

Our ageing population brings both challenges and opportunities.

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## Policy and Research Update - July 2017

Just before recess, we received the unwelcome news that the planned increase in [State Pension Age](#) is to be accelerated – and this came the day after Sir Michael Marmot published findings of a dramatic slowdown in improvements in life expectancy, leaving him ‘deeply concerned’. The connection between health and wealth remains a focus for Age UK, and this month we highlight some new figures on scams and a new report on care home fees.

Warm wishes,  
Jane Vass, Director of Policy and Research

### News

New figures from Age UK find that nearly 5 million older people have been targeted by scammers.

[Read the full story here >](#)

### Featured Publication

Age UK has published a ‘behind the headlines’ report on the ‘top up’ stealth tax on older people in state-funded residential care. It finds that the families of a quarter of care home residents whose care is supposed to be free are being forced into paying top up fees.

[Read the report >](#)



### Publications

Age UK has commissioned a diversity review from the Centre for Policy on Ageing on religious minorities.

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Age UK has published an evidence review on positive intergenerational connections, and evaluations of intergenerational contact programmes.

### Consultation responses

Age UK has responded to a Competition and Markets Authority consultation on their Care Homes Market Study Update paper.

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## Blog

Read this blog post by Senior Policy Manager, Christopher Brooks, on [the implications for older workers of a recent Supreme Court ruling on employment tribunal fees](#).

## More from Age UK

### Ageing in the news

The [BBC reported](#) on an international study in the Lancet that found 'one in three cases of dementia could be prevented if more people looked after their brain health throughout life.' To find more research evidence on Staying Sharp in later life, [visit our web pages](#).

### Research Digest

Catch up with the [latest developments](#), including a Physiotherapy Priority Setting Partnership survey.

### Age UK Research

Here we share recent findings from research on the older population. [Age UK Research](#)

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