

# Later Life Newsletter

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### UK to host the first G8 dementia summit to lead international action on tackling the condition.

Prime Minister David Cameron and Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt will use the UK's 2013 presidency of the G8 to lead coordinated global action against what is fast becoming one of the greatest pressures on families, carers and health systems around the world. [read more](#)

### Gadgets to Assist the Elderly With Dementia

- the availability of assistive technology and a variety of gadgets can help to make everyday tasks easier for elderly people with dementia – this helpful article from [myageingparent.com](#) gives advice on the use of tracking devices, alarms, monitors, webcams, messaging devices and special clocks and calendars [read more](#)

“More than bricks and mortar” is the latest brochure from Care & Repair England, summarising the views of older people about their homes, and produced because of the high profile debates about older people, 'under-occupation' and the simplistic view that older people 'ought' to downsize. [read the report](#)

### Consultation into Caring for our future: implementing funding reform.

The Department of Health have opened a consultation into how the changes to the funding system should happen and be organised locally. They want views on topics such as how the capped costs system should work; how deferred payments should be administered and how they can help people make informed choices about their care and support. Consultation runs until the 28<sup>th</sup> October, full details are on [gov.uk](#)

### Open up seaside resorts to become more inclusive:

seaside resorts across England are being urged to open up their beaches to disabled people and benefit from the purple pound worth £80 billion a year. As almost 20% of the UK population is disabled, the Minister for Disabled People is writing to local authorities to ask them to ensure that tourist hotspots are accessible to all of the population. [read more](#)

### Healthy, happy, connected – support and advice for older people living alone:

Independent Age have produced a free resource; packed full of useful numbers, ideas and tips for older people who are living alone. Order a copy [online](#), call 020 7605 4225 or download it [here](#).

### Improve rural services to prevent loneliness in older age:

a new report from Age UK has found that 1 in 4 people 60+ in rural areas find lack of public transport the biggest challenge to connectivity; other obstacles include a lack of shops and difficulties accessing broadband. [read the report](#)

### Life Course Transitions New Report

The Beth Johnson Foundation has launched a new report 'A Life Course Approach to Promoting Positive Ageing'. The report significantly contributes to current debates on ageing and supporting our ageing populations. [read the report](#)

### Growing older with autism

The National Autistic Society (NAS) has recently published a report on autism in older age: *Getting On? Growing older with autism*. The report sets out the challenges facing people with autism in older age and recommends how central and local government can help to meet them. The key issues covered are: diagnosis and healthcare, the state of research and ensuring appropriate, prepared services are available. [find out more](#)

### A new definition of fuel poverty

has been set out to ensure support is targeted at those who need it most. A household will be defined as 'fuel poor' if its total income is below the poverty line (taking into account energy costs); and energy costs are higher than typical. [read more](#)

### And finally: walk me to the moon...

come rain or shine, dog owners will be walking their dogs at the crack of dawn and last thing at night, and the over 50s are no exception. Research by [Saga](#) shows that the over 50s walk their canine friends 30 million miles a week - the equivalent of walking to the moon and back 63 times! [read more](#)

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