

Our ageing population brings both challenges and opportunities.

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Policy & Research Update - May 2017

Dear Miss Small,

As I write, party manifestos for the forthcoming General Election are starting to hit my inbox. This month, we are also setting out our priorities for how the next Government can make life better for older people – you can read more below.

Warm wishes,

Jane Vass, Director of Policy and Research

News

Age UK's latest 'Behind the headlines' report warns that despite the increasing number of older people in the UK workforce, they have been hit by cuts to working hours related to external factors.

[Read the full story here >](#)

Featured Publication

Age UK wants a world where everyone can love later life. But cuts to social care, pressures on the NHS, pensioner poverty, and loneliness mean this isn't the case for millions of older people in the UK. The General Election on 8 June provides us with a huge opportunity to change this situation.

[Support our campaign: www.ageuk.org.uk/generalelection](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/generalelection)



Priority one: Dignified care at home, in hospital and in the care home



Priority two: A decent income



Priority three: A life worth living

[Download our manifesto: Dignity in older age and a later life worth living, Age UK](#)

Publications

Age UK's manifesto briefings give more detail on our priorities for the 2017-2022 Parliament.

[Read the reports >](#)

Age UK has released a 'Behind the headlines' report on why the employment rate does not tell the whole story about working longer.

[Read the report >](#)

Age UK has commissioned the Centre for Policy on Ageing to research disability in older age.

[Read the report >](#)

Consultation responses

Age UK has responded to an Ofgem consultation on Standards of Conduct for suppliers in the retail energy market.

[Read the response >](#)

Blog

Read this blog post by Charity Director, Caroline Abrahams on [how exercise can improve brain health](#). See our brand new [Staying Sharp](#) web pages for more.

More from Age UK

Research Digest

Catch up with the [latest developments](#), including a call from the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) for research participants with glaucoma.

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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