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Ageing, longevity and demographic change: a Factpack of statistics [This 12 page booklet](#) provides statistics on a range of topics from life expectancy to housing supply, from pensions to the popularity of smart-phones amongst today's older generations. It provides, in a single document, details of key longevity trends and statistics that will then be updated annually.

Automatic enrolment reaches Millionth member milestone - a report by the Pensions Regulator shows that 1.036 million people have now been automatically enrolled into work placed pension schemes, and that by July over 1,150 of the largest employers have met their duties. [read more](#)

Care home top-up fees: the secret subsidy Independent Age has released a report stating that some families end up subsidising elderly relatives' care home fees because councils do not give them the advice and support they are legally obliged to provide. The report, has found that most councils do not carry out checks properly. It also highlights care homes' concerns that top-up payments are paid because the fees paid by councils are too low. [read the report](#)

'The Dementia Guide' Launched Alzheimer's Society have launched a new booklet to help guide people with dementia and their carers through their journey with dementia. It provides information individuals need after a diagnosis of dementia and offers advice to help people come to terms with their diagnosis and plan ahead and enable them to live well with the condition. [access the guide](#)

Dementia-friendly care environments - two Social Care TV films Sometimes people with dementia see the world differently than others - everyday things can be confusing, and it can be a challenging and frightening world. To address this, [two new films](#) are launched today showing how simple changes can create more dementia-friendly environments.

The Dementia Prevalence Calculator enables health and care communities to gain a better understanding of their local estimated prevalence of dementia in the community. The tool enables General Practices and Commissioners to establish a baseline by which to set and work toward local quantified ambitions for improvement in diagnosis rates, and inform local joint strategic planning, commissioning, and service redesign and improvement. [access the new calculator](#)

Launch of pioneering dementia care pilot projects Over a hundred hospitals and care homes across England have been awarded a share of a £50million fund to create pioneering care environments. [read more](#)

How music could reduce healthcare costs of the UK's ageing population Spiralling costs to the NHS of providing healthcare to over 65s could be reduced if more community music groups were set up, new research suggests [read more](#)

Launch of learning from the IntergenerationAll programme - a learning resource from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (UK) to share the results of the IntergenerationAll programme which supported 18 pilot projects in the UK and Portugal bringing the generations together around shared interests. Read the report [here](#).

Looking after the grandchildren? Make sure it counts towards your State Pension. Grandparents caring for grandchildren under 12 could qualify for National Insurance credits that can top up their income in retirement. Pensions Minister Steve Webb is urging grandparents who work hard to look after Britain's children throughout the year to claim what they are entitled to. [read more](#)

And finally: Longevity in the House of Windsor - thought you'd be safe from more royal baby news? If the Queen, Prince Charles and Prince William all live to 102 (the age the Queen's mother lived to) Prince George will have his coronation in 2084 at the ripe old age of 69. [Link to article.](#)

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