

Age UK Norfolk Strategic Priorities 2023-2024

Vision

Our vision is our aspiration for the future – our vision is to ensure older people live well in Norfolk.

Mission

Our mission guides everything we do – our mission is to support older people in Norfolk to enjoy the opportunities and meet the challenges of later life

Values

Our 'ICARE' values shape everything that we do:

Inform, Commit, Adapt, Respect, Enable

Context

Norfolk has a rapidly ageing population; by 2041, the population aged 85+ is estimated to double in size. Older people can have very specific needs for support, exacerbated by later life issues which can include ill health, reduced income and loneliness/isolation. Loneliness can be as detrimental to your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and there is a 50% increased risk of dementia associated with loneliness. 27.4% of pensioners living alone in the Eastern Region are from Norfolk and Norfolk also tops the list of those experiencing fuel poverty in the Eastern Region, with 15.6% of households.

Our Strategic Priorities

Informing & Advising

Ensuring older people have access to reliable information and advice & maximising older people's income

Supporting & Enabling

Improving the wellbeing & independence of older people

Listening & Consulting

Valuing the contribution that older people make

Maintaining & Developing

Ensuring our sustainability

How we will achieve our priorities

Providing information and advice via our helpline

Operating the triage function of the Your Norfolk Advice Network

Providing our welfare benefit service

Reducing social isolation and feelings of loneliness

Supporting older people to learn new digital skills

Supporting older people to make their own choices and be more independent

Involving older people in the design and delivery of our services

Working with older people and local communities to become 'Age Friendly'

Increasing our independent income

Investing in our employees and volunteers

Ensuring our commitment to quality