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## Policy & Research Update

### January 2019

Although 2019 has barely begun, it's already been pretty eventful. The NHS launched its Long Term Plan, Government announced big changes to Pension Credit – impacting on thousands of older people – and our Switched Off campaign on TV licenses is gathering pace with almost 40,000 signatures. And as winter starts to bite, don't forget to check out our new look [winter wellbeing campaign](#).

Ruthe Isden, Head of Health Influencing

## News

Age UK warns of another devastating impact of a policy announcement that could leave older pensioners who live with a younger partner thousands of pounds worse off. [Click here to read](#) about the government's changes to Pension Credit.

Our [Switched Off](#) campaign, featured in last month's update, has reached almost 40,000 signatures. Age UK are continuing to campaign to keep TV Licences free for people over the age of 75; with almost a third of this group living in poverty, TV can be an important link to the outside world. If you would like to help us reach our target of 50,000 [click here to sign the petition](#).

[Discover](#) is our new hub for news, views, real-life stories and in-depth analysis of key issues affecting older people. Recent additions to Discover include an interview with writer Robin Lloyd-Jones about book of interviews with people continuing to be productive in their field in later life, and advice on beating the January blues. The new Discover page can be found at [www.ageuk.org.uk/discover](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/discover)

Read more on discover >

## Highlights from 2018

For our feature this month, we'd like to look back at some of Age UK's work over the course of 2018.

- [Applying the brakes: Slowing and stopping fraud against older people](#)  
Age UK's report on the experiences of older people and fraud.
- ["Why call it care when nobody cares?"](#)  
An Age UK campaign report about how older people and their families experience the crisis in social care
- [A big win for Painful journeys](#)  
The Department for Transport recognised the need for improvement of transport to and from hospital for older people
- [All the Lonely People: Loneliness in Later Life](#)  
Age UK looks at the different factors that can contribute to the loneliness of older people.
- [Warm and Well Programme Evaluation: Year 1 Final report](#)  
So far Age UK has supported 4,500 older people, this report reviews the first year of the programme.

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### Publications

#### [Economics and ageing](#)

José Luis Iparraguirre, the Chief Economist at Age UK and Professor of Economics at the University of Morón in Buenos Aires has written a new series of books examining the economic implications of ageing, aimed to be accessible for economists and non-economists in the field of ageing alike.

[Read an interview with the author on our new Discover pages, here.](#)

### Consultation Responses

[Click here](#) to read Age UK's response to a consultation on introducing Collective Defined Contribution (CDC) pensions.

CDC pensions are a new type of pension scheme that employers will be able to offer employees. Our response flags up a few issues for the Government to consider when drafting regulations.

[Read more >](#)

## Blog

#### [The NHS Plan: what will it mean for older people?](#)

Read Charity Director Caroline Abraham's take on the long-awaited NHS ten year plan [here](#).

## More from Age UK

### Age UK information guides and factsheets

The following factsheets have been updated: (FS22) Arranging for someone to make decisions on your behalf, and (FS78) Safeguarding order people from abuse and neglect.

All factsheets can be found on the Age UK website [here](#).

Large Print versions of all factsheets are now also available to download [here](#).

## Age UK Research

### Upcoming Events

West Midlands Ageing Speciality Event in Conjunction with ENRICH (Enabling Research in Care Homes).

**Date:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Location:** thestudio, 7 Cannon Street, Birmingham, B2 5EP

**Cost:** Free and lunch provided

**Aim:** This event will provide the opportunity to share best practice ideas for research and showcase involvement in research by Ageing and Care Home communities.

For further details and to register [click here](#)

### Privacy policy update

You may have read about the new privacy data laws being introduced this year. This doesn't mean we're changing the way we collect or use your information; but to help make it easier for you to find out what we do, we've created a new 'Privacy Policy' which can be found at [www.ageuk.org.uk/help/privacy-policy](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/help/privacy-policy). If you have any questions or would like a printed copy, please give us a call on 0800 169 8787.

