



Latest News

[Social Care needs force 50,000 pensioners to sell their own homes](#) according to an article in the Telegraph on 19th December 2016.

['Unarguable' case that care for elderly needs more money says NHS chief](#) in an article in the Telegraph on 14th December 2016

[Why council tax hike for care raises peanuts](#) says the BBC news on 13th December 2016

[Stop bullying pensioners into work](#) an article in the Independent on 9th December 2016

[UK's pension 'apartheid' is the worst in the developed world OECD says](#) in an article in the Telegraph on the 9th December 2016

[Baby boomers 'should work for longer to stay healthy'](#) according to an article in the Guardian on 8th December 2016

[Care for elderly and disabled 'in crisis' as providers pull out of contracts](#) according to an article by BT on 7th December 2016

[NICE urges collaborative working to prevent loneliness in older people](#) in a new standard announced on 5th December 2016

[Revealed: the millions paid to social care companies amid crisis in standards](#) an investigation by the Guardian into the 5 biggest firms providing homecare services in the UK on 5th December 2016

[A resolution to the anti-lobbying clause](#): a blog by Stuart Etherington from NCVO on the recent government decision to overhaul the anti lobbying clause that affected charities from April.

[Top Tory won't help millions losing pensions because it's 'colossally expensive'](#) according the Mirror on 2 December 2016

[Tens of thousands of elderly hit by 'out of the blue' care home bills](#) in an article in the Telegraph on 1 December 2016

[Life expectancy in Britain rises but so do years spent in bad health](#) according to the Guardian 30 November 2016

[Pension Age may be about to rise again says former minister](#) in an article in the Guardian 28 November 2016

[Government backtracks on a new 'bedroom tax' set to hit thousands of poorer pensioners](#) in an article in the Independent on 23 November 2016

Consultations

The Department of Health want to hear from people with dementia, their family and carers, about their experiences. [Click here](#) for further details. The survey is open until 31 January 2017

Events

The next meeting of the South Yorkshire Freedom Riders is Thursday 5th January 2017 11am at Barnsley Library. For more information contact Travelpass2014@gmail.com

Falls and Housing – a regional discussion event organised by Public Health England on 16th January 2017, 1-4.30pm in PHE Yorkshire and Humber, Board room, Blenheim House, West One, Duncombe Street, Leeds LS1 4PL. Representatives from a wide range of organisations are wanted but places are limited. To book a place [Click here](#)

Dementia: Implementing Better Care 20th April 2017 in Manchester. [Click here](#) for further information about this Open Forum Event

Newsletters

[Age Action Alliance 19 December 2016](#) with details of the Palliative and End of Life Care conference in Manchester on 9 February 2017

[Age Action Alliance 12 December 2016](#) includes an evaluation by Public Health England of the impact of fire and rescue service (FRS) interventions in reducing the risk of harm to vulnerable people from winter-related illnesses.

[Age Action Alliance 5 December 2016](#) with events and articles on ageing

[Age Action Alliance 28 November 2016](#) with details of the Age UK For Later Life conference in London on 8 February 2017

[Centre for Ageing Better 1st December 2016](#) with a comment on the Chancellors Autumn Statement and what is needed for an ageing population

[Dignity in Care December 2016](#) with notice of the conference on 16th March 2017 in Birmingham: 'Promoting dignity in Care'

[Housing LIN News 15 December 2016](#) contains a blog about supporting people with dementia at home and the news that ministers are considering council tax rises to cover social care funding.

[Housing LIN News 8th December 2016](#) contains a case study on a new approach to integrated housing, health and social care services

[The Kings Fund 11 December 2016](#) with a blog from Richard Humphries, assessing the impact of allowing local authorities to increase council tax to pay for social care

[The Kings Fund 5 December 2016](#) contains a blog by Anna Charles on recent research from Age UK that 1.2 million older people might not be receiving the social care they need.

[The Kings Fund 24 November 2016](#) contains a blog and presentation on STPs

[The Kings Fund 14 November 2016](#) addresses the critical state of social care

[Kings Fund Integrated Care Bulletin 14 December 2016](#) with an update on sustainability and transformation plans

[Kings Fund Health and Wellbeing Bulletin 5 December 2016](#) contains a report Cycle Boom on how cycling can help older people maintain their health and wellbeing

[Kings Fund Health Management and Policy Alert 2nd December 2016](#) contains a link to a report by Carers UK 'Missing out: the identification Challenge'

[Kings Fund Health Management and Policy Alert 29 November 2016](#) refers to a report by the Royal College of General Practitioners in partnership with the British Geriatrics Society 'Integrated care for older people with frailty: innovative approaches in practice'

[Race Equality Foundation Better Housing Update December 2016](#) contains details of a conference on 16th March 2017 in London which will consider new models of care and integrating health, housing and the built environment.

Reports

The **Centre for Ageing Better** have just released a new evidence briefing entitled '**The benefit of making a contribution to your community in later life**' - an analysis of existing evidence on the benefits that older people derive from voluntarily helping others. To download a copy [click here](#)

[Evaluating Extra Care –](#) a new case study by Housing LIN

[Disabled Facilities Grant: an overview](#) – a new practical briefing from Care and Repair England

Projects

Writing Back, an award winning letter writing project matching School of English Students as pen pals with older Yorkshire residents, is expanding and looking for older people who would like to exchange letters with a University of Leeds student. If you are interested, contact the Project Co-ordinator, Georgina Binnie at G.E.Binnie@leeds.ac.uk or phone 0113 3436189 or 07398759479. For more information check out <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/art/writingback>

Community and Care Homes coming together in Keighley

Members of the Keighley community came together to find out how they can help residents in care homes stay connected with their skills, hobbies and interests as part of the **Airedale Social Movement**.

Living with dementia can mean losing connections with neighbours and friends and losing hobbies, sports and pastimes. For too many people, including those living in care homes, dementia can result in loneliness and isolation. The Airedale Social Movement will change this for residents living in five local care homes.

Regency Court Care in Keighley has embraced this initiative. On Friday the 2nd December they welcomed over twenty local people and community groups into the home to discuss how the community and the residents can enjoy spending time together.

The event was a great success and generated a wide range of ideas ranging from enhancing the garden to provide a dementia friendly space and a community allotment, to getting residents together with local school children to share memories and learn how to use iPads together and using digital photography to create a scrap book of outings and activities.

Residents are also interested in "Everything! Reading, gardening, exercises, tidying, colouring, poetry knitting, dancing!"

Airedale Social Movement are now we're looking for people who can help build and sustain these community connections - people who can use their local knowledge and relationships to make these ideas (and more!) happen at all five care homes and people who can encourage others to get involved in the lives of these homes. It will be rewarding, varied and stimulating!

For more information or to get involved contact Joanne Volpe, Alzheimer's Society Joanne.volpe@alzheimers.org.uk or 07484 504996

[Tackling Loneliness Together](#) is a new joint initiative between the Co-op and British Red Cross. Their research shows that 18% of people are always or often lonely and 6 ordinary life events can trigger loneliness.