Cm 9099\) \(July 2015\)](#)

Select Committee on HIV and AIDS in the United Kingdom, House of Lords

The Committee was appointed by the House of Lords on 20 December 2010 "to consider HIV and AIDS in the United Kingdom" Chairman: Lord Fowler. Although much of focus is on younger age groups, there is acknowledgement of prevalence in those aged 50+; also LGBT.

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Web link(s): <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/hiv-select-committee/news/>

Recent evidence

[No vaccine, no cure: HIV and AIDS in the United Kingdom: 1st report of Session 2010-12 \(HL Paper 188\) \(1 September 2011\)](#) | [HIV and AIDS in the United Kingdom: \[written and associated oral evidence\] \(12 July 2011\) \(750 pp\)](#) | **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

Select Committee on Public Service and Demographic Change, House of Lords

The Committee on Public Service and Demographic Change (chairman Lord Filkin, Labour) was appointed on 29 May 2012, to consider public service provision in the light of demographic change. Contact details:

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Web link(s): <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/public-services-committee/role/>

Recent evidence

[Ready for ageing? Report of session 2012-13 \(HL 2012/3 140\) \(14 March 2013\)](#) | [Oral and written evidence to the Committee \(1022 pp\)](#) | [Government response to the House of Lords Select Committee on Public Service and Demographic Change report of session 2012-13: 'Ready For ageing?' Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Health \(\(Cm 8677\) \(July 2013\)](#)

Sense

Sense is a national charity that supports and campaigns for children and adults who are deafblind or have sensory impairments. It offers information and provides housing, holidays and short breaks, community resource centres and individual support.

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Web link(s): <https://www.sense.org.uk/>

Recent evidence

[Fill in the Gaps toolkit \(booklet offering information and advice for those working with older deafblind people\)](#)

Sheffield Institute for Studies on Ageing (SISA)

The Institute draws together over 20 departments from within the university with active research interests in ageing and has a faculty membership of 50 researchers. Principal constituents include the

Department of Sociological Studies, the public health section of the School of Health and Related Research (SchARR) and the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

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Web link(s): <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/sisa>

Recent evidence

[Ineq uitable access to services for older people](#)

Sheffield, University of - See: Department of Sociological Studies - University of Sheffield; Growing Older; KT-EQUAL: Putting ageing and disability research into practice; New Dynamics of Ageing; School of Health and Related Research (SchARR) - University of Sheffield; School of Nursing and Midwifery - University of Sheffield; and Sheffield Institute for Studies on Ageing (SISA).

Shelter

Shelter helps people who are struggling with bad housing or homelessness by offering advice, support and legal services.

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Web link(s): <http://www.shelter.org.uk/>

Silver Line

Offers a free confidential helpline providing information, friendship and advice to older people, open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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Web link(s): <http://www.thesilverline.org.uk/>

Recent evidence

[When I Get Off the Phone I Feel Like I Belong to the Human Race: Evaluation of The Silver Line Helpline pilots. 2013](#) | [The Silver Line Loneliness Survey 2013](#)

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

SCIE is a leading improvement support agency and an independent charity working with adults', families' and children's care and support services across the UK. It identifies and shares knowledge

about what works and what's new. It also provides a range of paid-for services including training, consultancy, research and product development. SCIE hosts or supports a number of partnership projects including the Think Local , Act Personal Consortium <http://www.thinklocalactpersonal.org.uk/> and the NICE Collaborating Centre for Social Care <http://www.scie.org.uk/nccsc/index.asp>. It offers pre-inspection healthchecks; post inspection analysis and improvement planning; reviews of policies and procedures; evaluation of improvement programmes; Care Act training and implementation support; Mental Capacity Act training; safeguarding training; and dementia awareness training. <http://www.scie.org.uk/training/dementia/index.asp> There is also a Dementia Gateway containing information and resources, including videos, e-learning material and downloads, for care workers, people living with dementia, and their friends and family. <http://www.scie.org.uk/dementia/> Social Care Online is the UK's largest database on social care and social work research <http://www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk/>

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Web link(s): <http://www.scie.org.uk/>

Recent evidence

[Improving personal budgets for older people: A research overview. 2013](#) | [SCIE home page](#)
[Systematic map report 3: The extent and impact of depression on BME older people and the acceptability, accessibility and effectiveness of social care provision. 2008](#) | [Outcomes-focused services for older people. 2007](#) | [Using qualitative research in systematic reviews: Older people's views of hospital discharge. 2006](#)

Social Care Workforce Research Unit (SCWRU) - King's College London

The Social Care Workforce Research Unit (SCWRU) at King's has been conducting research into issues relating to the social care workforce in England since 2002. SCWRU is core funded by the Department of Health.

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Web link(s): <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/sspp/policy-institute/scwru/index.aspx>

Recent evidence

[Let's Talk Evaluation. 2015](#) | [Care Home Managers: A Scoping Review of Evidence. 2014](#) | [Models of Safeguarding: A study exploring and comparing models of adult safeguarding. Findings from Phase 1. 2014](#)

Social Policy Research Unit (SPRU) - University of York

Established in 1973, SPRU's work has been concerned with the development of policies and the delivery of services to support people made vulnerable by poverty, ageing, disability or long-term, complex health conditions. Older age issues are predominantly dealt with by the Health and Social

Care (Adults) Research Group. The centre is particularly noted for the production of high quality scoping reviews.

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Web link(s): <http://php.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/research/summs/admiral.php>

Recent evidence

[People who fund their own social care Baxter, K. and Glendinning, C. 2015 SSCR Scoping Review](#) | [Council-managed personal budgets for older people: improving choice through market development and brokerage?, 2015 Baxter, K. and Rabiee, P., Journal of Care Services Management, 7, 4, 136-145](#) | [Women and Dementia: All but forgotten? A literature review \(2015\)](#) | [Dementia: through the eyes of women \(2015\)](#) | [Loneliness and Social Isolation Among Older People in North Yorkshire](#)

Southampton Ageing Resource Network (SARN) - University of Southampton

The Ageing Research Network at Southampton is an interdisciplinary network of academics and researchers investigating a range of issues within the field of ageing and the lifecourse. The network, chaired by Professor Maria Evandrou, brings together academics from across the different University faculties, with a broad selection of research interests in the field of ageing. The network organises a successful annual conference hosting research presentations from the wide membership. Members include: Peter Coleman (Psychology/Medicine); Caroline Ellis-Hill (Health Sciences); Maria Evandrou (Centre for Research on Ageing); Jane Falkingham (Social Sciences); Howard Wheal (Biological Sciences); Helen Roberts (Medicine); Bronagh Walsh (Health Sciences) and Adrian Smith (Humanities). Current research projects cover informal care; food and fuel poverty; pension protection for minority ethnic groups; resilience in later life;

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Recent evidence

[The determinants of receiving social care in later life in England \(2015\)](#) | [Women's economic activity trajectories over the life course: implications for the self-rated health of women aged 64+ in England](#) | [Local Government and the Demography of Ageing](#)

Southampton, University of - See: Centre for Research on Ageing - University of Southampton; ESRC Centre for Population Change; and Southampton Ageing Resource Network (SARN) - University of Southampton.

SPARC - Strategic Promotion of Ageing Research Capacity

SPARC was an EPSRC funded ageing research programme that ran from 2005 to 2008. It followed on from the EQUAL programme and was precursor of KT-Equal and the New Dynamics of Ageing (NDA) programmes. All in all 34 projects were funded. Topics covered including Life in the Home; Streets, Buses and Cars; Care Systems; The Older Worker; Product and Interface Design; Cognition and Communication; Vision; Exercise and Diet; Chemical Biology of Ageing and Oxidative Stress and Ageing Mechanisms.

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Recent evidence

[Research for older people and those with disability](#) | [Workplace Design for the Older Worker \(2008\)](#) | [Ageing inConstruction Workers](#) | [In search of biomarkers for cognitive ageing in the human brain](#) | [Investigating the neural underpinnings of word-finding problems across the lifespan](#)

Stirling, University of - See: Dementia Services Development Centre; ESRC Centre for Population Change; and Healthy Ageing In Scotland (HAGIS)

[Professor Judith Phillips, from the Centre for Innovative Ageing at the University of Swansea, became Deputy Principal (Pro Vice Chancellor) Research in March 2016]

Stonewall

Gives information and support to lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender people and campaigns and lobbies government to change laws that do not ensure equality for LGBT people.

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Web link(s): <http://www.stonewall.org.uk/>

Strategic Society Centre

The Centre's work is built on the application of strategic policy analysis - a distinct set of analytical techniques developed in Whitehall to provide Ministers with highly evidenced, reasoned, innovative policy recommendations and ideas. It works on a range of strategic challenges facing policymakers. These include: how to ensure the maximum benefit to society of evolving assistive technologies for care; how policymakers can increase participation in pension saving; what policymakers can do to prevent mental health problems among deprived groups resulting from limited access to legal support; and how older people's long-term care should be funded.

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Web link(s): <http://strategicsociety.org.uk/>

Recent evidence

[Older Owners: Research and policy analysis on the lives, aspirations and housing outcomes of older homeowners in the UK. 2015](#) | [Open Plan: Building a strategic policy toward older owners. 2015](#) | [Income Security and a Good Retirement. 2015](#) | [Defined Capability: Pensions, financial capability and decision-making among retirees. 2015](#) | [The Bigger Picture: Understanding disability and care in England's older population. 2014](#)

Strathclyde Ageing Network (SAN) - University of Strathclyde

The Strathclyde Ageing Network (SAN) was initially established in the School of Psychological Sciences & Health, but has now grown University-wide. Members are committed to ageing-related research and have expertise in a range of topics including psychology, education, and computer and information science. The research studies use a variety of approaches such as experimental, qualitative, neuropsychological, and neuroimaging.

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Recent evidence

[Ageing and the rate of visual information processing](#) | [Adolescence, adulthood, and ageing In: Essential Psychology, SAGE 2015](#) | [Rethinking mobile interfaces for older adults](#) | [Designed with older adults to support better error correction in smartphone text entry : the MaxieKeyboard](#) | [Does the impact of osteoarthritis vary by age, gender and social deprivation? A community study using the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health](#)

Strathclyde, University of - See Centre for Lifelong Learning - University of Strathclyde; ESRC Centre for Population Change; Healthy Ageing In Scotland (HAGIS); and Strathclyde Ageing Network (SAN)

Stroke Association

As well as providing a wide range of leaflets on all aspects of living with a stroke, the Association funds research into stroke prevention, treatment and care.

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Surrey, University of - See: Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender (CRAG)

Swansea, University of - See: Centre for Innovative Ageing (CIA) - University of Swansea

Think Local Act Personal

Think Local Act Personal is a national partnership of more than 50 organisations committed to transforming health and care through personalisation and community-based support. The partnership spans central and local government, the NHS, the provider sector, people with care and support needs, carers and family members.

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Web link(s): <http://www.thinklocalactpersonal.org.uk/>

Recent evidence

[Getting better outcomes for older people using personal budgets](#) | [Collaborative healthcare guide. 2016 \(shows how small-scale community projects are already delivering major health benefits and savings in communities across the UK\)](#)

Thomas Pocklington Trust

Thomas Pocklington Trust provide housing and support for people with sight loss who are disproportionately, but not exclusively, older people. Social and public health research to identify practical ways to improve the lives of people with sight loss is a central part of Thomas Pocklington Trust's work. Research priorities are The health and wellbeing of people with sight loss; Housing and built environments that support the independence of people with sight loss; and Building the capacity of organisations and services that work with people with sight loss to shape research and use research findings. The research aims to: contribute, in a tangible way, to the cure, prevention and alleviation of visual impairment; promote best practice in service provision and the development of innovative solutions to address the changing needs and expectations of people with visual impairment; and raise the profile and promote the work of the charity.

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Recent evidence

[Models of change for care homes \(2015\)](#) | [Changes in vision in older people: causes and impact \(2015\)](#) | [Physical activity among older people with sight loss \(2014\)](#) | [Good practice in the design of homes and living spaces for people with dementia and sight loss \(2014\)](#) | [Lighting and falls on stairs in the homes of older people with sight loss \(2014\)](#)

Timebanking UK

Timebanking is the national umbrella organisation for timebanking across the UK. Timebanks make use of the assets and resources that exist within a particular community or group that are traditionally overlooked in conventional economic transactions and services. There are approximately 250 timebanks in the UK. The organisation provides consultancy and training. The Time4Research network was launched in 2011. <https://time4research.wordpress.com/>

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Tizard Centre - University of Kent

The Tizard Centre is a UK academic group, based at the University of Kent, working in learning disability and community care. The Centre provides short courses as well as degree and diploma programmes and also undertakes an extensive programme of consultancy and research.

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Recent evidence

[Exploring the incidence, risk factors, nature and monitoring of adult protection alerts \(2006 \)](#) | [GP attitudes to early diagnosis of dementia: Evidence of improvement](#)

Trading Times

Trading Times is an online skills dating service that matches the skills and availability of people aged over 50 with the flexible resource needs of local businesses for the purposes of paid work. Trading Times was the driving force behind the 'Age of No Retirement' events held on London and Manchester in 2014/15 to discuss approaches to an ageing society.

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Web link(s): <https://tradingtimes.org.uk/>

Recent evidence

[Impact Newspaper from the Age of No Retirement - Bargehouse event 1-2 October 2014](#)

Transport Committee, House of Commons

The Transport Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department for Transport and its Associate Public Bodies. Chair, Mrs Louise Ellman (Labour/Co-operative). To date, 2015-16 session inquiry topics dominated by road and airport topics.

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Recent evidence

[Passenger transport in isolated communities: fourth report of Session 2014-15 \(HC 288 \[incorporating HC 853, session 2013-14\] \(22 July 2014\) | Access to transport for disabled people: fifth report session 2013-14: Vol. I: Report, together with formal minutes, oral and written evidence \(HC 116 \[incorporating HC 1002, Session 2012-13\] \(17 September 2013\) | Access to transport for disabled people: fifth report session 2013-14: Vol. II: Additional written evidence \(HC 116\) \(17 September 2013\)](#)

UK Advisory Forum on Ageing (UKAFA)

The UKAFA aims to improve the independence, health and wellbeing of older people. Role of the group: The UKAFA looks at the opportunities and challenges of an ageing society. It ensures that the views of older people are heard and, importantly, responded to. It gives older people a direct line to government to comment on new policy ideas, services, legislation and other areas they feel the government should deal with. Membership: The UKAFA membership is made up of representatives from organisations that work with and for older people, regional representatives from older people groups, devolved nations and government offices, and older people themselves. Issues discussed recently (Sept 2015; meets at most twice a year?): learning and career review; fuller working lives; postal scams. Presentations at meetings are generally Powerpoints, but often relate to research from other organisations, e.g. Stephen McNair at NIACE on mid-life career review. Meeting notes probably most helpful .. UKAFA and the regional forums were disbanded in December 2015. "The UK Advisory Forum on Ageing has now closed. The final meeting was held on 16 September 2015. The government places great value on constructive and productive engagement with all citizens, including older people. We will continue to engage and consult with older people and stakeholders directly on our main policy areas through well-established channels."

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Louca Hepburn, Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (Secretariat)

Web link(s): <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/uk-advisory-forum-on-ageing>

Recent evidence

[16 September 2015 meeting note](#) | [18 March 2015 meeting note](#)

UK Age Research Forum

UKARF is an alliance of organisations and government departments that fund research pertaining to older people and ageing. The main purpose of the alliance is to facilitate networking, to provide an opportunity for exchange of information and to assist different ageing research funders to see their issues in a wider context. Members include: Action On Hearing Loss ; Age UK; Alzheimer's Research UK; Alzheimer's Society; Arthritis Research UK; Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC); Association Medical Research Charities (AMRC); Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC); British Heart Foundation (BHF); Chief Scientist Office, Scotland (CSO); Department for Business, Innovation, and Skills(BIS); Department for Work and Pensions; Department of Health (DH); Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC); Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) ; HSC R and D Division, Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland; Innovate UK ; Medical Research Council (MRC); National Institute for Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR); Research into Ageing; Technology Strategy Board; The Abbeyfield Society; The Atlantic Philanthropies; The Nuffield Foundation; Thomas Pocklington Trust and Wellcome Trust. UKARF Observers include Centre for Ageing Better; International Longevity Centre-UK and Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland (CARDI)

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Recent evidence

[Dementia in the family: The impact on carers](#) | [Alzheimer's Society - Annual Research Review 2015](#) | [Prime Minister's Champion Group on the Arts - 'Becoming a dementia-friendly arts venue: a how-to guide'](#)

UK Cochrane Centre (UKCC) - See National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

UK Data Service

The UK Data Service hosts a number of data sets directly or indirectly related to ageing. It is said to be the UK's largest collection of social, economic and population data resources. It provides access to UK census data, and to several surveys including the Annual Population Survey (combining data from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and national boosts), British Social Attitudes survey, the Citizenship Survey, the Crime Survey for England and Wales (formerly British Crime Survey), English Housing Survey, Family Expenditure Survey, General Lifestyle Survey (formerly the General Household Survey), the Health Survey for England and the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey (formerly ONS Opinions Survey and ONS Omnibus Survey). The UK Data Service also provides access to data from a number of longitudinal studies including the English Longitudinal Study on Ageing (ELSA), the British Household Panel Survey (BHPS) and Understanding Society study, or the United Kingdom Household Longitudinal Study (UKHLS), which began in 2009, and is a successor to the British

Household Panel Survey.

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Web link(s): <https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/>

Recent evidence

[Analysing change over time: repeated cross sectional and longitudinal survey data](#)

UK Urban Ageing Consortium

The UK Urban Ageing Consortium is a collaborative body which comprises Manchester City Council, Keele University, the University of Manchester and the Beth Johnson Foundation. The aims of the Consortium are to: work practically at a local level to test out innovative age-friendly approaches; to develop a rigorous research and evidence base; to build a research and evaluation framework for age-friendly cities; to collaborate on research proposals and share learning nationally and internationally; to support practitioners, policy-makers and researchers; to build new partnerships and resources to develop innovative age-friendly initiatives; to help shape and inform policy at national and international levels; and to offer its research and practical expertise through consultancy work. The UK Urban Ageing Consortium was formed in 2012 reflecting the growth of interest in Age-friendly issues.

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Web link(s): <https://www.bjf.org.uk/projects/uk-urban-ageing-consortium>

Recent evidence

[A Research & Evaluation Framework for Age-friendly Cities](#)

United for All Ages

Works with local and central government, health, housing associations, companies, third sector and community organisations to tackle key issues such as: building stronger, safer communities; reducing loneliness and homelessness; tackling poverty, worklessness and disadvantage; caring for an ageing population; giving everyone the best start in life; childcare policy and strategy; volunteering and engaging communities; housing, care, work and technology for all ages.

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Recent evidence

[Building a Britain for all ages: Time for a new contract between the generations](#)

University College, London - See: English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA); EPPI-Centre; and Institute of Health Equity

University of the Third Age

U3A is a self-help membership organisation for people no longer in full time employment. It provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities through local U3As throughout the UK. These local groups are charities in their own right and are run entirely by volunteers. Local U3As are learning cooperatives which draw upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest groups in accordance with the wishes of the membership. Between them U3As offer the chance to study over 300 different subjects in such fields as art, languages, music, history, life sciences, philosophy, computing, crafts, photography and walking. A typical U3A has about 250 members but could be as small as 12 and as large as 2000.

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Web link(s): <http://www.u3a.org.uk/>

Recent evidence

[Third Age Matters magazine](#)

UnLtd

UnLtd is the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs, a UK registered charity set up in 2002. The Solutions for an Ageing Society Awards Programme, supported by the Coutts Foundation, will help develop innovation and entrepreneurial solutions including harnessing the positive elements such as experience, expertise and creativity of older people, who offer a wide pool of talent and ideas. UnLtd are looking for 19 social entrepreneurs who have ideas that will help people age well.

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Web link(s): <https://unltd.org.uk/>

Recent evidence

[Golden Opportunities - Social Entrepreneurs in an Ageing Society](#) | [Social Entrepreneurs - The Facts](#)

Voyage

VOYAGE is an inter-disciplinary initiative harnessing research and innovation in the field of ageing across Plymouth University and its external partners. It works across seven themes: dementia; diagnosis and care; inequalities; wellbeing; risk and decision making; biomedical solutions; technology and ageing.

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Welsh Government Social Research

Statistics & Research is the major independent source for current and historical releases of official statistics and social and economic research on Wales. Social research provides high quality evidence on social issues, processes and outcomes to inform the development and delivery of policy. It also tells us what people think of them and our understanding of what happens as a consequence. Social researchers are bound by the Government social Research code. Research is published; and will be published according to the Government Social Research publication protocol.

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Web link(s): <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/about/?lang=en>

Recent evidence

[Measuring the impact of supporting people: a scoping review; Nicholas Pleace, Centre for Housing Policy, University of York \(Social research; 78/2013 \)](#) | [The Integrated Care Evaluation Framework \(ICE-F\): a realistic evaluation of integrated health and social care services in Wales; Susan Carnes-Chichlowska, Vanessa Burholt, David Rea \(Social research: 23/2015\)](#) | [A review of independent living adaptations; Jennie Bibbings, Shelter Cymru \[et al\] \(Social research: 03/2015\)](#)

West of England, University of the - See: Department of Health and Social Sciences - University of the West of England

West of Scotland, University of the.. - See: Institute of Older Persons Health and Wellbeing

What Works Centre for Wellbeing

The What Works Centre for Wellbeing launched in October 2014. It has 17 founding partners including Public Health England, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), government departments, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) the Local Government Association (LGA), and the BIG Lottery Fund. The centre will develop a strong and credible evidence base which will support these organisations to concentrate efforts on interventions that will have the biggest impact. The centre has commissioned a research synthesis of what works, and secondary data analysis, initially in 3 areas: employment and learning; community wellbeing; culture and sport. There is also work on measuring, analysing data, definitions, and identifying areas for further research on wellbeing. The

centre aims to mobilise knowledge to get evidence of what works to those areas and organisations that can use it to best effect. Has an Evidence Programme (commissioned in partnership with the Economic & Social Research Council.); nothing that appears to relate to older people, and generally not age-specific. however the Culture and Sport section is headed up by the gerontologist Professor Christina Victor, (Brunel University London).

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What Works Network

The What Works Network uses evidence to make better decisions to improve public services. This initiative aims to improve the way government and other organisations create, share and use (or 'generate, transmit and adopt') high quality evidence for decision-making. It supports more effective and efficient services across the public sector at national and local levels. What Works is based on the principle that good decision-making should be informed by the best available evidence. If evidence is not available, decision-makers should use high quality methods to find out what works. The network is made up of 7 independent What Works Centres and 2 affiliate members. Together these centres cover policy areas which receive public spending of more than £200 billion. What Works Centres are different from standard research centres. They enable policy makers, commissioners and practitioners to make decisions based upon strong evidence of what works and to provide cost-efficient, useful services. The centres help to ensure that thorough, high quality, independently assessed evidence shapes decision-making at every level, by: collating existing evidence on how effective policy programmes and practices are producing high quality synthesis reports and systematic reviews in areas where they do not currently exist; assessing how effective policies and practices are against an agreed set of outcomes; sharing findings in an accessible way; and encouraging practitioners, commissioners and policymakers to use these findings to inform their decisions.

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Recent evidence

[What Works: evidence centres for social policy \(March 2013\)](#) | [What Works? evidence for decision makers \(25th November 2014\)](#)

What Works Scotland

A member of the UK's What Works Network. What Works Scotland is an initiative to improve the way local areas in Scotland use evidence to make decisions about public service development and reform. It works with specific Community Planning Partnerships involved in the design and delivery of public services. (Seems to be very overarching in approach.) WWS brings together the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, other academics across Scotland, with partners from: Glasgow Centre for

Population Health; Healthcare Improvement Scotland; Improvement Service; Inspiring Scotland; IRISS (Institution for Research and Innovation in Social Services); Joint Improvement Team; NHS Health Scotland; NHS Education for Scotland; SCVO (Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations). Evidence Bank - currently exploring issues around multi-agency partnerships with a view to conducting an evidence review. More focused is case study area work, e.g. Aberdeenshire, which includes: Building community capacity to support health and social care integration. Other projects, Fife, Glasgow and West Dunbartonshire, focused on community-related themes. Again, v overarching. Plus 9 "learning partners" Clyde Valley, Edinburgh, East Lothian, Highland, Midlothian, Moray, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and West Lothian.

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Recent evidence

[Cook, A \(2015\) Partnership Working Across UK Public Services: evidence review Edinburgh: What Works Scotland.](#) | [Scaling-Up Innovations: evidence review \(June 2015\)](#)

Women and Equalities Committee, House of Commons

The Women and Equalities Committee was appointed by the House of Commons on 3 June 2015 to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the Government Equalities Office (GEO). The Committee fills a gap in previous accountability arrangements - the Minister for Women and Equalities and the GEO will now be held to account by a select committee for the Government's performance on equalities (gender, age, race, sexual orientation, disability and transgender/gender identity) issues. Chair is Maria Miller (Cons). In session 2015/16, Committee conducting an inquiry of transgender equality: The deadline for written submissions was Friday 21 August 2015. The Committee received over 230 submissions in total, much of which includes personal or other sensitive information, so it is taking longer than usual to process and will be published in stages. Took written and oral evidence from ministers in a range of Govt departments, including Nicky Morgan, Minister, Women and Equalities. Equalities and Human Rights Commission questioned on strategic plan 24 Nov 2015. Gender pay gap; including questions about inquiry to inform Government strategy on reducing the gender pay gap, focusing on policies aimed at reducing the pay gap for women aged over 40.

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Recent evidence

Worcester, University of - See: Association for Dementia Studies

Work and Pensions Committee, House of Commons

The Work and Pensions Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department for Work and Pensions and its associated public bodies. Frank Field was elected Chair of the Work and Pensions Committee on 18 June 2015. (Dame Anne Begg was Committee Chair in the previous Parliament) Current inquiries in session 2015-16 include: Understanding the new State Pension

(<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/work-and-pensions-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/state-pension-15-16/>); Pensions automatic enrolment; Bereavement benefits (<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/work-and-pensions-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/bereavement-benefits-15-16/>); Pension freedom guidance and advice.

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Recent evidence

[Pension freedom guidance and advice first report of Session 2015–16 \(HC 371\) \(19 October 2015\)](#) | [Progress with automatic enrolment and pension reforms: fourth report of Session 2014-15 \(HC 668\) \(10 March 2015\)](#) | [Progress with automatic enrolment and pension reforms: Government and Financial Conduct Authority responses to the Committee's fourth report of Session 2014-15: first special report of Session 2015-16 \(HC 375\) \(27 July 2015\)](#)

Years Ahead Partnership Board (the North East Regional Forum on Ageing)

Years Ahead was launched in January 2005 to influence key policy and decision makers concerned with demographic change and ageing, and to promote partnership working to advance such issues. It consists of a network of public, voluntary/community and private sector bodies operating at a local and regional level and is linked through a Partnership Board, of which at least half of the voting representatives are older people appointed by their respective local forums and organisations. The main aim of Years Ahead is to bring together organisations operating at a local area and within the North East to identify and promote issues relating to: Changes in the age-structure of the regional population, and the implications of these changes at all levels; and factors which influence the health and wellbeing of older people, including social attitudes and perceptions of ageing.

'Loneliness and Isolation: a survey of initiatives ...' was presented at UKAFA's March 2015 meeting.

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Recent evidence

[Loneliness and Isolation: A Survey of Initiatives to Combat Loneliness and Isolation in Older People in the North East Region \(November 2014\)](#) | [A Report on Older Person Friendly Seating; Written and produced by Bill Ions, Vice Chair, "YEARS AHEAD" \(January 2014\)](#) | [Pensioner Material Deprivation indicator; and The 'Comfortable Life?' toolkit \(both 2013\)](#) | [The Impact of Public Sector Cuts for Older People in the North East Region: Task Group report \(November 2015\)](#)

**York, University of - See Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD);
National Institute for Health Research (NIHR); and Social Policy Research Unit (SPRU).**

Young Foundation

Founded by Michael Young, the Foundation works 'to create a more equal and just society, where each individual can be fulfilled in their own terms. We work with the public and private sectors and civil society to empower people to lead happier and more meaningful lives'. The Foundation focuses on: places, youth and education, health and wellbeing, social innovation and investment, and gender. The Foundation founded The Open University and the University of the Third Age and supports many small charities. In 2015, the Young Foundation was awarded Big Lottery funding to develop the Amplify project which aims to bring people, groups and organisations together to tackle problems in their communities. The four-year programme will support local people to develop projects to address a range of issues including youth unemployment, isolation and poverty among older people and people facing inequality such as black and minority ethnic groups. The project is working across Northern Ireland with a particular focus on Belfast, Derry/Londonderry and Enniskillen. In the same year, it launched a pilot programme, Community Can, funded by the Big Lottery, which focuses on providing support to small, informal community groups in five local authority areas in England: Barking and Dagenham, Blackpool, Peterborough, Sunderland and Torbay. The aim is to test new ways of enabling such groups to build on their skills, knowledge, confidence and evidence base of 'what works', in order to increase their influence and support people in their local communities.

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Recent evidence

[The Bench Project](#) | [On the Ground: Community Mapping in Barnet. 2015](#) | [Together We Can: Exploring asset-based approaches and complex needs service transformation. 2013](#) | [The Wellbeing and Resilience Paradox. 2012](#)

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Appendices

Appendix A – The Brief

The brief was to carry out a short piece of desk research to provide a better understanding of the external landscape for evidence of what works to improve later life and, in particular to determine “where people can currently go to find and understand evidence for what works to improve later life”.

To identify the the key organisations currently involved in:

- Evidence production
- Evidence collation and search facilities
- Evidence synthesis and
- Producers of toolkits, guidelines and policies based on evidence.

The review at this stage was to be restricted to UK sources and the ‘people’ to be informed were primarily be policy makers and professionals, rather than the general public.

Particular areas of interest included: finances and financial planning; housing; age-friendly cities and the built environment; physical health and mental health (excluding biomedical and clinical research); social connections; work; volunteering; lifelong learning; and care and support.

The review would also seek to identify ways in which the Centre for Ageing Better might add most value.

The requirement at this stage was for a high level scan that would therefore not necessarily be fully comprehensive or exhaustive.

Appendix B – About the Centre for Policy on Ageing

The Centre for Policy on Ageing aims to ‘be a place to get the facts about what an ageing society means, across and within different generations’, and to ‘bring different people together to explore how society can adjust and respond well to the challenges of an ageing population’.

CPA is an independent charity, established by the Nuffield Foundation in 1947, that promotes the interests of older people through research, policy analysis and the dissemination of information. It aims to raise awareness of issues around all aspects of ageing and to support good practice. Its overarching focus is to discover and advocate what older people themselves want and need. It acts as a hub to encourage the creative exchange of thinking and information on ageing issues. A key element of this work is making knowledge on ageing issues widely accessible to share learning and underpin policy initiatives to support older people. CPA places a significant value on inspiring change in policy and practice that is based on evidence from research, and experience – including the experience of older people, and shares a commitment to making facts, learning and knowledge

easily accessible to a wide range of individuals and organisations. It is committed to supporting people at all levels and across all sectors to respond well to the opportunities and challenge of ageing and an ageing society.

The Centre for Policy on Ageing hosts a specialised information resource on older age issues which is unique within the UK. It has developed a reference collection and a thematic issue-based information centre relating to ageing and older age. This specialist collection of books, journal articles both from peer reviewed journals and practitioner journals, reports, official publications, conference proceedings, statistical sources and other material has been built up and developed over a period of fifty years and is unrivalled in its coverage of material which is difficult and frequently impossible to find elsewhere. Report material (sometimes referred to as grey literature) is of particular value within this field. This literature is produced by the voluntary sector, professional bodies and independent research organisations. The CPA collection is fully abstracted and indexed. It is available via AgeInfo on the Web.

During recent years CPA has produced many evidence based original reports and reviews of reliable and relevant research on topics including 'Wellness': Prevention and the sustainability of health and well-being in older age, Managing and administering medication in care homes for older people, The financial abuse of older people, Age discrimination in health care, Dance and older people, The changing role of care homes, The future ageing of the ethnic minority population of England and Wales and, How local authorities with less money can support better outcomes for older people. It has carried out a number of 'rapid reviews' on topics as diverse as Resilience in older age, Changing family structures and their impact on the care of older people, The potential impact of new technologies and The treatment and prevention of urinary tract infections. CPA recently carried out a 'call for evidence' on behalf of LGA on what local authorities should be doing for their older populations, including a sample review of the extent to which local authorities have an 'older people's strategy'.

Appendix C – Methods

The Evidence Landscape Review adopted a mixed-methods approach.

CPA was able to use its corporate knowledge of many of the main evidence sources on ageing and older age in the UK, built up through nearly seventy years' experience in the field, to create a core body of evidence sources that could be expanded by internet searching.

To help identify, record and organise information about those evidence sources, which include a large amount of free text, a new internal database was developed. The use of a database allowed the information to be organised by a range of criteria and produce, for example, lists of 'think tanks' or organisations and other sources of evidence on 'life-long learning'.

Information recorded about each source included:

- Basic contact information.

- A brief description of the evidence source and the work carried out.
- The nature(s) of the source, for example academic unit, think tank, research funder.
- The role of the resource in evidence creation, synthesis and dissemination.
- The subject foci of the resource eg ageing (all aspects), care and support, demographics, finances, lifelong learning, social connections, volunteering
- Whether or not ageing was the primary focus
- Examples of recent evidence produced with links to that evidence wherever possible

Outputs from the database included:

- Evidence sources organised by the subjects covered.
- Evidence sources organised by the type of resource.
- A reference list of evidence resources by name, with basic contact details including website links, a description of the resource, and recent evidence produced with internet links to that evidence.
- Metrics describing the subject balance and the prevalence of different types of resource within the evidence landscape

This database has the potential to be developed into an externally searchable online resource, generating outputs, as described above, on demand.

Metrics for developments in the subject landscape

As a long-standing information provider in the field of ageing and older age, CPA has 'expert' knowledge of how the subject balance of research interest has changed over the years. To validate this 'Delphic Analysis' a way was sought to measure the way in which the subject balance has changed over time.

New Literature on Old Age, published six times a year, by CPA, uses a 'controlled vocabulary' for the broad subject headings under which that new literature is organised. This vocabulary had developed over time but provides a comparative framework to observe the development of research and the consequent literature. The number of entries in each subject section varies greatly from issue to issue, so some kind of smoothing mechanism was necessary to observe any trends. Ideally a six point moving average for each subject area would have been adopted but it would have been impossible, in the time available, to interrogate the CPA databases to collect this detailed data, so a simple cumulative total by calendar year was generated instead.

Example metrics

Subject	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Religion and spirituality	3	6	17	11	7	7	2	10	-	1
Residential and nursing home care	29	43	49	47	40	35	29	37	-	38
Dementia	62	69	97	97	81	89	117	125	-	117
Depression	16	9	14	24	18	27	23	16	-	14
Abuse	8	21	38	21	29	16	24	53	-	25