

Our ageing population brings both challenges and opportunities.

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## Policy & Research Update - June 2017

Dear Miss Small,

The Queen's Speech, which sets out Government's legislative programme for the next session of Parliament, was particularly keenly awaited this year. You can [read our response](#) in this bulletin, but we are pleased that the Government is pressing ahead with a consultation on social care - news of an important study into care homes highlights just how crucial it is to find a sustainable solution.

Warm wishes,

Jane Vass, Director of Policy and Research

### News

A recent study into the quality of care homes which has sparked a consumer protection investigation has been called 'a manifestation of our buckling social care system' by Age UK.

[Read the full story here >](#)

### Featured Publication

Age UK has evaluated the British Gymnastics Foundation's Age and Dementia Friendly Gymnastics programme. The research found the programme to have demonstrable benefits in the physical, emotional and cognitive aspects of older people, with older people having mild to advanced forms of dementia appearing to benefit the most.

[Read the evaluation >](#)

[Find out more about the programme >](#)



## Publications

Age UK has published a briefing paper in response to the Queen's Speech.

[Read the report >](#)

Age UK has commissioned a diversity review from the Centre for Policy on Ageing on older LGBT people.

[Read the report >](#)

## Consultation responses

Age UK has responded to a NICE guideline consultation on the provision of support for adult carers.

[Read the response >](#)

Age UK has responded to the Competition and Markets Authority market study into price comparison websites, arguing that they can exclude some older people.

[Read the response >](#)

## Blog

Read this blog post by our Social and Economic Research Manager, Marcus Green, on [developments since the launch of Age UK's Index of Wellbeing in Later Life](#).

## More from Age UK

### Research Digest

Catch up with the [latest developments](#), including a report on the reality of end of life care for LGBT people from Marie Curie, and surveys from the NIHR Clinical Research Network and Office of the Public Guardian.

### Later Life Factsheet

This [collection of statistics](#) is the best source of publicly-available, general information on people in later life in the UK.

### Age UK Research

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

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