

Age UK's response to the Budget on 29 October

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Policy and Research Update - October 2018

This month we bring you our response to the Chancellor's Budget, but also welcome news on loneliness, following the publication of the Government's new strategy on loneliness. All of us who worked with the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness are well aware that government can't solve loneliness alone but it can provide the leadership and direction to make sure action and funding follow, so this is an important and welcome step in the right direction.

Warm wishes,
Jane Vass, Director of Policy and Research

News

Age UK's response to the Budget on 29 October was relief – that at least some money had been found for social care – combined with disappointment that it will be nowhere near enough to plug the funding gap. [You can read our Budget Briefing here.](#)

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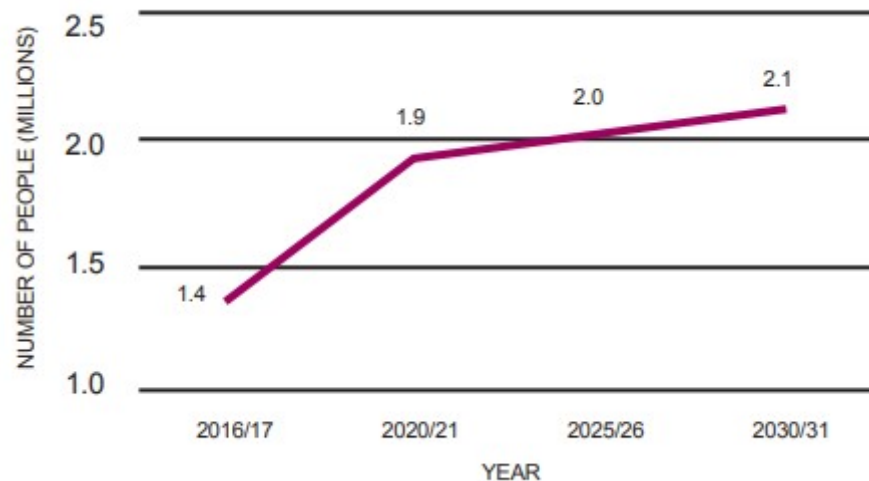
Featured Publication

All the Lonely People: Loneliness in Later Life

Demographic trends mean the number of over 50s suffering from loneliness is set to reach two million by 2025/6. This should be a major public health concern because if loneliness is not addressed it can become chronic, seriously affecting people's health and well-being.

[Read the report >](#)

Number of people aged 50 and over living in England projected to be feeling often lonely up to 2030/31



Source: ONS and English Longitudinal Study of Ageing

Publications

[All the Lonely People: Loneliness in Later Life.](#)

Understanding the circumstances associated with feeling lonely and explaining what we know works in supporting people to tackle feelings of persistent loneliness. There is also a technical annex available here.

Consultation responses

Age UK's response to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

[Read our response >](#)

[Read the report >](#)

Our Response to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's consumer green paper 'Modernising consumer markets'.

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Our response to the Competition & Markets Authority call for views on the Citizens Advice super-complaint on the loyalty penalty paid by consumers for essential services.

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Age UK's response to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Financial Crime and Scamming inquiry into the impact of fraud and scams on vulnerable people.

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Blog

[Protecting older people's precious right to liberty: the Mental Capacity \(Amendment\) Bill](#)

Angela Kitching, our Head of External Affairs, [writes about the controversy around this bill](#), and why Age UK is concerned. This is an important and sensitive issue about the legal protection of very vulnerable people, who have been left with no protection at all.

More from Age UK

Age UK information guides and factsheets

The following factsheets have had an annual review and have been updated: NHS continuing healthcare and NHS-funded nursing care, NHS services, Paying for short-term and temporary care in a care home.

[They are available to download from the Age UK website >](#)

Large Print versions of all the factsheets are now also available to download.

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