

# Later Life Newsletter

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**Find Me Good Care** The Social Care Institute for Excellence has launched a new website, Find Me Good Care, which aims to make it easier for people to make choices about care and support for themselves or other adults in England. It combines advice and information about choosing care with a comparable database of services. And it allows you to create your own Good Care Planner online so that you can save all the information that you find most useful in one place. You can visit the website at <http://www.findmegoodcare.co.uk/>

**Men's Sheds.** Like the shed at the bottom of the garden where a man may retire to make or mend items Men's Sheds are usually permanent bases for more people with shared tools, facilities and materials. A growing movement in this country that brings older men together, for further details see [www.menssheds.org.uk](http://www.menssheds.org.uk) or call 07757024749

**Disabled Facilities Grant** An extra £40m will be available to enable more older people and adults with disabilities to have better quality of life and help them remain independent in their own homes for longer. [read more](#)

**New report: Loneliness – “The State We’re In”:** The Campaign to End Loneliness

management group partner Age UK Oxfordshire have compiled this new research report with the latest evidence on loneliness and its impact on our health and wellbeing. [Read more.](#)

**New report: Tackling Loneliness: “A Role for the Arts”:** brought to you by the Baring Foundation and Campaign to End Loneliness, this new publication shows how participatory arts can help reduce loneliness. It contains 10 new case studies of unconventional but effective interventions for alleviating loneliness in older age. [Read more.](#)

**Using ICT in activities for people with dementia: A short guide for social care providers:** A new guide has been launched which supports computer activities for people with dementia. It helps care managers and their staff to use information and communication technology (ICT) to improve quality of life for their clients. The plain-language guide means that professionals who use it do not need to be technically-minded. Published by The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE), they hope the guide will be useful to those new to the topic as well as to those who already have some experience of using ICT in dementia support. [read more](#)

**Calling all researchers:** the University of York is asking for applicants to a funded PhD studentship in health sciences research. The candidate will study loneliness in care homes. More information is available [here](#)

**New guide to meeting the care and support needs of older gay, lesbian and bisexual people:** Stonewall have developed a new guide that offers practical

advice to organisations providing care and support services about how to meet the needs of lesbian, gay and bisexual people. “Working with older lesbian, gay and bisexual people: A Guide for Care and Support Services” is available alongside Stonewall’s research: “Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual People in Later Life”. This report provides a compelling evidence base for the first time about older lesbian, gay and bisexual people in this country. It also provides practical recommendations for a range of agencies about how to improve things. Both publications can be found here: [www.stonewall.org.uk/age](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/age)

**Operating principles for Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies** The Health and Social Care Act 2012 establishes health and wellbeing boards as committees in upper-tier local authorities. It gives duties to health and wellbeing board members to develop Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWSs). The NHS Confederation, member of the Age Action Alliance Public Health & Active Lifestyles Working Group, have produced statutory guidance to outline the duties and powers relating to JSNAs and JHWSs. [read the guidance](#)

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