



## Policy & Research Update February 2020

*With a new Chancellor in post, Age UK's determined to ensure that social care doesn't get forgotten. You can read about our asks for the forthcoming [Budget here](#).*

### News

#### [2,000 older people's requests for care turned down every day](#)

New Age UK analysis finds that in the last 12 months, about 700,000 requests for formal care and support, equivalent to 51% of all requests, have been made by older people and yet have resulted in them not receiving formal care services. This is equivalent to 2,000 claims from older people being unsuccessful each day, or 80 every hour.

**Caroline Abrahams, Charity Director at Age UK** said:

“The fact that 2,000 older people are being turned down for care every day demonstrates both the enormous numbers impacted by our ramshackle care system, and how serious the problems it faces have now become. We don't know what happens to these older people whose applications are rejected but inevitably some have no choice but to struggle on alone. Good social care helps to keep older people fit and well, so if you are forced to go without it's a recipe for emerging health problems to turn into crises, possibly leading to a hospital stay that might otherwise have been avoided and a decline in your health from which you may never fully recover.”

[Read the full article here](#)

## Feature



### **Making the most of it - experiences of wellbeing in later life**

Why do some people have high wellbeing while others have low wellbeing, despite facing similar circumstances? What are some people able to do for themselves to help their wellbeing, and what support do others need? Our research report aimed to find out.

[Read the full report here.](#)

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## Publications

Age UK is urging the Government to keep their promise and stop landlords being able to evict tenants without a reason. Age UK's new report, [Why older renters need more security](#) highlights the situation facing older private renters and what we believe needs to be done to help them.

## Consultation Responses

Age UK has submitted evidence on the upcoming [Budget 2020](#). Age UK focus on the opportunities that the new Government has to help older people, and in particular those who need our help the most.

Age UK has responded to Which's [Everyday Finances: What consumers need in a changing world of banking and payments](#) consultation that seeks to understand what people need and expect from the retail banking and payments industries.

## Discover



There are an estimated 1 million lesbian, gay and bisexual people aged 55 or over in Britain today. As attitudes change and older LGBT+ people have become more visible in society, Age UK has an important role to play in ensuring the information we provide is inclusive for everyone.

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