

Our ageing population brings both challenges and opportunities.

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## Policy and Research Update - September 2017

Dear Friend,

Autumn is proving to be tumultuous both in terms of political debate and the weather. This month's blog reflects on lessons to be learnt from the recent shocking pictures of care home residents sitting up to their waists in water after the floods in Houston. At home, although Brexit may be dominating the political debate, our news item provides a salutary reminder of the everyday reality of cuts to social care. This is something we will be asking the Chancellor to address in his Budget on 22 November.

Warm wishes,

Jane Vass, Director of Policy and Research

### News

Age UK responded to a new survey that sets out the frustrations of social workers, and the shocking evidence of just how threadbare the social care safety net in England has become.

[Read the full story here >](#)

### Featured Publication

Age UK, in collaboration with Public Health England and the Malnutrition Task Force, published a booklet focusing on having the difficult conversations about end of life.

[See the booklet and accompanying animation here >](#)



## Publications

Age UK contributed to a report by the Disability Benefits Consortium on problems with Personal Independence Payment (PIP), an increasing issue for people coming to Age UK I&A services.

[Read the report >](#)

[Read Age UK's submission](#) to the Government on what we would like to see in the Autumn Budget (taking place on 22 November.)

## Consultation responses

Age UK responded to the Financial Conduct Authority's consultation on its Retirement Outcomes Review, highlighting the lack of competition and the failure of the industry to deliver solutions for lower and mid-sized savers.

[Read the response >](#)

Age UK responded to the Ofgem consultation on default energy tariffs for end-of-contract customers. We support the proposal to allow energy suppliers to default customers onto better value fixed term tariffs. This could give a better deal to older consumers who struggle to shop around.

[Read the response >](#)

## Blog

Read a new blog by Olivia Small on [the impact on older people of flooding due to climate change](#).

## More from Age UK

### Age UK information guides and factsheets

We have just updated our Information and Advice factsheets on heating costs, getting the best energy deal, and safeguarding. You can find them, along with all of our other resources, [here](#).

### Research Digest

Catch up with the [latest developments](#), including a survey on future cancer research priorities. If you are a professional that treats or supports those with cancer, you are living with cancer, have had a diagnosis in the past, or are supporting someone that has, [click](#)

[here](#) to complete the survey.

## Upcoming Events

### *Later Life Conference*

You can now [book tickets](#) for Age UK's 2018 For Later Life conference which will take place on **Wednesday 14th March 2018** at **Church House, Westminster, London**.

Our flagship annual conference is a chance for professionals and volunteers from across the public, voluntary and private sector services, to unite to discuss the latest topics and explore recent developments in age-related policy and practice.

Programme announcements will be made in October.

Join the debate on twitter: [@age\\_uk](#) [#forlaterlife](#)

[Book your place now >](#)

### *Love Christmas Carol Concert*

Join us for Age UK's much-loved celebrity carol concert on **Thursday 7 December at 7.30pm** in **Westminster Cathedral**, London.

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