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| **Dementia and Ageing Well**  **Briefing produced by Public Health England’s East of England Health & Wellbeing Team – January 2019** |

This briefing paper has been produced by Public Health England’s East of England Health and Wellbeing Team. It is designed to provide easy access to key reference points and useful resources around the dementia and ageing well agenda and will be updated on a regular basis as new information becomes available. The information in each section is presented chronologically, with the most recent first.

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**A Connected Society: A Strategy for Tackling Loneliness**

In **October 2018**, the Government published its first [**loneliness strategy**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-connected-society-a-strategy-for-tackling-loneliness). This strategy details the vision for addressing this increasingly recognised public health issue. Feeling lonely often is linked to early deaths and increased risk in serious health implications such as coronary heart disease, stroke, cognitive decline and an increased risk in Alzheimers, among others. This strategy brings together businesses, charities, community groups, health services and local authorities to raise awareness of loneliness and to support people build connections to ensure happier and healthier lives.

**All Our Health**

The PHE [**All Our Health framework**](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/all-our-health-personalised-care-and-population-health) (**first published 2015, but evolving with latest updates in June 2018**) is a framework of evidence to help healthcare professionals in England understand and maximise the impact on improving health outcomes and reducing health inequalities. Since the publication of this framework, PHE has published a resource [**about the framework**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/all-our-health-about-the-framework/all-our-health-about-the-framework) and another piece of guidance around applying ‘All Our Health’ in relation to [**dementia**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dementia-applying-all-our-health/dementia-applying-all-our-health) (**January 2018**) and [**falls**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/falls-applying-all-our-health/falls-applying-all-our-health) (**June 2018**).

**The Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) Position Statement**

This ADPH [**policy position document**](http://www.adph.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/ADPH-Position-Statement-Healthy-Ageing.pdf) (**May 2018**) sets out the background and policy context to healthy ageing and then details the ADPH’s positions and recommendations at a national and local level.

**The Grand Challenge Missions**

The Industrial Strategy sets out Grand Challenges (**updated May 2018**) to put the UK at the forefront of the industries in the future. One of the missions is around the [**ageing society**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/industrial-strategy-the-grand-challenges/missions#ageing-society) and the Government has made a commitment that by 2035, people can enjoy at least five extra healthy, independent years of life, whilst reducing inequalities.

**Transforming Later Lives**

The Centre for Ageing Better published this [**strategy document**](https://www.ageing-better.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-07/Ageing-Better-Transforming-Later-Lives.pdf) in **2018** focusing on four main areas for their long-term vision: safe and accessible housing, fulfilling employment, connected communities and finally, healthy ageing.

**Dementia in Older Age: Barriers to Primary Prevention and Factors**

PHE commissioned the Personal Social Services Research Unit at the London School of Economics and Political Science to conduct a series of studies and literature reviews, detailed respectively below. These report documents are aimed at researchers and commissioners to help make decisions about the prioritisation of primary prevention measures relevant to dementia.

* [**Primary prevention of dementia: Barriers and facilitators**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/633100/primary_prevention_of_dementia_barriers_and_facilitators.pdf) (**March 2017**)
* [**Why no reliable estimate can be produced for the rate of return on investment in primary prevention of dementia**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/633104/return_on_investment_tool_in_primary_prevention_of_dementia.pdf) (**March 2017**)
* [**The effect of midlife risk factors on dementia in older age**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/633096/effect_of_midlife_risk_factors_on_dementia_in_older_age.pdf) (**March 2017**)
* [**The effect of midlife risk factors on dementia in older age: Key messages**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/633098/effect_of_mid_life_risk_factors_on_dementia_in_older_age_key_messages.pdf) (**June 2017**)

**Global Strategy and Action Plan on Ageing and Health**

The World Health Organisation has published this [**strategy**](http://www.who.int/ageing/WHO-GSAP-2017.pdf?ua=1) (**2016-2030**) with the vision of a world in which everyone can live a long and healthy life. The action plan (**2016-2020**), as part of this document, details goals for the next five years including implementing existing evidence, filling the evidence gaps and establishing partnerships to ensure a decade of healthy ageing from 2020-2030.

**Changing Risk Behaviours and Promoting Cognitive Health in Older Adults**

This PHE evidence-based [**resource**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/571471/changing_risk_cognitive_health_report.pdf) (**November 2016**) is aimed at local authority commissioners and CCGs to inform and steer the focus of what types of interventions should be delivered to help the uptake and maintenance of healthy behaviours among older adults living in the community and to promote cognitive health.

**Prime Minister’s Challenge on Dementia 2020**

In **February 2015**, the [**Prime Minister’s challenge on dementia 2020**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/414344/pm-dementia2020.pdf)was published and detailed 50 commitments that aim to make England a world-leader in dementia - relating to awareness, care and research - by 2020. Following this publication, in **March 2016** an [**implementation plan**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/challenge-on-dementia-2020-implementation-plan) was released, which set out how these 50 commitments will be met. It details four themes (risk reduction; health and care; awareness and social action and research), priority actions within these themes and the organisations who are responsible.

**Baby Boomers: Fit for the Future**

This [**annual report of the Chief Medical Officer**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/654806/CMO_baby_boomers_annual_report_2015.pdf) (**2015**) focused on the state of the public health in relation to ‘baby boomers’ who are those around the age of 50-70 years old now. Societal and demographic changes to this group of people have occurred through their lifetimes and many of these changes affect them as wider determinants of health.

**Data, guidance, infographics and toolkits**

**Dementia Fingertips Profile**

This [**dementia tool**](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health/profile/dementia) provides data through indicators on six data domains: prevalence; preventing well; diagnosing well; living well; supporting well and dying well. Data is provided at CCG and Local Authority levels, with the ability to benchmark current practice against other CGGs, local authorities and England.

**Older People’s Health and Wellbeing Fingertips Profile**

This [**older people’s health and wellbeing tool**](https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/older-people-health) provides data through a variety of indicators, across local authorities in England. It is aimed at supporting those responsible for delivering strategies for prevention and intervention to improve the health and wellbeing of older adults.

**Dementia Training Resources: NHS Health Checks**

These [**training resources**](https://www.healthcheck.nhs.uk/commissioners_and_providers/training/dementia_training/) produced in partnership with PHE offer guidance for NHS Health Check trainers and practitioners to deliver the mandatory dementia component of the NHS Health Check and to support them when having conversations with patients on dementia risk reduction. A further[**top tips**](https://www.healthcheck.nhs.uk/document.php?o=1328) training resource has been produced by PHE, following the results of some qualitative research into patients and healthcare professionals experiences of talking about dementia in an NHS Health Check.

**After a Diagnosis of Dementia: What to Expect from Health and Care Services**

The Department of Health and Social Care published this [**guidance**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/after-a-diagnosis-of-dementia-what-to-expect-from-health-and-care-services/after-diagnosis-of-dementia-what-to-expect-from-health-and-care-services) (**May 2018**) on the support that individuals should receive from local services in England if they or someone they know has been diagnosed with dementia. It details information on what a care plan is; how health and social care services can help and the support available to unpaid family carers.

**Falls Prevention: Cost-Effective Commissioning**

This [**return on investment toolkit**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/falls-prevention-cost-effective-commissioning#history) (**Last updated April 2018**) pulls together evidence on the effectiveness and associated costs for interventions aimed at preventing falls in older people in the community.

**My Future Wishes: Advanced Care Planning for People with Dementia in all Care Settings**

The [**document**](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/my-future-wishes-advance-care-planning-for-people-with-dementia.pdf)(**April 2018**) provides information and support for healthcare professionals, providers and commissioners around advance care planning (ACP) for people living with dementia. The aim is to help create opportunities to develop an ACP through initiating conversations and ensuring it is fully embedded in wider inclusive, personalised care and support planning and to ensure people living with dementia have the same equal opportunities in terms of accessing care services and support, as those who have other life limiting conditions.

**Musculoskeletal Conditions: Return on Investment Tool**

This [**return on investment toolkit**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/musculoskeletal-conditions-return-on-investment-tool#history) (**December 2017**) pulls together evidence on the effectiveness and associated costs for a number of interventions for musculoskeletal conditions. It allows results to be tailored to local situations and allows local authorities and clinical commissioning groups can use results to make commissioning decisions.

**Productive Healthy Ageing and Musculoskeletal (MSK) Health**

PHE produced this [**guidance**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/productive-healthy-ageing-and-musculoskeletal-health/productive-healthy-ageing-and-musculoskeletal-msk-health) (**December 2017**) for local authorities and health professionals and it makes the case for action to support healthy productive later life, given that life expectancy is rising. It contains useful infographics, interventions to prevent the onset of MSK conditions and a call to action to local government, commissioners and service providers, among others.

**Falls and fractures: Consensus Statement and Resources Pack**

This PHE [**guidance**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/falls-and-fractures-consensus-statement) (**last updated July 2017**) was produced by the National Falls Prevention Coordination Group and is aimed at commissioners and strategic leads in England with a remit of falls, bone health and healthy ageing.

**Implementation Guide and Resource Pack for Dementia Care**

NHS England has published a [**new guide and resource pack**](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/implementation-guide-and-resource-pack-dementia-guide.pdf) (**July 2017**) that details what good quality dementia assessment, diagnosis and care looks like, alongside the policy drivers and strategic context for transforming dementia care. It aims to set out why it is of importance to commissioners in supporting the commitments in the Prime Minister’s challenge on dementia 2020.

**Reducing Your Risk of Dementia**

This [**information leaflet**](https://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/RRD-0717-0719_MAR2018_WEB.pdf) was produced by Alzheimer’s Research UK and PHE (**July 2017**) for the public explaining what dementia is and the associated risk factors and the lifestyle choices that can be made to reduce an individual’s risk of dementia.

**Toolkit for General Practice in Supporting Older People Living with Frailty**

This NHS England produced [**toolkit**](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/toolkit-general-practice-frailty.pdf)(**updated in March 2017**) is aimed at GPs, practice nurses and the wider primary care workforce to enable them to proactively case find those at risk of frailty to target prevention strategies, as well as assess and manage those people who are already living with frailty (65 years and older). This toolkit supports the delivery of the 2017 GP contract.

**NHS England Dementia: Good Care Planning**

This [**document**](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/dementia-good-care-planning-v2.pdf) (**February 2017**) is aimed at primary care providers and commissioners and provides information to help improve dementia care planning. It details areas of good practice and key characteristics of a person-centred dementia care plan. This document is in line with the commitments set out in the Prime Minister’s challenge on dementia 2020.

**Dementia Data and Analysis: A Guide for Health Professionals**

This PHE [**guidance**](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dementia-data-and-analysis-a-guide-for-health-professionals) (**September 2016**) details how commissioners and providers can utilise data and analysis for dementia service and intervention decision making.

**Health Matters: Midlife Approaches to Reduce Dementia Risk**

This PHE [**guidance**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-matters-midlife-approaches-to-reduce-dementia-risk/health-matters-midlife-approaches-to-reduce-dementia-risk) (**March 2016**) is aimed at health professionals and local authority commissioners and makes a case for action in midlife to promote healthier lifestyles that can reduce dementia risk. It details the scale of the challenge; the risk factors of dementia; actions that can be taken to lower the risk of dementia and the role of CCGs and local authorities.

**A Practical Guide to Healthy Ageing**

NHS and Age UK produced this [**practical guide**](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/hlthy-ageing-brochr.pdf) (**October 2015**) to healthy ageing aimed at people aged 70 years or older and gives advice to help people to live well and remain independent.

**Dementia-Friendly Health and Social Care Environments**

The Department of Health and Social Care published this [**health building note**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dementia-friendly-health-and-social-care-environments-hbn-08-02) (**March 2015**) which details design guidance and a series of case studies for dementia-friendly health and social care settings; both new environments and the adaptation or extension of existing facilities. The executive summary document also details the final recommendations report for improving the environment of care for people with dementia.

**NICE Guidelines and Quality Standards**

[**Dementia**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-qs10079) – updated quality standard in development and expected **June 2019**.

[**Dementia: Independence and Wellbeing**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs30) (**Last reviewed 2017, with changes made in 2018**) – This quality standard is for all social care settings and services working with and providing care for people with dementia or suspected dementia. It covers supporting people with dementia to live well and remain independent.

It should be read alongside the NICE quality standard for [**dementia: support in health and social care**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs1) (**last reviewed 2017, with changes made in 2018**), which covers care provided by health and social care staff within acute, community and specialist care settings, for people with dementia. This includes the assessment, diagnosis, care planning and respite services for carers of people with dementia.

[**Mental Wellbeing of Older People in Care Homes**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs50)(**Last reviewed 2017, with changes made in 2018**) – This quality standard includes those aged 65 and over who are receiving care in residential and nursing accommodation, day care and respite care. It focuses on support for people’s mental wellbeing to ensure that they are able to remain independent and well for as long as possible. Tools and resources for implementation and service improvement are provided.

[**Dementia: Assessment, Management and Support for People Living with Dementia and their Carers**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng97)(**June 2018**) – This NICE guideline covers the assessment, diagnosis and management of dementia (including Alzheimer’s disease). It make recommendations around staff training, interventions and help for carers who support people living with dementia and aims to improve care.

[**Mental Wellbeing in Over 65s: Occupational Therapy and Physical Activity Interventions**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/PH16) (**Last reviewed March 2018, with changes due to be made**) – This public health guideline makes recommendations around practical support individuals aged 65 and over may need to promote their mental wellbeing. This includes occupational therapy interventions, walking schemes, physical activity and training. There are several supporting tools and resources.

[**Older People: Independence and Mental Wellbeing**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng32)(**Last reviewed March 2018**) – This NICE guideline covers interventions for older people (those aged 65 and over), in order to maintain and improve their mental wellbeing and independence and how to identify those most at risk of decline. It sets out several recommendations for commissioners to take into account in any service specifications.

[**Home Care: Delivering Personal Care and Practical Support to Older People Living in Their Own Homes**](https://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/NG21) (**Last reviewed December 2017**) – This NICE guidelines aims to promote older people’s independence and to ensure the planning and delivery of care for older people living in their own homes is safe and consistently high quality. The Care Quality Commission uses NICE guidelines to inform their inspection process. Tools and resources are available to help put the guidance into practice.

[**Falls in Older People**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs86)(**Last reviewed January 2017**) – This quality standard covers people aged 65 and over relating to the prevention of falls and assessment after a fall, for those who are living in the community or staying in hospital.

[**Mental Wellbeing and Independence for Older People**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs137) (**Last reviewed in 2017**) – This quality standard covers interventions for older people (those aged 65 and over), in order to maintain and improve their mental wellbeing and independence and how to identify those most at risk of decline. It sets out three quality statements and describes high quality care in these areas. It does not cover those who reside in a care home or attend one on a day visit basis.

[**Social Care for Older People with Multiple Long-Term Conditions**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs132)(**Last reviewed 2017**) – This quality standard is for older people aged 65 years and over with multiple long-term conditions and covers the planning and delivered of their social care and support. It covers people living in their own homes as well as those in specialist settings or care home. It includes implementation and improvement resources.

[**Falls in Older People: Assessing Risk and Prevention**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg161)(**Last reviewed January 2016**) – This clinical guideline covers people aged 65 and over and aims to reduce the risk and incidence of falls and the pain, distress, injury, loss of confidence, loss of independence and mortality that is associated. This guideline includes recommendations, tools and resources to help with implementation.

[**Dementia, Disability and Frailty in Later Life: Mid-life Approaches to Delay or Prevent Onset**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng16)(**October 2015**) – This NICE guideline aims to increase the amount of time that people can remain active, healthy and independent in later life and includes recommendations to reduce the risk of or delay the onset of disability, dementia and frailty.

**Initiatives and Campaigns**

**Dementia Friends Programme**

This Alzheimer’s Society led [**initiative**](https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/) aims to transform people’s perceptions of dementia and change the way in which people think, act and talk about the condition. Dementia Friends Champions run information sessions to help improve understanding of what it’s like to live with dementia and small actions that can be taken. An online video is also available.

Organisations can also become dementia friendly and Alzheimer’s Society also runs a [**Dementia Friendly Communities**](https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-involved/dementia-friendly-communities) programme which aims to improve inclusion and quality of life for people with dementia. This programme encourages communities to sign up and work towards becoming dementia-friendly.

**Help Us, Help You – Winter Pressures Campaigns**

NHS England and PHE are introducing a new overarching brand bringing together winter pressures campaigns, this winter. In October 2018, the first two campaigns in the series were launched: NHS111 and Stay Well This Winter. Further campaigns will be delivered and focus on flu immunisation, community pharmacy and extended GP hours. The campaigns will be delivered in phases, targeting different audiences. More information, resources and promotional materials can be found on the PHE [**resource hub**](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/81-help-us-help-you).

**NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme**

The Healthier You: NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme was launched in 2016 and is a joint commitment from NHS England, PHE and Diabetes UK. Its aim is to support individuals who are at high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. Those who are referred onto the programme get tailored help and support including education on lifestyle choices, healthier eating and physical activity programmes and their benefits. An annual Diabetes Prevention Week campaign runs in April to raise awareness of the programme and of the causes of Type 2 diabetes. Free promotional materials are available from the PHE [**resources hub**](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/72-diabetes-prevention-week/overview).

**NHS Health Check**

This [**initiative**](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-health-check/)aims to improve the health and wellbeing of adults who are 40-74 years old through the promotion of earlier awareness, assessment and management of major risk factors and conditions, such as the development of certain health problems including, dementia, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and stroke.

**PHE One You - Social Marketing Campaign**

Launched in March 2016, ‘One You’ aims to support adults in England to improve their health. It encourages people to assess their lifestyle choices and do something about their own health. ‘One You’ has its own [**website**](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou) with a range of resources and free [**apps**](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/apps/). Promotional materials can be downloaded and ordered for free from the PHE [**resource hub**](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns)**.**

Under the banner of ‘One You’, PHE has launched several campaigns covering different lifestyle choices and changes that can be made:

* [Drink free days](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/drink-less/)
* [Active 10](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/move-more/)
* [400-600-600](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/eat-better/)
* [Stoptober](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/quit-smoking/)
* [Know your heart age](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/be-healthier/check-your-health/heart-age-test/)