

Our ageing population brings both challenges and opportunities.

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## Policy and Research Update - November 2017

The Budget on 22 November was silent on social care, and the extra funding the Chancellor announced for the NHS, while welcome, is far less than experts predict will be needed. In this Bulletin you can read our Budget briefing, a major report on malnutrition in later life, and a bumper crop of consultation responses.

Warm wishes,

Jane Vass, Director of Policy and Research

### News

New figures from the Office of National Statistics show that over the winter of 2016-17, there were 31,800 winter deaths among over-65s from cold-related attacks and strokes (compared to 20,800 the previous years). Charity Director Caroline Abrahams urged the government to take urgent action to address the underlying causes of these deaths.

[Read the full story here >](#)

### Featured Publication

The Malnutrition Task Force released its latest State of the Nation report, highlighting the scale of malnutrition in later life.

[Read the report here >](#)



**BAPEN have calculated that older people are disproportionately represented in malnourished groups.**

#### The analysis by BAPEN has found that:

- Treating someone who is malnourished is two to three times more expensive than for someone who is not malnourished.
- Estimated health and social care expenditure per capita of the population is £2,417.
- For those malnourished or at risk, the expenditure rises to £7,408 per person in the population.<sup>18</sup>

### Publications

Age UK responded to the Work and Pensions committee inquiry on pension

### Consultation responses

Age UK responded to the Law Commission Consultation on making a will.

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[Read our submission >](#)

Read our submission of evidence to the Transport Select Committee regarding Community Transport licences.

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Read our response and briefing of the 22 November Budget.

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We responded to Ofgem's proposed 'vulnerable customer safeguard tariff', supporting the move which will cap energy prices for older and other customers stuck on expensive default energy tariffs

[Read the response >](#)

Age UK responded to the Women and Equalities Select Committee Inquiry on Fuller Working Lives, arguing that while progress has been made there are still a range of barriers preventing people from getting on in work.

[Read the response >](#)

## Blog

Read this blog from our Public Affairs Manager Rob Henderson on [the Chancellor's Budget for the upcoming year](#).

## More from Age UK

### Age UK information guides and factsheets

We recently updated our factsheets on housing, heating costs, and NHS health and nursing care. You can find these updates, along with all of our other resources, [here](#).

### Research Digest

Catch up with the [latest developments](#), including available BMA Foundation for Medical Research Grants and a survey on setting priority partnerships for physiotherapists from the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists.

### Upcoming Events

#### *For Later Life Conference*

#### **Can the voluntary sector pick up the pieces?**

Join the debate at the For Later Life Conference 2018.

We'll be discussing workforce changes in health and social and what the voluntary sector should be doing.

The conference is taking place on 14 March 2018 at Church House Westminster.

[View the full programme >](#)

Register for early bird rates - [book now >](#)

Start the conversation: [@age\\_uk #forlaterlife](#)

#### *Love Christmas Carol Concert*

Last chance to buy tickets to Age UK's much-loved celebrity carol concert on **Thursday 7 December at 7.30pm in Westminster Cathedral, London.**

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