

Our ageing population brings both challenges and opportunities.

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Policy and Research Update - March 2018

Age UK's top priority remains addressing the woeful state of our social care system, and in preparation for the Government's Green paper expected later this year, we have been running 'listening events' with older people around the country. You can read what they told us about their experiences of care, and their views on how the problem should be addressed, [here](#). The importance of addressing older people's needs, and listening to their stories, is also set out in our new report, *Struggling to cope*.

Warm wishes,

Jane Vass, Director of Policy and Research

News

New analysis from Age UK shows that 1.465 million feel that what happens in their life is determined by factors beyond their control. Age UK's new report, [Struggling to Cope with Later Life](#) calls on everyone to do more to support older people in recognising their self-worth.

[Read the full story here >](#)

Featured Publication

A new report, *Applying the brakes*, published by Age UK shows that fraud destroys many older people's lives, and calls for the Government, local authorities, banks and the police to improve their response.

[Read the report here >](#)

5 million targeted

Almost 5 million older people (65+) believe they have been targeted by scammers.

75 average age

The average age of victims of mass marketing postal fraud is 75.

Publications

Read our report on *Struggling to cope* in later life

[Read the report >](#)

Read our report, *Applying the brakes*: Slowing and stopping fraud against older

Consultation responses

Age UK responded to the Department for Transportation, supporting the proposed extension of eligibility requirements for the Blue Badge scheme.

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people.

[Read the report >](#)

We provided written evidence to the Health Committee on Communities and Local Government Committee joint inquiry on long term care.

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Blog

Read a blog from the Malnutrition Task Force looking at [malnutrition in older people in the community](#) in light of Nutrition and Hydration Week.

More from Age UK

Age UK information guides and factsheets

We recently updated our factsheet on Home improvements and repairs. You can these updates, along with all our information guides and factsheets, [here](#).

Research Digest

Catch up with interesting news and development in the field of ageing research and policy, including a last chance to participate in the survey that will set the national research agenda in living with and beyond cancer, on [our Research Digest page](#).

Upcoming Events

For Later Life Conference 2018 - 5 September 2018

[Book your place now >](#)

The For Later Life Conference is a must attend event for those with an interest in social care, older people services, health and related fields to meet and debate the key issues affecting older people. It is widely regarded as one of the most important events in the calendar for those with responsibility for, or an interest in, the provision of effective services for older people.

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

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