

Our ageing population brings both challenges and opportunities.

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Policy and Research Update - January 2018

The New Year started with the NHS and social care system facing unparalleled challenges from winter pressures – a reminder, if one were needed for readers of this bulletin, of the importance of the social care green paper expected later this year. More positively, the Government's announcement of plans to develop a cross-cutting strategy on loneliness is one we strongly welcomed.

Warm wishes,

Jane Vass, Director of Policy and Research

News

The Prime Minister announced a cross-government strategy to prioritise and tackle loneliness following the findings from the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness, which includes the appointment of the first 'Minister for Loneliness' Tracey Crouch.

[Read the full story here >](#)

Featured Publication

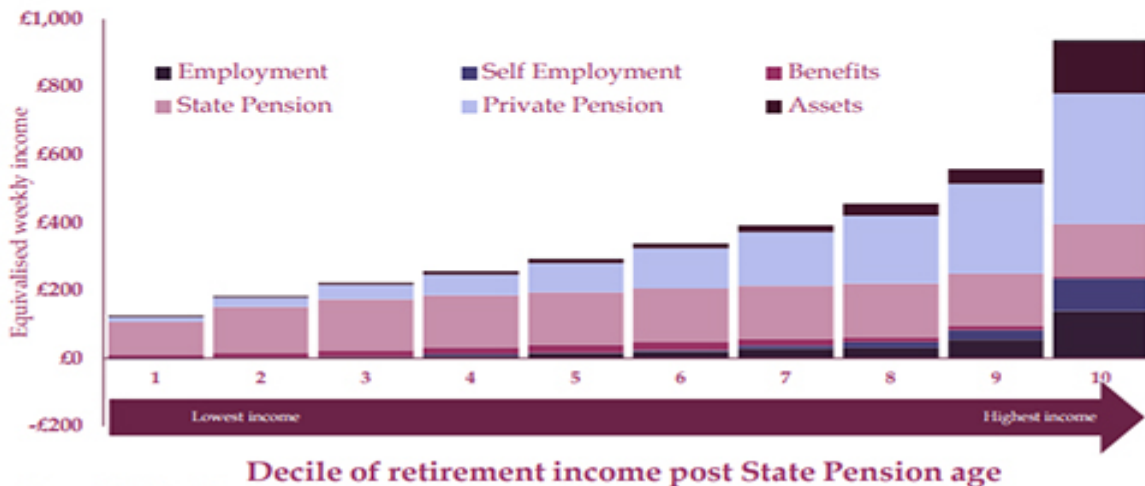
A new report by the Pensions Policy Institute (PPI), sponsored by Age UK has found that for the poorest pensioners, three in every four pounds (78%) of their income comes from the State Pension.

[Read the report here >](#)

Chart 1: Those at lower deciles are more dependent upon the State Pension

PENSIONS POLICY INSTITUTE
PPI

Amount of income from different sources by income decile post SPa



Source: ELSA Wave 7¹

Publications

The Pensions Policy Institute report on the dependence on state pension, commissioned by Age UK, can be [found here](#).

Consultation responses

Age UK has submitted a response to the Resolution Foundation's Intergenerational Fairness Commission which asked for views on policy solutions.

[Read the response >](#)

We responded to the Work and Pensions committee on 'Employment support for Carers'.

[Read the response >](#)

We responded to the Women & Equalities Committee Inquiry on Older Workers.

[Read the Response >](#)

Read our submission to the Payment Systems Regulator consultation on authorised push payment scams.

[Read our submission >](#)

More from Age UK

Age UK information guides and factsheets

We frequently update our factsheets and information guides on a wide variety of issues affecting older people. You can find these guides, along with all of our other resources, [here](#).

Age UK Research

The Big Care Survey

The Care and Support Alliance, of which Age UK is a member, has launched a survey to hear from people who have experience with adult social care in England. If you need social care or are a carer who cares for someone who needs social care, [click here to participate in the survey](#).

CMA Care Homes Questionnaire

The Competition and Markets Authority has launched an online questionnaire to hear the experiences of relatives and representatives of deceased care home residents. You can find more information, and [participate in the questionnaire here](#).

Research Digest

Catch up with interesting news and development in the field of ageing research and policy, including available BMA Foundation for Medical Research Grants.

[Find the latest developments >](#)

Upcoming Events

For Later Life Conference 2018 - date change

The For Later Life conference will be postponed until Wednesday 5 September 2018.

The Government has recently announced that they will publish a green paper on care and support for older people by summer 2018. The paper will set out plans for how government proposes to improve care and support for older people and tackle the challenge of an ageing population.

We feel that the For Later Life conference would be better placed in September once the paper is published so that it can be at the forefront of discussion at the event.

If you have any questions about this please email: events@ageuk.org.uk or call 020 303 31725.

For more information visit our website: www.ageuk.org.uk/forlaterlife

You can book tickets for the 5 September and we have extended the early bird offer until 2 March 2018: [book now >](#)

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