

# Later Life Newsletter

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**Hospitals which welcome carers – a good practice list** [John's Campaign](#) is working with The Observer newspaper and Patient Opinion to build up a list of all the hospitals who welcome carers of people with dementia. The list opened on 26 July 2015 and will run for a year. Contact [julia-jones@talk21.com](mailto:julia-jones@talk21.com) [nikki.gerrard@icloud.com](mailto:nikki.gerrard@icloud.com) to get your good practice recognised.

**New NHS Citizen Engagement website** NHS England has launched '[Gather](#)': a new citizen engagement website, designed to enable people to raise issues and ideas on how the NHS in England can improve.

**National survey of bereaved people - VOICES** (Views of Informal Carers - Evaluation of Services) has been [published](#) by the Office of National Statistics.

**Pensioners miss out on £billions despite number in poverty rising** Tens of thousands of the very poorest pensioners missed out on an estimated £3.7 billion in Pension Credit and Housing Benefit in 2013/14, according to the latest Government figures analysed in Age UK's new [Chief Economist's Report](#)

**What is the relationship between alcohol and dementia?** The exact

relationship between alcohol and dementia is debated. Alcohol, a neurotoxin, can cause damage to nerve cells and blood vessels, leading to brain shrinkage. What is clear is that long term alcohol use can damage the brain and lead to cognitive impairment. Read the Alcohol and Dementia [factsheet](#)

**Dignity in Dementia** [poem](#)

**Dementia Words Matter!** DEEP and the Dementia Action Alliance are promoting "*Call to Action*" around the language used to describe people with dementia. [more](#)

**"Opportunity Knocks: Designing Solutions for an Ageing Society"** sets out the changes needed in current approaches to ensure we harness the full benefits of design and technology. Suggestions include: the need to design for inclusivity, to maximise the use of new technology among older people, and for industry to respond to the opportunity of the older consumer. [Link to report](#)

**The National Council for Palliative Care** has published a [new report](#) called "Time for Action" calling for commissioners and decision-makers to take action to improve end of life care and a review of how end of life issues are dealt with across government departments.

**National Energy Action's research** for the Department of Energy and Climate Change into health-related fuel poverty schemes has now been [published](#)

**The UK's Greatest Over 50s Employees** The first ever list of leading employees, by People Management, has been carefully chosen from hundreds of

public nominations. It serves as a reminder to organisations of the valuable contribution an age-diverse workforce can make. See who made the list [here](#)

**Older Workers Statistics** This '[Older workers statistical information booklet](#)' provides data on the position of older people in the labour market in 2013. It compares outcomes for older people with outcomes for other age groups within the UK.

**Age Friendly Manchester** has published a [free booklet](#) with Age UK linked to the film 'Researching Age-Friendly Communities: Stories from older people as co-investigators'

**Workplace Pensions - a new government campaign** will help make smaller companies aware of their duties to automatically enrol workers into a pension scheme.

**The Charity of the Year** has been named by The Cabinet Office as [Carers UK](#) for 2015/16.

**The Care Quality Commission (CQC)** has published its [annual report](#). It reflects on progress in monitoring, inspecting and regulating health and adult social care services across England.

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