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SHARING RESEARCH TO BENEFIT OLDER PEOPLE

THE CENTRE FOR POLICY ON AGEING strongly endorses a key recommendation in the new report by the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts, *Improving Public Services for Older People*, that existing research on ageing and older age could be better shared across government, and with academia and the voluntary sector.

CPA has long recognised the importance of making the substantial body of research evidence that exists on ageing issues widely available. It has developed a proactive information resource centre that gathers, summarises and disseminates knowledge on ageing in a form that can be easily accessed by all sectors.

CPA is pleased that both the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) are supporting its work, to help underpin and inform initiatives for improving services for older people.

CPA provides customised services to assist practitioners and researchers obtain specialist information. On behalf of the Department of Health, the Centre has recently created and continues to host a web-based learning and resources site for health and social care professionals implementing the Single Assessment Process (SAP).

Gillian Crosby, CPA's Director, is currently in discussion with Alan Walker, Director of the National Collaboration on Ageing Research (NCAR), to make available CPA's information resources in support of The New Dynamics of Ageing interdisciplinary research programme.

She commented that 'Creating links between practice and research is at the heart of CPA's work. It is vital that funded research is promulgated and used to the benefit of older people. Research evidence must be timely, intelligible and available on demand.'

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Notes

1. House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts, *Improving Public Services for Older People*, Twenty-ninth Report of Session 2003-04, issued 8 July 2004.
2. The Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA) is an independent centre for research and information serving policymakers, practitioners and researchers working on issues affecting older people. Since it was established in 1947 by the Nuffield Foundation, the Centre has been concerned with spreading good practice, improving services for older people and promoting public policies that further their interests. Gillian Crosby is the Director and Dr Eric Midwinter is the Chair of the Trustees.
3. Further information on CPA's work around the single assessment process is available at www.cpa.org.uk/sap