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AGE DISCRIMINATION

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- 178/1 Age Partnership Group (APG) National Guidance Campaign products evaluation: prepared for Department for Work and Pensions, January 2006; by Louise Hall, Susie Wreford, Gillian Prior, Taylor Nelson Sofres (TNS); Age Partnership Group, Department for Work and Pensions - DWP. London: Department for Work and Pensions - DWP, 2006, 65 pp (Issue no. APG 16).
The survey on which this report is based was conducted among small, medium and large employers in England, Scotland and Wales who had received a newsletter and other material from the "Be Ready" National Guidance Campaign (NGC) relating to the forthcoming legislation outlawing age discrimination. The report also presents findings for a sample of 1,650 organisations on their opinions about age discrimination in the workplace. The evaluation and research is one of a number of projects commissioned by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) on behalf of the Age Partnership Group (APG) as part of the National Guidance Campaign. (RH)
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AGEING (GENERAL)

- 178/2 Positive aging: a guide for mental health professionals and consumers; by Robert D Hill. London: W W Norton & Company, 2006, 256 pp.
Positive ageing describes an individual acting on the resources available to him or her to optimise the ageing experience. This book presents nine different aspects of positive ageing, which it first distinguishes from normal ageing and successful ageing. It describes three life span models of ageing: Erikson's life stages of development; continuity theory; and selectivity, optimisation and compensation (SOC). Chapters follow on assessment strategies and instruments; psychological barriers to positive ageing; psychotherapies and special populations; and positive spirituality and meaning-based counselling. The last two chapters focus on particular applications of positive ageing: physical disability and caregiving; and grief, bereavement, death and dying. (RH)
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From : John Wiley & Sons, Distribution Centre, 1 Oldlands Way, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO22 9SA. Email: cs-books@wiley.co.uk
- 178/3 Social relations, language and cognition in the 'oldest old'; by Deborah Keller-Cohen, Katherine Fiori, Amanda Toler (et al).
Ageing and Society, vol 26, part 4, July 2006, pp 585-606.
This paper reports a study of the associations between social relations, language and cognition among people aged 85 or more years (the oldest old). Although the links between cognition and both social relations and language ability are well-established, less is known about the relationship between social relations and language skills, especially among the oldest old. With a sample of 20 adults aged 85-93 years, living independently in two retirement communities, we used the approach of the Rochester Interaction Record to assess the frequency, purpose and quality of their social interactions over one week. It was hypothesised that aspects of social relations, as well as the type of residential setting, would associate with both cognitive skills (measured using the Composite Cognistat) and language skills (measured using the Boston Naming Test). It was found that participants who had a low proportion of interactions with family members, or a high proportion with friends, as well as those with diverse relationships, performed better on the cognitive and language tasks. Furthermore those from the setting with more programmed activities performed better on the language task. The conclusion critically examines the findings about the influence of family relationships and the importance of residential setting. (KJ)
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ARTS AND MUSIC

(See Also 178/7)

- 178/4 Soundtrack of our lives; by Andrew Blaikie.
Generations Review, vol 16, no 1, January 2006, pp 3-6.
Rock musicians of the babyboomer generation continue to perform today as they did in the 1960s. This article notes the "self-management strategies" for dealing with ageing by classical, pop and jazz musicians, who also celebrate ageing along with their audiences from the same generation. The author adds a note that since he wrote his article, ageing popular musicians have remained in the limelight. (RH)
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ATTITUDES TO AGEING

- 178/5 Keeping it in the family: narrative maps of ageing and young athletes' perceptions of their futures; by Cassandra Phoenix, Andrew C Sparkes.
Ageing and Society, vol 26, part 4, July 2006, pp 631-648.
Drawing upon interviews with 22 young athletes aged on average 20 years, this article examines the ways in which they used observations of the ageing and old age of their family members to shape the ways in which they anticipated the ageing of their own bodies. The representations of the bodies, roles and life-styles of their parents and grandparents provided 'narrative maps' that held pre-presentations of the young athletes' possible futures. They included both preferred and feared scenarios about middle age and old age, particularly the opportunities they would have for maintaining physical activity and the appearance of their bodies. The young men's and the young women's narrative maps differed: the women's accounts of old age gave more prominence to the loss of appearance, while the men's focused more on the loss of control and independence. The informants were highly sensitised to the biological dimensions of ageing, which for them meant the inevitable decline of the material body, especially in performance terms, and both genders recognised social dimensions, particularly that responsibilities to jobs and family would constrain the time available for exercise. To understand more fully young athletes' experiences of self-ageing, and the family as a key arena for the embodied projection and inscription of ageing narratives, further research is required. (KJ)
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- 178/6 Mind your tongue: [ageist language and stereotyping older people]; by Blair McPherson.
Community Care, no 1628, 22 June 2006, pp 32-33.
Senior managers in older people's services are not immune to the stereotypical thinking that reinforces ageism. A survey of senior and middle managers in social services about the use of the term "the elderly" revealed that only a minority thought the term ageist or offensive. There is a need to broaden the equality and diversity debate beyond race, gender and disability to look at issues of age and ageism. (RH)
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- 178/7 Older women in feature films : a research guide about representations of women over 60; by David Sharp (ed), University of the Third Age - U3A; British Film Institute - BFI. London: British Film Institute - BFI, 2006, 50 pp.
This research guide and as a new online resource to the subject was launched at a study day in May 2006 which was the culmination of a joint project between the BFI and U3A. This research interest stemmed from the Brent U3A Film Group in 2002, with Rina Rosselson taking the lead in bringing together interested parties to form a project steering group to look at why older women appear in strong and positive roles on television but rarely do so in feature films. It was therefore decided from the start to focus solely on feature films rather than television or other media. The objectives of the project were defined as being: to review existing research and published literature about films featuring older women; to compile a filmography of popular films which

feature older women in a significant part; and, to produce some reviews and case studies of particular films using feedback from U3A members. The study guide contains the outcomes of these objectives. The study day continued to explore the paucity of roles for, and images of, older women in film, with panellists: Philip Kemp, film reviewer and historian; Liz Leyshon, Manager of Strode Theatre; Holly Aylett, chair Independent Film Parliament, lecturer in Film Studies; Carol Allen, writer and broadcaster and Bill Bytheway, researcher RoAD Project, Centre for Ageing & Biographical Studies, Open University. The afternoon session featured Dr Josie Dolan, Lecturer in Cultural Studies at the University of the West of England, followed by a screening of *The Whales of August* (USA 1987 Dir Lindsay Anderson 90 mins). (KJ)
From : BFI National Library, 21 Stephen Street, London W1P 2LN.
<http://www.bfi.org.uk/filmtvinfo/library/publications/litresearch.html>

BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS

- 178/8 Working with older people from BME communities in areas with small populations: a resource guide for Age Concerns in the South West; by Age Concern England - ACE. London: Age Concern England - ACE, 2006, 51 pp.
There is recognition among Age Concerns working in the South West of the need for more awareness of the issues that affect older people from black and minority ethnic (BME) communities. This resource guide is a joint collaboration between Age Concern's Research and Development Unit and the South-West Regional Fieldwork Team. It was produced to accompany a 1-day training workshop held in the South West in April 2006, and is tailored towards the specific context of the region, building on previous work done by other organisations concerning issues around rural racism. It reviews examples of good practice that have been developed in rural areas with scattered BME populations, both in the South West and other parts of the UK. (RH)
From : Age Concern England, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London SW16 4ER.
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CARERS AND CARING

(See Also 178/24, 178/51)

- 178/9 Components of coordinated care: a new instrument to assess caregivers' and care recipients' experiences with networks of dementia care; by Rhonda Cockerill, Susan Jaglal, Louise Lemieux Charles (et al).
Dementia: the international journal of social research and practice, vol 5, no 1, February 2006, pp 51-66.
The development of an instrument to measure dementia clients' and their families' experiences with care provision formed part of a larger project studying dementia care networks in Ontario, Canada. Using the responses of 367 care recipient/caregiver dyads, exploratory factor analysis was used to extract an underlying structure of the dyads' assessments of their experiences of dementia care networks. Results suggest that from the perspective of the care recipient and caregiver, it is the individuals with whom they interact in their care journey that define and shape the evaluation of their experiences. In the early stages, the family doctor plays a central role in helping dyads understand the disease. In the later stages, the activities of the health care worker are central to dyads' lived experiences of care received. The third important construct linked to the period when a care recipient and caregiver dyad was increasingly aware that dementia services may be needed and the process of assessment and placement was under way. Having information about what resources are available and how they can be assessed, and being able to complete assessments and placements in a timely fashion, were central to their assessment of care networks. (RH)
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- 178/10 Fair grounds for attraction: [recruitment and retention of care workers]; by Julie Griffiths. *Community Care*, no 1623, 18 May 2006, pp 52-53.
Where there are high proportions of older people in local populations, the recruitment and retention of care workers is particularly important. The authors find out how Blackpool Council

has developed two pilot projects to make social work more attractive for existing and future staff. The first initiative focuses on aspects of training in domiciliary care to increase the skills of the existing workforce. The second is aimed at attracting young people to social work: students from Blackpool and the Fylde College can gain work experience in health and social care. (RH)

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Who cares wins: the social and business benefits of supporting working carers: a report for Carers UK; by Sue Yeandle, Cinnamon Bennett, Lisa Buckner (et al), Centre for Social Inclusion, Sheffield Hallam University; ACE National (Action for Carers and Employment); Carers UK. London: Carers UK, 2006, 47 pp.

Six million people in the UK provide unpaid care for partners, relatives and friends; 3 million of them juggle this care with paid work. This report presents the findings of research conducted for Carers UK by the Centre for Social Inclusion at Sheffield Hallam University, and funded through the European Social Fund (ESF) EQUAL Community Initiative Programme. The research explores how three very different employers have created a supportive environment at work for carers. The report is arranged in four chapters. The first highlights analysis of data on carers and employment from the 2001 Census; and explains the research design and objectives in the contemporary policy context. Chapter 2 uses data from official organisational documentation and information from managers to set out the perspectives of the organisations studied. Chapter 3 explores the perspectives of employees who are also unpaid carers, and who were working in these organisations. Lastly, lessons drawn from the research are used to make recommendations for other employers, government and service providers. "Working carers: evidence from the 2001 Census" is published as a separate annex. Also available is an executive summary (4 pp) outlining the key findings. (RH)

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DEMENTIA

(See Also 178/9, 178/24, 178/42, 178/43, 178/79)

178/12

Cognitive stimulation therapy for people with dementia: cost-effectiveness analysis; by Martin Knapp, Lene Thorgrimsen, Anita Patel (et al).

British Journal of Psychiatry, vol 188, June 2006, pp 574-580.

Psychological therapy groups for people with dementia are widely used. This study investigates the cost-effectiveness of an evidence-based cognitive stimulation therapy (CST) programme for people with dementia as part of a randomised controlled trial. 91 people with dementia living in care homes or the community received a CST group intervention twice weekly for 8 weeks; 20 participants with dementia received treatment as usual. Service use was recorded 8 weeks before and during the 8 weeks intervention, and costs were calculated. A cost-effectiveness analysis was conducted with cognition as the primary outcome, and quality of life as the secondary outcome. Cost-effectiveness acceptability curves were plotted. CST has benefits for cognition and quality of life in dementia, and costs did not differ between the groups. Under reasonable assumptions, there is high probability that CST is more cost-effective than treatment as usual with regard to both outcome measures. CST for people with dementia has effectiveness advantages over, and may be more effective than, treatment as usual. (RH)

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178/13

The importance of food and mealtimes in dementia care: the table is set; by Grethe Berg. London: Jessica Kingsley, 2006, 88 pp.

First published in Norway, this book aims to show how mealtimes can be incorporated into the treatment of people with dementia in nursing homes, sheltered housing and day centres. The idea for writing on this theme arose from the author's work as an occupational therapist in a psychiatric nursing home with residents with a dementia diagnosis. This book is in four chapters, the first considering the social aspects of mealtimes and their significance to people's well-being and the

feeling of being connected to others. Chapter 2 describes dementia, how the symptoms appear, identifying care needs and which types of intervention have a positive effect. Chapter 3, on mealtimes as a purposeful activity, considers meals in different types of residential care for older people, and how they can be used as a focus of activity for people with dementia. Lastly, the author discusses practical implementation strategies with regard to building design, inter-disciplinary co-operation, organising staff and residents, and staff participation and conduct at mealtimes. (RH)

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178/14

Innovative Practice: [focus on gardens for people with dementia]; by Jo Moriarty (ed).

Dementia: the international journal of social research and practice, vol 2, no 1, February 2006, pp 137-149.

Three short articles show some different approaches to providing gardens for people with dementia, and how they can be applied in everyday practice. Sally Furness describes the development of a sensory garden at Charlecote Park in Warwickshire. Her article shows how dementia-friendly spaces can be provided within public spaces. Next, Maggie Weatherby, a Development Officer at the Haringey Branch of the Alzheimer's Society discusses the Grange Garden Project, a garden for people with dementia at a day centre. Lastly, Simon Politt, who manages a care home for people with dementia in north London, gives an account of a sensory garden and an allotment garden, where service users can grow flowers and vegetables with the assistance of support staff. He shows how gardening can become an important part of an activities programme in long-term care. (RH)

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Levels of integration and specialisation within professional community teams for people with dementia; by Michele Abendstern, Siobhan Reilly, Jane Hughes (et al), Personal Social Services Research Unit - PSSRU, University of Manchester.

International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, vol 21, no 1, January 2006, pp 77-85.

Delivering integrated and specialist mental health services for the growing population of older people with dementia in Britain is a key concern of the present government. The authors conducted a postal survey of professional community teams providing services to people with dementia in North West England. Responses were analysed according to a number of standards measuring service quality, developed from research and policy documents. A response rate of 59% yielded a total sample of 52 teams. Multi-disciplinary teams scored more highly than single discipline teams on many of the measures used. Single discipline teams achieved a higher score on just one measure, culturally sensitive services. Generally, teams were found to provide a more integrated, targeted and person-centred service, as measured in this study, compared with earlier findings. Teams performed less well on measures of flexibility and culturally sensitive provision. These findings indicate some potential gains from integration, and highlight the level of work still needed to achieve it. Further research is needed to build on the structural and process measures used in this research, in order that the costs and outcomes consequent upon these practices can be measured. (RH)

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The needs of older people with dementia in residential care; by Geraldine A Hancock, Bob Woods, David Challis (et al).

International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, vol 21, no 1, January 2006, pp 43-49.

People with dementia often move into care homes as their needs become more complex or expensive for them to remain in their own homes. In this study, 238 people with dementia were recruited from residential care homes in Camden and Islington, North Wales, Cheshire, and North Manchester. Needs were identified using the Camberwell Assessment of Needs for the Elderly (CANE). Residents with dementia had a mean of 4.4 (SD 2.6) unmet and 12.1 (SD 2.6) met needs. Environmental and physical needs were usually met. However, sensory problems or physical

disability (including mobility problems and incontinence) needs, mental health needs and social needs such as company and daytime activities, were often unmet. Unmet needs were associated with psychological problems, such as anxiety and depression, but not with severity of dementia or level of dependency. Mental health services and residential home staff need to be aware that many needs remain unmet, and much can be done to improve quality of life. (RH)

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Responding to the pain experiences of people with a learning difficulty and dementia; by Diana Kerr, Colm Cunningham, Heather Wilkinson, Joseph Rowntree Foundation - JRF; Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, University of Edinburgh; Dementia Services Development Centre - DSDC, University of Stirling. York: Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 2006, 81 pp.

It is known that amongst people in the general population that have dementia, there is inadequate pain recognition and treatment. This report has identified similar trends in pain management amongst people with a learning difficulty and dementia. To ensure a rigorous examination of their pain care needs, this study took place over a 16-month period (July 2004 to October 2005). The report explores knowledge and practice in relation to pain recognition and management amongst care support staff, general practitioners (GPs), and community learning disability teams (CLDTs). The understanding, experiences and views on pain of people with a learning difficulty and dementia are also examined. The report identifies the dilemmas and obstacles to effective pain management, and reports on examples of good practice. The authors make clear recommendations for practitioners and service providers. (RH)

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178/18

Trends in mortality from Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and dementia, England and Wales 1979-2004; by Calre Griffiths, Cleo Rooney.

Health Statistics Quarterly, no 30, Summer 2006, pp 6-14.

Mortality rates for the three conditions showed varying trends over the time period examined. Between 1985 and 2004, Alzheimer's disease (AD) showed a dramatic increase. Presented are rates for all mentions of the conditions on death certificates to interpret trends better. Trends in mentions of dementia differed between males and females, with rates being relatively stable among males, but increasing among females. Rates for Parkinson's disease declined over this period. Also described is the impact of mortality coding changes on the underlying cause of death, particularly the introduction OF ICD-10 (International Classification of Diseases, tenth revision) in 2001. (KJ/RH)

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DEMOGRAPHY AND THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF AGEING

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DEPRESSION

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Onset and persistence of depression in older people: results from a 2-year community follow-up study; by Tess Harris, Derek G Cook, Christina Victor (et al).

Age and Ageing, vol 35, no 1, January 2006, pp 25-32.

Depression was defined by a score of >5/15 on the 15-item Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS-15) in this 2-year study of 1,164 patients initially aged 65+ registered with two South London general practices. Associations between risk factors and onset and persistence of depression were analysed using multiple logistic regression. The incidence of depression was 8.4%, and persisted amongst 61.2% of those depressed at baseline. Comparing onset and persistence suggested some common

predictors: greater baseline depression score, and follow-up measures of poor general health and compromised social support. There was some evidence that pain and worsening disability were more important for depression onset. In contrast, low baseline belief in powerful others (health locus of control measures) predicted persistence only. Focusing on older people with increasing disability, pain, physical ill-health and compromised social support should help in both the prevention and recognition of onset of later life depression. In older people with depression, those with the highest symptom scores and low belief in powerful others at baseline were more likely to develop chronic symptoms and could be targeted for more intensive treatment and support. (RH)

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Prognosis of late life depression: a three-year cohort study of outcome and potential predictors; by Robert C Baldwin, Andrew Gallagley, Mhairi Gourlay (et al).

International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, vol 21, no 1, January 2006, pp 57-63.

Late-onset depression (LOD) has a poor prognosis which may be worsened by the presence of cerebrovascular disease. This study in Greater Manchester originally involved 50 patients with LOD and 35 healthy age-matched controls, followed up at 3 years. Baseline measures included neuroradiological and neuropsychological variables. Outcomes were assessed by mortality, progression to dementia and clinical course of depressive disorder. 62 of the original cohort (73%) agreed to be re-interviewed. 7 participants had died (all from the depressed group) and 6 developed dementia, all but one from the depressed group. Vascular dementia predominated (although not significantly so) among those with dementia at follow-up. For 28 depressed patients with complete follow-up data (36% of the original sample), poor prognosis was linked to several baseline variables of relevance to vascular damage. Biochemical risk factors for vascular damage may be fruitful avenue for future research in vascular depression. (RH)

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DIRECT PAYMENTS

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EMPLOYMENT

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END-OF-LIFE CARE

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EPIDEMIOLOGY

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EUTHANASIA

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Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill: statement from the College of Psychiatrists on physician assisted suicide; by Royal College of Psychiatrists.: Electronic format only, 7 April 2006, 8 pp.

In May of this year, a Bill to legalise Physician-assisted Suicide (PAS) in England and Wales will receive its second reading in the House of Lords. The Royal College of Psychiatrists have prepared a statement raising their concerns about the Bill and its unintended implications if enacted. The College is deeply concerned about the "likely effects", if the Bill is enacted and makes its recommendations in the likelihood of the enactment taking place. (KJ)

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/pressparliament/parliament/responses/physicianassistedsuicide.aspx>

178/22 Euthanasia: the role of the psychiatrist; by Kris Naudts, Caroline Ducatelle, Jozsef Kovacs (et al). British Journal of Psychiatry, vol 188, May 2006, pp 405-409.
Since 2002, Belgium has become one of the few countries where euthanasia is legally allowed within a specific juridical framework. Even more unique is the inclusion of the grounds for requesting euthanasia on the basis of mental suffering. Further refinement of the legal, medical and psychiatric approach to the issue is required in order to clear up essential practical and ethical matters. Psychiatrists and their professional organisations need to play a greater role in this emerging debate and contribute from a clinical, scientific and ethical point of view. Comparisons are made with the Netherlands' approaches on euthanasia and assisted suicide. (RH)
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EXTRA-CARE HOUSING

178/23 A little extra: [replacing residential care homes with extra care units]; by Nancy Nelson. Community Care, no 1627, 15 June 2006, pp 34-35.
In 2002, the London Borough of Tower Hamlets formed a partnership with the housing charity, Epic Trust, to replace a residential care home for older people with 40 self-contained extra-care flats with on-site care and support. This article outlines challenges faced by its service manager, Nancy Nelson: first, regarding the decision to demolish the care home; and second, her decision to recruit local people from many backgrounds. (RH)
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FAMILY AND INFORMAL CARE

178/24 Capturing the Huntington's disease spousal carer experience: a preliminary investigation using the "Photovoice" method; by Aimee Aubeeluck, Heather Buchanan.
Dementia: the international journal of social research and practice, vol 5, no 1, February 2006, pp 95-116.
Huntingdon's disease (HD) is a chronic progressive dementia of the brain that causes movement abnormalities, cognitive deterioration and affective disturbances. The purpose of this exploratory study was to capture and describe the experiences of family carers of HD patients, specifically in relation to their quality of life (QoL). Visual representations of QoL were gathered using "Photovoice". Five spousal carers photographed and described elements of their life in which they felt QoL was being enhanced or compromised. Using content analysis, nine manifest themes were identified and tentative latent inferences were made in relation to these themes. Although some positive issues did emerge, these were minimal compared to the negative impact that HD had on carers' overall QoL. Seven out of the nine themes that emerged were also evident in at least one of the seven QoL domains on the Comprehensive Quality of Life scale - Adult Version (ComQoL-AS), suggesting that QoL is negatively affected for these spousal carers. Findings are discussed in terms of implications for carers and health care professionals. (RH)
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HEALTH SERVICES

(See Also 178/54, 178/55)

178/25 Buying Time II: an economic evaluation of a joint NHS/social services residential rehabilitation unit for older people on discharge from hospital; by Annie Ellis, Tessa Trappes-Lomax, Mary Fox (et al).
Health & Social Care in the Community, vol 14, no 2, March 2006, pp 95-106.
The cost-effectiveness of an NHS/social services short term residential rehabilitation unit (a form of intermediate care) for older people on discharge from community hospital was compared with "usual community services". The aim of the unit was to help individuals regain their independence. The research was carried out in two matched geographical areas in Devon: one with a rehabilitation unit, one without. Participants (94 to the intervention, 112 to the control

group) were recruited from January 1999 to October 2000 in 10 community hospitals, and their eligibility determined using the unit's strict inclusion/exclusion criteria, e.g.: age 55+; likely to benefit from a short-term rehabilitation programme; potential to improve; realistic, achievable goals; and motivation to participate. Details were collated of the NHS and social services resources participants used over the 12 month follow-up. Comparing the two groups, overall their costs were similar. Aggregated mean NHS/social service costs were £8,542.38 for the intervention group and £8,510.68 for the control. However, the cost of the unit option fell more heavily on social services (£5,011.56 vs £3532.72 NHS). This suggests that residential rehabilitation for older people is no more cost-effective over a year after discharge from community hospital than usual community services. The variability in cost burden between the NHS and social services has implications for "who pays". (RH)

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- 178/26 National framework for NHS continuing healthcare and NHS-funded nursing care in England: Consultation document; [accompanied by]: Core values and principles; Partial public sector Regulatory Impact Assessment; Public information leaflet; and covering letter; by Department of Health - DH.: Department of Health (Electronic format only), 19 June 2006, Various (Ref: 6507). The documents in this consultation detail the proposals for a National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care in England. This National Framework has two main purposes. Firstly, it sets out a single policy on who should receive NHS funding, be that fully funded NHS continuing healthcare (where the NHS funds the whole care package), or NHS-funded nursing care (where the NHS is responsible for the nursing required from a registered nurse in a care home). Secondly, it proposes a standard process for assessing eligibility for these services, to help support consistent decision-making. (KJ/RH)
http://www.dh.gov.uk/Consultations/LiveConsultations/LiveConsultationsArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4136175&chk=fOAFtd

- 178/27 A new ambition for old age: next steps in implementing the National Service Framework for Older People: a resource document; by Ian Philp, Department of Health - DH. London: Department of Health, 20 April 2006, 62 pp (Gateway Ref 5601).
This resource document from Professor Ian Philp, National Director for Older People, Department of Health sets out the priorities for the next phase of reform under three themes: Dignity in Care, Joined-Up Care and Healthy Ageing. It consists of ten programmes driven nationally and covers the second half of the 10 year National Service Framework for Older People. (DH website description)
Note: this item is 24 pp report, sections slightly augmented, and with the addition of Annexes and Appendices. (RH)
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HOMELESSNESS

- 178/28 Developing homelessness prevention practice: combining research evidence and professional knowledge; by Maureen Crane, Anthony M Warnes, Ruby Fu.
Health & Social Care in the Community, vol 14, no 2, March 2006, pp 156-166.
Recommendations of three kinds for the development of homelessness prevention are presented: for practice changes, for the concerted development of evidence of the effectiveness of different measures, and for a more systematic approach to the identification and dissemination of good practice. The recommendations were developed through consultation with health care, social service and housing provider staff. They were asked to comment on the results a study of 131 newly homeless people, which showed that there were five prevalent "packages of reasons" that created distinctive "pathways" into homelessness and concluded that some cases were preventable. This article outlines the principles of homelessness prevention and recent British policy initiatives in the field; summarises the research methodology and relevant findings; and describes the consultation. The final section discusses the discrepancy between the high priority that homelessness prevention currently receives and the primitiveness of both the evidence base

and the arrangements for good practice dissemination. (RH)

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HOUSING

178/29

Making the case for retirement villages; by Joseph Rowntree Foundation - JRF.: Joseph Rowntree Foundation - JRF, April 2006, 4 pp.

Findings, 0166, April 2006, 4 pp.

There has been a growing policy emphasis on promoting independence for older people, offering them choices, and improving their quality of life. Retirement villages appear to serve current policy agendas very well. They offer purposefully designed barrier-free housing with the associated autonomy, a range of facilities and activities that are not care-related which generate opportunities for informal and formal social activity and engagement, alongside a range of care and support services that can respond quickly and flexibly to a range of care needs over time. This is an outline of the findings in Karen Croucher's report (same title) published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF). She uses as her research base previously published studies and data from an ongoing comparative evaluation of seven different housing with care schemes for older people. The two reports on which this paper is based are also by Croucher and colleagues, and published by JRF: 'Housing with care for later life: a literature review'; and 'Living in Hartrigg Oaks: resident views of the UK's first continuing care retirement community'. (RH)

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From : Joseph Rowntree Foundation, The Homestead, 40 Water End, York YO30 6WP.
<http://www.jrf.org.uk> Full report (ISBN 9781859354643) £11.95 (+£2.00 p&p) from York Publishing Services, 64 Hallfield Road, Layerthorpe, York YO31 7ZQ.

178/30

Older people, decent homes and fuel poverty: an analysis based on the English House Conditions Survey; by Sue Adams, Kevin White, Help the Aged. London: Help the Aged, 2006, 28 pp.

In England, there are 5.5 million households occupied by people aged 65+. This report is based on evidence from the English House Condition Survey 2003/04 (EHCS), which consists of both a physical and an interview survey. The report focuses on heating and thermal comfort in older households, and the likelihood of older people living in "fuel poverty" and therefore at risk of living in cold homes. It also focuses on the government's Decent Homes Standard (whereby all social housing is expected to reach a minimum level by 2010) and repairs to improve housing conditions. Recommendations are made regarding efforts to improve housing quality and thermal comfort, and targeting fuel poverty programmes. The research highlights the impact that improved housing conditions can have in determining whether people are fuel-poor: the eligibility for free central heating and insulation should be extended to protect all vulnerable older people. (RH)

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178/31

Planning for continuing care retirement communities: issues and good practice; by Joseph Rowntree Foundation - JRF.: Joseph Rowntree Foundation - JRF, April 2006, 4 pp.

Findings, 0156, April 2006, 4 pp.

Few continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) have been developed in the UK, although they are expected to become increasingly common. As a relatively new concept, there is a general lack of understanding of the characteristics and role of CCRCs and the issues they raise. This analysis of current and emerging policy and practice is intended to provide practical assistance to those involved in the planning and development process, especially local authority planning officers. This is an outline of findings by Robin Tetlow of Tetlow King Planning for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) and the Planning Officers Society, and published by JRF as "Continuing care retirement communities: a guide to planning". (RH)

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INCOME MAINTENANCE

(See Also 178/81)

- 178/32 Delivering benefits in old age: the take up of the Minimum Income Guarantee; by Paul Dornan. Aldershot, Hants: Ashgate, [in association with the Social Policy Research Unit, University of York], 2006, 237 pp (Studies in cash & care).
In April 1999, the New Labour government re-packaged Income Support (IS) for older people as the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG), a social security benefit that is central to anti-poverty policy. This book sheds new light on the extent of non-take of MIG and of Pension Credit (which subsumed and replaced MIG in October 2003). It reviews research on take-up, highlighting gaps in understanding, and exploring strengths and weaknesses of the theoretical base. Socio-economic, demographic and attitudinal trends are analysed, to elucidate the impact these have had or will have on the proportion entitled to MIG/pension credit and the take-up rate. The author analyses the extent to which the New Labour pensions settlement - first articulated in "Partnership in pensions" and subsequently in "Simplicity, security and choice" (2001) - can deliver what was proposed. He presents results of an exercise in which take-up was modelled using Family Resources Survey data from 2001-02, followed by a longitudinal perspective on take-up. The impact of additional income on consumption is examined, using data from the Poverty and Social Exclusion survey, the Omnibus Survey, and the Family Expenditure Survey (FES). (RH)
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- 178/33 The implications of individual budgets; by Simon Duffy.
Journal of Integrated Care, vol 14, issue 2, April 2006, pp 3-10.
This article outlines the idea of an individual budget, which is now being promoted and tested by central government. It defines the idea, and describes the practical and policy consequences that may flow from its implementation. It also sets out some of the policy choices that will necessarily emerge from these developments. It further notes that an individual budget is not an alternative to a direct payment: rather, the direct payment is one of the ways in which an individual budget can be managed. This article follows on from an earlier article by the author, "Individual budgets: transforming the allocation of resources for care" (Journal of Integrated Care, February 2005). (RH)
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INTEGRATED CARE

- 178/34 Delivering Unique Care: care co-ordination in practice; by Ruth Adam.
Journal of Integrated Care, vol 14, issue 2, April 2006, pp 37-47.
Unique Care is an approach to managing the care of people with long-term conditions in primary care, based on the socio-medical model of case management first developed at the Castlefields Health Centre, Runcorn. Unique Care is now being promoted across the country by the National Primary Care Development Team (NPDT). This article presents a case study of how Brent is implementing Unique Care through the Care Co-ordination Service. It outlines key steps in the development of the service, from the initial vision and the pilot phase, to mainstreaming the service. The evidence suggests reductions in service use, alongside an increase in quality of life and improved perceptions of health and social care services among older people who have had contact with the team. (RH)
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178/35 Integrated team working: Part II : Making the inter-agency connections; by Bob Hudson.
Journal of Integrated Care, vol 14, issue 2, April 2006, pp 26-36.
In Bob Hudson's first article on integrated team working, the focus was on the nature of the front-line integration of the Sedgefield Integrated Team (SIT). Positive findings were reported on the ways in which professionals from disparate backgrounds under single management were working together for service users. However, it is important to nail the myth that front-line staff will happily and creatively collaborate, if only managers would leave them to it. The reality is that initiatives like SIT have no qualities of spontaneous growth or self-perpetuation - they need to be planned, created and nurtured by policy-makers and managers. This article looks at how these activities - known locally as the ACCESS programme (Adult Community Care Enhancement Strategy for Sedgefield) - were undertaken in Sedgefield. (RH)
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178/36 Partnerships in social care: a handbook for developing effective services; by Keith Fletcher.
London: Jessica Kingsley, 2006, 139 pp.
This is a practical handbook offering advice on how to achieve better, more effective local services through setting up strategic partnerships in health, social care and education services. The book is in three parts, the first being an overview in which the author explores in outline five themes: is this partnership necessary, what is its purpose, who is involved, where will it function, and how will it work? Part 2, on the strategic issues, looks in greater detail at the necessity, purpose and involvement themes in more depth. It also looks at ways in which demography and geography - boundaries and individual communities - impinge on partnerships. Part 3, on partnerships in practice, considers the processes and management of change. Appendices include examples of work in which partnership is an element. (RH)
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INTERGENERATIONAL ISSUES

178/37 Generations gardening together: Sourcebook for intergenerational therapeutic horticulture; by Jean M Larson, Mary H Meyeter. Binghamton, NY: Food Products Press, imprint Haworth Press, 2006, xiv + 94 pp (b/w illustrations).
Intergenerational gardening programmes bring the generations together. This book presents a tested, hands-on, easy to use activity plan that benefits the development of relationships between adults over 70 and school-age children. It shows how to limit frustration for both groups, how to plan activities that are functional and non-contrived; and, how to assure that the interaction between elders and children is rewarding and pleasant for both. The activities rely on inexpensive readily available tools and resources available throughout the growing season. This book also shows how to create a sensory garden that will stimulate young and older gardeners alike. (KJ)
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INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE

(See Also 178/86)

178/38 " ... somewhere in between ...": Re-conceptualising elderliness in South Africa: a tentative theoretical and methodological exploration; by Jaco Hoffman.
Generations Review, vol 16, no 1, January 2006, pp 16-19.
Gerontology in South Africa needs to be freed from the stereotyped images of the "warm, loving, caring, socially-oriented ..." African generations on the one hand, and the "cold, technology-oriented" Western generations on the other. A discursive narrative approach is suggested as an attempt to explore the multiplicity of the ageing experience towards an

African-appropriate gerontology. (RH)
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- 178/39 Age structural transition and population ageing in Bangladesh; by H T Abdullah Khan. *Generations Review*, vol 16, no 1, January 2006, pp 6-10. In Bangladesh, the older population (age 60+) has been increasing both in absolute and relative numbers. Although in recent years Bangladesh has achieved some remarkable success in fertility reduction, gradual improvement in the areas of mortality, morbidity, human capital and the economy, questions remain as to whether or not ageing has emerged as an issue in relation to long-term age structural transition. This paper uses various secondary data sources - notably from the United Nations (UN) - to explore the changes in age structure and the ageing situation in Bangladesh. It has been found that the older population currently runs at some 7 million and is expected to increase to about 40.5 million by 2050. The Ageing index shows that although numbers of older people are increasing, they are not being replaced by children aged under 15. There will be more older widowed in an ageing Bangladesh population. Ageing should receive proper attention and should be a priority in the Bangladeshi government's development agenda. (RH)
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- 178/40 Ageing societies: myths, challenges and opportunities; by Sarah Harper. London: Hodder Arnold, 2006, 358 pp. Within 25 years, half of the population of Western Europe will be over 50, one quarter over 65, and there will be more than one billion older people in the less developed countries (LDCs). This book explore three areas, the first of which concerns the growing necessity for extending economic activity into later life and the implications for social security provision. A further chapter considers equal treatment, equal rights and ending age discrimination. The second area is the change in modern families and the implications the changes have for the provision of care and support for the ageing population. The third area presents biggest challenge of all: ageing in the LDCs where there is little or no infrastructure to provide long-term care or social security. Thus, the myths, challenges and opportunities of ageing populations are examined. (RH)
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- 178/41 Ageing, the family and civil society in Indonesia; by Philip Kreager. *Generations Review*, vol 16, no 1, January 2006, pp 11-15. Political changes in Indonesia over the last decade serve as a reminder that the position of older people in a given society - like that of any minority or potentially disadvantaged group - is contingent on its effective balance in relations between the institutions of state and civic society. This article uses Indonesia as a case in point, to provides a preliminary account of how these wider issues relate to questions of intergenerational welfare that are more familiar topics of gerontology. (RH)
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- 178/42 The cultural and political context of the lives of people with dementia in Kerala, India; by Louise F McCabe. *Dementia: the international journal of social research and practice*, vol 5, no 1, February 2006, pp 117-136. India is currently undergoing considerable demographic change. The state of Kerala in the south-west is demographically advanced compared with other parts of India, and as such is experiencing demographic change and modernisation ahead of other parts of the country. The proportions and numbers of older people in Kerala are increasing, which in turn is leading to a higher prevalence of dementia. This article reviews the existing literature to describe the context for people with dementia in Kerala. It also draws on empirical data to further illustrate and explore

their experiences. People with dementia in Kerala are disadvantaged, as the process of modernisation is breaking down traditional forms of care ahead of any significant service provision to replace them. Recent developments of services in Kerala aim to provide high quality care for people with dementia to counteract these demographic changes. (RH)

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178/43 Dementia in primary care: the first survey of Irish general practitioners; by Suzanne Cahill, Maeve Clark, Cathal Walsh (et al).

International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, vol 21, no 4, April 2006, pp 319-324.

Of 600 questionnaires sent to a sample of Irish general practitioners regarding their attitudes and practices in relation to screening, diagnosing and disclosing a dementia diagnosis to patients, 300 responses were usable. GPs reported diagnosing an average four new case of dementia annually. A multivariate analysis revealed that females diagnosed significantly fewer cases annually. A large majority of GPs reported performing thyroid function tests (77%), B12 (75%) and folic acid tests (75%) to rule out reversible causes of cognitive impairment. The most reliable signs and symptoms of dementia identified were memory problems (31%), lack of confidence (30%), and the impact of the diagnosis on the patient (28%). GPs' age and gender were significantly associated with barriers to diagnosis. Only 19% claimed they often or always disclosed a diagnosis to a patient. More than one third of GPs (38%) reported that the key factor influencing their disclosure patterns was their perceptions of the patient's level of comprehension. Most GPs (90%) had never undergone any dementia specific training, and most (83%) expressed a desire for this. There is an urgent need to develop active and more systematic approaches to GP training in dementia care. (RH)

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178/44 Factors affecting the level of depression and life satisfaction of family caregivers of frail older people in Korea; by Soo Young Kim, So Young Min.

Social Policy & Society, vol 5, pt 3, July 2006, pp 399-407.

South Korea is rapidly becoming an aged society and with changing family structures there is increasing concern about the care of older people. This paper considers the well being of family carers of older people who suffer from dementia or a stroke. One hundred and sixty eight family caregivers, who were caring for elderly relatives, were selected and the major factors affecting their psychological well-being and proposals to improve their quality of life are identified and discussed. (KJ)

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178/45 Leisure styles and life satisfaction among recent retirees in Israel; by Galit Nimrod, Hanna Adoni. Ageing and Society, vol 26, part 4, July 2006, pp 607-630.

This article examines the leisure behaviour, attitudes and life satisfaction of a sample of 383 retirees aged 50 or more years in an Israeli national survey. Multivariate analyses identified four leisure-styles on the basis of the type of leisure activity engaged in, its relative sophistication, whether it was a formally-organised cultural activity, and its location (home or outdoors). The four styles were: company seekers, media consumers, culture enthusiasts and sophisticated choosers. The levels of participation in the four styles were associated with nine background characteristics: gender, education, income, former occupation, work status, retirement pattern, origin, residential area and health. Differences in life satisfaction were associated with leisure participation and leisure satisfaction. Two of the groups, the 'culture enthusiasts' and the 'sophisticated choosers' were relatively active, and enjoyed significantly higher levels of satisfaction in both their leisure and their lives. These findings tend to support Havighurst's 'activity theory'. Since these two leisure styles were followed by minorities, and most of the sample pursued the other leisure styles, the findings imply that a large proportion of the retired population are inadequately prepared to take up 'active leisure'. If more older people are to become engaged in active leisure, with benefits to both themselves and to society, they require more guidance and support. (KJ)

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178/46

Older people in Sweden with various degrees of present quality of life: their health, social support, everyday activities and sense of coherence; by Gunilla Borglin, Ulf Jakobsson, Anne-Karin Edberg (et al).

Health & Social Care in the Community, vol 14, no 2, March 2006, pp 136-146.

Public health policies in most European countries are concerned with how to keep older people living independently with a qualitatively good life in the community as long as possible. This 2001 postal questionnaire study investigated the characteristics of a population-based sample of 600 people aged 75+ in southern Sweden reporting various degrees of quality of life (QoL) with respect to QoL in different areas. A two-step cluster analysis was performed (n=385, mean age 84.6, SD=5.7) with "present QoL" as clustering attribute. Three groups were disclosed, of which 33.8% could be being regarded as being at risk of low QoL. Those with low present QoL (18.4%) were the oldest and most vulnerable: most were women with "poor or bad" self-rated health, high frequencies of health problems, low total QoL, low social support and sense of coherence, and less physically active. Those with high present QoL (47.8%) reported "more excellent or good" self-rated health, physical activity, satisfactory social support, and higher sense of coherence and total QoL than the other two groups. Those with intermediate present QoL (33.8%) had more of "poor or bad" self-rated health, more health problems, were less physically active, had lower total QoL and sense of coherence, and less social support than those with high present QoL. The sample seemed to reflect the ageing process, in that respondents were at different stages of ageing. However, the fact that the level of social support, sense of coherence and self-rated health followed the same curve as QoL may indicate that some are more vulnerable to low present QoL given the same health, and these should be targeted in preventive programmes since they report low QoL. (RH)

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178/47

Poverty and hardship among the aged in urban China; by Peter Saunders, Sun Lujun.

Social Policy & Administration, vol 40, no 2, April 2006, pp 138-157.

China's record in reducing poverty in the last three decades has been impressive, even though estimates of the extent of the decline differ, coupled with increasing numbers of older people. This article uses a unique national data set to examine patterns of poverty, deprivation and exclusion among China's urban aged population (age 60+) in 2000. The results point to the importance of poverty as an issue for older people, particularly for women and those who live alone. A number of indicators of hardship are developed in four areas - economic insecurity, housing, health and social isolation - and the incidence of these is examined, separately and in combination, by living arrangement and gender. Women are shown to experience greater levels of hardship and isolation than men, and to be more likely to experience multiple deprivation across two or more areas. Finally, the overlap between poverty and hardship is examined as a way of validating the poverty indicators and giving them gender credibility. The results indicate that there are strong overlaps, although these differ across different dimensions of hardship. Access to pension income and concern of the cost of visits to see a doctor emerge as strong predictors of poverty, and point to areas where policy change is needed. (RH)

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178/48

The role of state and family in the living conditions of older people in urban China : changing attitudes and outcomes; by Peter Saunders.

Social Policy & Society, vol 5, pt 3, July 2006, pp 359-372.

This paper uses a unique national dataset to examine the attitudes and living standards of older people (aged 60 and over) living in urban areas of China, including their living arrangements and income levels, and their attitudes to family-based and other forms of support. The results indicate that although there have been substantial improvements in the overall living conditions of the majority of older people in China, marked differences remain the economic circumstances of sub-groups classified by age and, more particularly, gender. Many of today's older people are also wedded to traditional attitudes and patterns of behaviour, and informal family support remains important - for men and women, as well as for younger and older groups among those aged 60 and over. (KJ)

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From : <http://www.journals.cambridge.org>

- 178/49 The state of ageing and health in Europe; by Suzanne Wait, Ed Harding, International Longevity Centre UK - ILCUK; Merck Company Foundation. London: International Longevity Centre UK, June 2006, 24 pp.
A snapshot is presented of Europe's ageing population, based on currently available information and statistics on older people's health. This report highlights the heterogeneous and diverse nature of this population, and notes important health inequalities (e.g. disparities in life expectancy). How we interpret healthy ageing - whether being disability-free or in terms of lifestyle behaviours - is considered. A short concluding chapter focuses on dementia. Throughout the report, "calls for action" on health problems - for example, depression - outline how these might be tackled. (RH)
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Website: www.ilcuk.org.uk
- 178/50 Transformations in economic security during old age in Korea: the implications for public-pension reform; by Young-Jun Choi.
Ageing and Society, vol 26, part 4, July 2006, pp 549-566.
The South Korean National Pension scheme was instituted in 1988 and now covers all private sector employees and the self-employed. Since the financial crisis of 1997, it has become controversial and is under considerable pressure, not least because of the perceived financial implications of the country's rapidly ageing population. Predictions of financial shortfalls or 'unsustainability' have prompted calls for severe downsizing of the scheme. The debate on the reform of the scheme has been dominated by the need to respond to demographic change in ways that assist the national economy, invariably by reducing social expenditure. The debate has given little attention to the social or welfare functions of the pension scheme, though the material insecurity of older people has been exacerbated by major changes in the labour market and the family. This paper details recent socio-demographic changes in Korea and discusses their implications for old-age security and pension reform. It argues that public pension schemes should be developed to strengthen social protection against the insecurities of old age, that intra-generational redistribution should be at the core of the reformed arrangements, and that the introduction of a comprehensive non-contributory pension scheme should be seriously considered. (KJ)
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LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

(See Also 178/17)

- 178/51 Intimate and personal care with people with learning disabilities; by Steven Carnaby, Paul Cambridge (eds). London: Jessica Kingsley, 2006, 221 pp.
The contributors to this book consider the management and practice of intimate and personal care for people with learning disabilities. Part 1 focuses on the wider context of intimate and personal care provision. The editors describe their research with support workers on attitudes to their care provision role. Contributors variously consider a "person-centred approach" in relation to: ethnicity and culture; sexuality; and health and hygiene. Part 1 ends with a discussion of the role played by policies and procedures in the delivery of intimate and personal care. Part 2 concentrates on "best practice", starting with a critical look at the characteristics of multi-disciplinary working. The remaining chapters focus on care needs of particular groups. These include adults with mild learning disabilities (and promoting their independence); adults with profound or multiple learning disabilities (and supporting planned dependence); and older people with learning disabilities. A concluding chapter reflects on the issues, concerns and dilemmas raised. (RH)
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LEGAL ISSUES

- 178/52 Age : a dubious criterion in legislation; by Jef Breda, David Schoenmaekers. *Ageing and Society*, vol 26, part 4, July 2006, pp 529-548. Policymakers like to make sure of age criteria, because they provide a transparent and seemingly objective standard. In reality, age limits are not as innocent as they appear : distinctions on the basis of age are often irrelevant and the actual age thresholds tend to be arbitrary. Age limits can also be criticised from a theoretical perspective: how can the heterogeneity of today's older people be reconciled with uniform age-defined classes? In response to a European Union Directive of 2000, Belgium implemented strict anti-discrimination legislation. This provides all the more reason to ascertain the prevalence and justification of the use of age criteria in legislation. Belgium is a federal state with three communities and three regions, and the scrutiny has been restricted to the Flemish community and region. All legislation has been screened for the use of 50 or more years as an age criterion, and all occurrences have been critically examined. The paper focuses on three fields of statutory regulation : early retirement, concessionary public transport fares and the different care entitlements of people with disabilities and of older people. Evidence of age discrimination was found, although often in a form that benefits older people. The justification of the age criterion was often inadequate, so the adoption often appears no more than convenient standard practice. The paper concludes that policy makers should consider the systematic replacement of age thresholds by other criteria. (KJ)
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- 178/53 Bringing the law to the gerontological stage: a different look at movies and old age; by Israel Doron. *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, vol 62, no 3, 2006, pp 237-254. Films often portray the complexities of real-life ageing issues, showing how they are apparently handled outside of and around the law or legal issues. In an attempt to better understand these issues, this article deconstructs five relatively modern and well-known films: *Driving Miss Daisy*; *Waking Ned Devine*; *On Golden Pond*; *The Straight Story*; and *Iris and John*. All feature aged protagonists, and all tell their stories against a background of legal issues that are only alluded to, and remain hidden "behind the scenes". This analysis asks two main questions. First, to what extent does the reality of old age as described in the films considered reflect familiar social phenomena identified by empirical studies? Second, to what extent does the legal infrastructure embedded in the narrative of these films reflect the legal regulations that govern older people in nowadays? The conclusions arising from the analysis of cinematic and legal reality expressed in the films demonstrate that the current level of discourse on major issues in social gerontology ignores the importance and relevance of law. It thus behoves us to "bring the law to the gerontological stage" where the current situation as it actually exists can be analysed and perhaps even be changed. (RH)
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LONG TERM CARE

(See Also 178/26)

- 178/54 Care inquiry: 10th report, 2006 (Session 2), Health Committee, the Scottish Parliament: Vol 2: Evidence; by Health Committee, Scottish Parliament. Edinburgh: Scottish Parliament, 13 June 2006, 303 pp (SP Paper 594, Session 2 (2006)). Oral evidence and associated written evidence gathered by the Committee, February to May 2006 on the report's three main areas of inquiry: free personal care for older people; regulation of care for older people; and direct payments. (RH)
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178/55 Care inquiry: 10th report, 2006 (Session 2), Health Committee, the Scottish Parliament: Vol 1: Report; by Health Committee, Scottish Parliament. Edinburgh: Scottish Parliament, 13 June 2006, 140 pp (SP Paper 594, Session 2 (2006)).

The three main areas of inquiry were free personal care for older people, regulation of care for older people, and direct payments. The Committee concluded that the policy of free personal care introduced by the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 has been a success, and has been widely welcomed. On the regulation of care, the Committee recommends that the Scottish Executive should continue to develop the Care Commission as the primary agency for that purpose. On direct payments, these should be promoted and made available more proactively. Annexes include a report to the Committee on "The implementation of direct payments for people who use care services. (RH)

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178/56 A national template: [continuing care framework]; by Melanie Henwood. Community Care, no 1629, 29 June 2006, pp 30-31.

The distinction between fully funded NHS continuing care and means-tested social care has become increasingly blurred. This has been marked by a string of legal challenges and by recurrent involvement of the Health Services Ombudsman. The Department of Health (DH) has issued a consultation on a national framework for continuing care and NHS funded nursing care. This article evaluates whether the framework addresses the key failings of the current system, and whether it will resolve the long-standing inequities, complexity and confusion. (RH)

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178/57 Who should pay for care?: paying for care in later life; by Policy Unit, Age Concern England - ACE. London: Age Concern England - ACE, 2006, 52 pp (Age Concern Reports).

This report presents results of qualitative research which explored the views of current and future older people on paying for care in later life. Six focus groups were conducted in the north and south of England with people from a mix of socioeconomic and age groups (45-59, 60-74, 75+). The groups were given information about the current charging system for care and discussed two case studies. Overall, the findings show that people are still strongly of the view that the state should provide for care in old age: there is a reluctance for individual wealth to be taken into account. The report defines personal care and health care; and examines people's understanding of care charges, payment for care services and care in different settings. Also discussed are the role of family care; use of one's own wealth to pay for care; and issues about quality of care. (RH)

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LONG TERM CONDITIONS

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MENTAL HEALTH

(See Also 178/2, 178/84)

178/58 Age and planning tasks: the influence of ecological validity; by Louise H Phillips, Matthias Kliegel, Mike Martin.

International Journal of Aging and Human Development, vol 62, no 2, 2006, pp 175-184.

Planning ability is important in many everyday tasks, such as cooking and shopping. Previous

studies have investigated ageing effects on planning, looking at either widely used laboratory-based neuropsychological tasks such as the Tower of London (TOL), or more naturalistic planning tasks such as organising shopping errands. In this study, the authors compare the effects of normal adult ageing on both the TOL and a more ecologically valid planning task, the Plan-a-Day (PAD) task. Participants were 39 young people (mean age 34.8) and 39 older people (mean age 69.5). There was a reliable decline in TOL planning, performance with age, but no significant correlation between age and PAD planning performance. Age-related variance was partly explained by variance in information processing speed and education. It is proposed that in more ecologically valid planning tasks, age changes in processing speed can be compensated for by task-related knowledge. Implications for everyday planning performance by older people are considered. (RH)

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

178/59 Practical psychiatry of old age; by John Wattis, Stephen Curran. 4th ed Oxford: Radcliffe Publishing, 2006, 276 pp.

This much expanded edition describes in detail the main psychiatric conditions encountered in old age: confusion, delirium and dementia; mood disorders; paranoid disorders; personality disorders, and alcohol and substance misuse. Short case histories are used by way of illustration. The book also offers a comprehensive approach to the assessment and management of psychiatric disorders in old age; provides an introduction to the planning and delivery of services; and considers the relationship between physical and mental health. (RH)

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MENTAL ILLNESS

178/60 The prevention, diagnosis and management of delirium in older people: national guidelines; by Clinical Effectiveness and Evaluation Unit, Royal College of Physicians; British Geriatrics Society - BGS. London: Royal College of Physicians, June 2006, 18 pp (Concise guidance to good practice: a series of evidence-based guidelines for clinical management; no 6).

Delirium (acute confusional state) is a common condition of older people, affecting up to 30% of older patients admitted to hospital. The hospital environment often precipitates or exacerbates episodes of delirium; and patients who develop delirium have high mortality, institutionalisation and complication rates, and have longer stays than non-delirious patients. Recent evidence demonstrates that improved understanding of delirium among health professionals and improved attention to the environment surrounding at-risk patients can both prevent the onset of delirium and curtail episodes that arise. These guidelines provide healthcare professionals with a practical approach to the identification, prevention and management of delirium in hospital and community care settings. It updates the "Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of delirium in the elderly" (1997) compiled by Lesley Young and Jim George based on the work of the multidisciplinary Working Party on Confusion in Crises, Royal College of Physicians, 1995. A summary of guidelines which may be photocopied for staff use is also provided. (RH)

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NUTRITION

(See Also 178/13)

178/61 Effect of family style mealtimes on quality of life, physical performance and body weight of nursing home residents: cluster randomised controlled trial; by Kristel A N D Nijs, Cees de Graaf, Frans J Kok (et al).

British Medical Journal, vol 332, no 7551, 20 May 2006, pp 1180-1183.

Eating in the company of others significantly increases food intake, while for nursing home residents with dementia mood is improved by family-style mealtimes. In this Dutch study of 178 residents (mean age 77) in 5 nursing homes, two wards in each home were randomised to intervention (95 participants) or control (83). During 6 months, the intervention group took their meals family style; the control group received the usual individual pre-plated service. The difference to change between the two groups was significant for overall quality of life, fine motor function and body weight. Improving the ambience of mealtimes can thus prevent decline in physical performance and body weight, as well as improve overall quality of life for nursing home residents. (RH)

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178/62

Highlight of the day?: Improving meals for older people in care homes; by Commission for Social Care Inspection - CSCI. London: Commission for Social Care Inspection - CSCI, March 2006, 31 pp (CSCI 135).

InFocus, no 1, March 2006, 31 pp (CSCI 135).

This is the first in a series of bulletins that focus on particular quality issues in regulated social care services. This bulletin builds on the inspection and other information the Commission holds on meals and mealtimes. It identifies areas of good practice in care homes and key findings of this bulletin are: The majority of care homes for older people (83%) meet the minimum standards for meals and mealtimes; that there are sufficient staff who are properly trained and managed to provide a positive experience for residents at mealtimes; people want their food to be tasty, nutritious, to eat in pleasant surroundings without being rushed; and, care services need to provide food and drink outside mealtimes for those who want it and this should include drinking water being easily available. (KJ)

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PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

(See Also 178/32)

178/63

From Beveridge to Turner: demography, distribution and the future of pensions in the UK; by John Hills, ESRC Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion - CASE, Suntory-Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines - STICERD, London School of Economics and Political Science. London: STICERD, 2006, 25 pp (CASEpaper 110).

This paper outlines the recommendations of the UK Pensions Commission chaired by Adair Turner, and of which the author was a member. The paper also examines the data and analysis on which the recommendations were based, including projections of demographic change, trends in private pension saving, and evolution of the state pension system. The Commission concluded that without reform, structural problems with UK pensions would lead to increasingly inadequate and inequitable pension provision in 15-20 years time. It recommended reforms which would lead to a more generous, more universal and less means-tested state system that would otherwise evolve, and the establishment of a low cost National Pensions Savings Scheme (NPSS), into which employees without good employer provision would automatically be enrolled. The proposals - which have largely been adopted by the UK government - imply eventual increases both in state spending on pensions as a share of national income and in State Pension Age (SPA), but accompanied by measures to facilitate later and more flexible retirement. (RH)

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178/64

NPSS policy and design choices: a discussion paper; by Alison O'Connell, Pensions Policy Institute - PPI. London: Pensions Policy Institute - PPI, April 2006, 48 pp.

The Government is consulting on whether to introduce something like the National Pension

Savings Scheme (NPSS) proposed by the Pensions Commission in November 2005. While the Pensions Commission left some design details to be considered, the proposal was a fairly detailed blueprint of a very low cost national auto-enrolment pension scheme to be run by a partnership of state and private industry. This PPI paper considers other proposed or existing savings vehicles similar to NPSS, such as New Zealand's KiwiSaver. Secondly, it compares the policy background and aims of the NPSS and KiwiSaver. Thirdly, it considers the implications of the policy choice made for the NPSS and asks whether an alternative policy that learns lessons from KiwiSaver could be more effective. Lastly, it considers some product design and implementation choices for NPSS. The appendix is a detailed tabulated comparison of NPSS and KiwiSaver. (RH)
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178/65

Paupers progress : from poor relief to old age pension: a short history; by Joe Harris, National Pensioners Convention - NPC. London: National Pensioners Convention - NPC, 2006, 89 pp (+ illustrations).

"Paupers progress" charts the exclusion and degradation of older people over the last seven centuries. In doing so, it exposes the roots of the present paternalistic and demeaning attitudes towards older people and the inadequacies of public pensions, particularly for women. The foreword by Alan Walker, Professor of Social Policy and Social Gerontology, University of Sheffield, introduces the context for the research conducted at the time of the Pensions Commission chaired by Adair Turner. Although the old age pension was introduced for those over 70 in 1908, the level of the basic state pension and the situation of women pensioners continues to give cause for concern. (RH)

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Persistency of pension contributions in the UK: evidence from aggregate and micro-data; by Sarah Smith, Centre for Market and Public Organisation (CMPO), University of Bristol. Bristol: Centre for Market and Public Organisation, University of Bristol, January 2006, 23 pp (Working paper no 06/139).

Evidence is presented on the persistency of contributions to individual pensions, including an analysis of micro-data from the British Household Panel Survey (BHPS). It finds variation in persistency rates by gender, earnings and household income. Changes in income and consumption needs (for example, becoming unemployed or the arrival of a new baby) increase the probability of lapse, but household income also matters, suggesting that pensions may be less affordable for those on low incomes, even in the absence of shocks. The introduction in 2001 of stakeholder pensions, with a charge cap of 1% of final value transfers the financial penalty associated with lapsing from consumers to providers. Arguably, this will make it less likely that pensions are sold to those for whom they are less suitable. The only risk is if providers walk away from low income groups altogether. This paper is an outcome of research on the persistency of pension contributions, conducted by the Centre for Market and Public Organisation (CMPO), University of Bristol, which was jointly funded by the Leverhulme Trust and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). (RH)

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178/67

Shaping a stable pensions solution: how pension experts would reform UK pensions; by Pensions Policy Institute - PPI. London: Pensions Policy Institute - PPI, March 2006, 77 pp.

"Shaping a stable pensions solution" is a project carried out by the Pensions Policy Institute (PPI) and funded by the Nuffield Institute. Some 80 experts from more than 40 organisations were invited to five seminar discussions of specific research questions. Each chapter of this report covers one of the seminar topics, noting points of consensus from the debates. Following an

overview of the consensus solution, the remaining chapters answer five questions. First, what should be the balance between state and private pensions? Second, what should be the role of means-testing in state pensions? Third, should state pensions be universal or contributory? Fourth, should earnings-related pensions be voluntary or compulsory? Lastly, how does the interaction of state and private pensions affect incentives to work and save? An appendix gives details of PPI's individual model (IM) that is used to estimate the amounts of state or private pension income that individuals with different levels of earnings might expect to receive when they reach age 65 in 2050. All material gathered at the seminars is available on the PPI website. (RH)

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PERSON CENTRED CARE

178/68

'Listen to what I'm saying': Person centred care and the single assessment process; by Bernie Arigho, Keith Strahan (producers), Age Exchange. London: Age Exchange, 2006, dvd (running time 37 mins + 3 shorter films).

Person centred care means listening to people to find out what is most important to them and without making assumptions. Care is holistic, and centres on the whole person: who they are, their life before, and how they currently feel. The emphasis is on what the person can, rather than cannot do.

This dvd shows health and social care professionals working directly with individuals and their carers. There are no actors and no prepared scripts. The film shows what a difference a person centred approach makes to individuals with many/complex needs. It links the Single Assessment Process (SAP), as the person centred health and social care framework, with other Department of Health policies e.g. long term conditions with its emphasis on case management.

It outlines key principles of person centred care that are evolving, including holistic assessment, personalised care plans, sharing information, continuity and coordination, and self care/self management. A feature of the film is to hear the views of the individuals and carers themselves in 3 Case Studies with a Social Worker, Community Matron and a Community Mental Health Nurse. The DVD also includes 3 other films from 3 different authorities: "Patients as Teachers" (LB Lewisham); "Are we being heard?" (LB Hounslow); "Cold tea" (Workforce Directorate, Cumbria and Lancashire Strategic Health Authority). All 3 films cover aspects of health and social care for older people, in relation to the Single Assessment Process. Production of this DVD was funded by the North West London Strategic Health Authority and the Department of Health. (KJ/RH)

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The emergence of person-centred planning as evidence-based practice; by Helen Sanderson, Jeanette Thompson, Jackie Kilbane.

Journal of Integrated Care, vol 14, issue 2, April 2006, pp 18-25.

Research by Janet Robertson and colleagues (Institute for Health Research, University of Lancaster, 2005) has demonstrated that person-centred planning (PCP) leads to positive changes for people. Their report, "The impact of person centred planning", shows how PCP is associated with benefits in the areas of community involvement, contact with friends, contact with family, and choice. This article outlines the research and its recommendations. It also explores the implications for managers and professionals supporting people with learning difficulties. (RH)

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POVERTY

(See Also 178/30, 178/47, 178/81)

- 178/70 Are 'poor' pensioners 'deprived?': a report of research carried out by the Institute for Social and Economic Research and the Department of Health and Human Sciences, University of Essex on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions; by Richard Berthoud, Marten Blekesaune, Ruth Hancock, Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex; Department of Health and Human Sciences, University of Essex; Department for Work and Pensions - DWP. Leeds: Corporate Document Services, 2006, 111 pp (Department for Work and Pensions Research report, no 364).
Pensioners have lower average incomes and a higher risk of income poverty than adults below pension age. The object of this project was to describe and explain the relationships between age and living standards in later life, exploring how sensitive this is to the questions being asked, and the extent to which the experiences of individuals change as they grow older. The report analyses the Poverty and Social Exclusion Survey (PSE) to experiment with a range of different indicators to see how robust the conclusions are with respect to construction of an index. The PSE, a cross-sectional survey, was carried out in 1999 by a joint team from Bristol, Loughborough and York universities. This report also analyses the British Household Panel Survey (BHPS), a sequence of 7 years of data about the same sample of people; use of longitudinal data shows whether living standards improve or deteriorate as people grow older. This project is one of three commissioned by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) on how we measure older people's living standards and spending patterns. Readers are recommended to consult another of the reports - "Understanding older people's experiences of poverty and material deprivation" - as its aim was to provide an understanding of older people's experiences of poverty and indicators of material deprivation. (RH)
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- 178/71 Progress in tackling pensioner poverty: encouraging take-up of entitlements: report by the Comptroller and Auditor General; by National Audit Office - NAO. London: The Stationery Office, 2006, 38 pp (HC 1178-I Session 2005/06).
This report assesses progress made by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) against the National Audit Office (NAO) previous recommendations in "Tackling pensioner poverty: encouraging take-up of entitlements (HC 37 Session 2002/03; TSO, 2002). Overall, it concludes that the Pension Service has made real and substantial progress in helping pensioners to secure their entitlements using new and well thought through approaches. The report considers the DWP's key role in tackling pensioner poverty. It looks at benefit take-up and identifying pensioners who are not taking up entitlements, for example Pension Credit. The report looks at raising awareness and encouraging pensioners to apply; joint working and working in partnership with others; and simplifying and joining up processes as ways of increasing benefit take-up. Appendix 1 outlines the methodology which is dealt with in greater detail in the accompanying Technical report. (RH)
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- 178/72 Progress in tackling pensioner poverty: encouraging take-up of entitlements: technical report: report by the Comptroller and Auditor General; by National Audit Office - NAO. London: The Stationery Office, 2006, 38 pp (HC 1178-II Session 2005/06).
This technical report describes some of the methods and research used to support the main report, "Progress in tackling pensioner poverty: encouraging take-up of entitlements". A range of quantitative analysis was used. (RH)
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178/73 Public wealth, private poverty : practical steps to alleviate UK poverty: Thursday 15th September 2005, Merchant Taylors' Hall, London EC2: conference report and update, April 2006; by Elizabeth Finn Care. London: Elizabeth Finn Care, 2006, 23 pp.
Research by Elizabeth Finn Care estimates that some 3.8 million adults live below the poverty line. Speakers at the conference aimed to provide a true picture of hidden poverty in Britain, also some possible solutions. This report provides edited highlights of papers, introduced by David Astor, a trustee. Melanie Howard (Future Foundation) outlined key trends in UK poverty. Sir William Utting (Chair, Joseph Rowntree Foundation - JRF) spoke on public understanding of poverty and the role of the media. Brian Garvey (Future Foundation) considered barriers to accepting help. Michael Richardson, (Director, Work, Welfare and Poverty, Department for Work and Pensions - DWP) gave a government perspective. Frank Field, MP, on "A vision for the future", spoke of the need for a coordinated public service. Offering possible solutions were: Geraldine Peacock (Chair, Charity Commission) on how charities could work together; Jonathan Welfare (Chief Executive, Elizabeth Finn Care) on practical steps and challenges; and Joe Saxton (Chairman, Institute of Fundraising) on taking projects forward. An update section outlines how Elizabeth Finn Care has joined with StartHere to develop an information resource aimed at alleviating poverty. (RH)

178/74 Understanding older people's experiences of poverty and material deprivation: a report of research carried out by the Personal Finance Research Centre, University of Bristol on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions; by Nicola Dominy, Elaine Kempson, Personal Finance Research Centre, University of Bristol; Department for Work and Pensions - DWP. Leeds: Corporate Document Services, 2006, 87 pp (Department for Work and Pensions Research report, no 363).
Previous research indicates that a number of factors affect older people's perceptions of material deprivation. The Personal Finance Research Centre at the University of Bristol undertook this research, to provide an understanding of older people's experiences of poverty and their understanding of a range of indicators used to measure material deprivation. (RH)
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PREVENTION

178/75 Active steps to prevention: [early results from the Innovation Forum's older people project]; by Gerald Wistow, Derek King.
Community Care, no 1629, 29 June 2006, pp 32-33.
A long-term objective for health and social care has been to re-balance services and investments so that older people have fewer hospital admissions. The results from the first year of a local authority led initiative suggest that this objective is beginning to be achieved. If sustained, it will demonstrate the ability of councils to initiate and lead the co-ordination of change in acute hospitals and community services. The authors outline first results from the Innovation Forum project, Improving Futures for Older People, which is being piloted in Kent (the lead council), Cornwall, Cheshire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Westminster, West Sussex and Wigan. (RH)
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QUALITY OF LIFE

(See 178/46)

RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

- 178/76 Talking about spirituality in health care practice: a resource for the multi-professional health care team; by Gillian White. London: Jessica Kingsley, 2006, 173 pp.
Health care professionals who wish to work holistically face many questions about spirituality. The author, a dietitian, began to explore and discuss spirituality with a research group, two educational groups, and a Journey into Faith group. Her book draws on this experience to provide guidelines for multi-professional health care teams in exploring the relevance of spirituality and to integrate it into their work.
The aim is to provide a multi-disciplinary, whole person approach to health care, whereby health care professionals and nursing staff can respond appropriately to their patients' spiritual concerns. (RH)
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RESEARCH

- 178/77 How older people become researchers: training, guidance and practice in action; by Mary Leamy, Roger Clough, Joseph Rowntree Foundation - JRF; Eskrigge Social Research. York: Joseph Rowntree Foundation - JRF, 2006, 49 pp.
While it has become increasingly popular to involve lay people in the research process, the mechanics of how to do this and the accompanying benefits and drawbacks are only just beginning to be examined. This is a companion report to "Older people as researchers: evaluating a participative project", by Roger Clough, Bert Green, Barbara Hawkes, Gwyneth Raymond and Les Bright. It outlines how a group of older people became involved in a 3-year large-scale research project, and combines practical guidance with an account of the project. It describes the development and structure of the university-validated Certificate in Social Research Methods for Older People, based at the University of Lancaster's Department of Continuing Education; another course was run in London. The next three chapters examine the teaching, research and student perspectives. The concluding chapter reflects on reasons for the continued involvement of older people, and describes subsequent research courses designed to respond to their desire to build upon and use their new research skills. (RH)
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RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING HOME CARE

(See Also 178/23, 178/25, 178/62)

- 178/78 The complete care home guide: including: detail on how you are assessed for the amount you will have to pay for care in a care home; by Counsel and Care. 2nd ed. London: Counsel and Care, October 2006, 71 pp.
This guide is for people who are considering care in a (nursing or residential) care home for themselves or someone they advise. It aims to answer the most commonly asked questions about choosing, paying for and living in a care home. It sets out the procedures to be expected and the service that should be available, and is mainly written for those living in, or moving to, England and Wales. It only provides basic information for Scotland and excludes Northern Ireland. (KJ/RH)
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- 178/79 Quality in long-term care homes for people with dementia: an assessment of specialist provision; by Siobhan Reilly, Michele Abendstern, Jane Hughes (et al). Ageing and Society, vol 26, part 4, July 2006, pp 649-668.

There has been debate for some years as to whether the best model of care for people with dementia emphasises specialist facilities or integrated service provision. Although the United Kingdom National Service Framework for Older People recommended that local authority social services departments encourage the development of specialist residential care for people with dementia, uncertainty continues as to the benefits of particular care regimes, partly because research evidence is limited. This paper examines a large number of 'performance measures' from long-term care facilities in North West England that have residents with dementia. Of the 287 in the survey, 56 per cent described themselves as specialist services for elderly people with mental ill-health problems (known as EMI homes). It was envisaged that EMI homes would score higher than non-EMI homes on several measures of service quality for people with dementia that were developed from research evidence and policy documents. The analysis found that EMI homes performed better than non-EMI homes on only a few measures. While both home types achieved good results on some standards, on others both performed poorly. Overall, EMI and non-EMI homes offered a similar service. (KJ)

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RETIREMENT

178/80 Retirement in the UK; by James Banks, Sarah Smith, Centre for Market and Public Organisation (CMPO), University of Bristol; Department of Economics, University College London; Institute for Fiscal Studies - IFS. Bristol: Centre for Market and Public Organisation, University of Bristol, January 2006, 27 pp (Working paper no 06/140).

Like other OECD countries, the UK experienced more than two decades of declining labour market activity among older men in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. A number of measures to reverse this trend that are currently under discussion, or have already been introduced, include an increase in the state pension age (SPA), abolition of mandatory early retirement ages, higher eligibility for disability benefits, and in-work benefits and training incentives for those aged 50+. This paper considers the nature and timing of retirement in the UK today, and makes an assessment of the likely effect of these measures and likely future trends in retirement. (RH)

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178/81 The retirement-consumption puzzle and involuntary early retirement: evidence from the British Household Panel Survey; by Sarah Smith, Centre for Market and Public Organisation (CMPO), University of Bristol. Bristol: Centre for Market and Public Organisation, University of Bristol, January 2006, 22 pp (Working paper no 06/138).

This paper uses data from the British Household Panel Survey (BHPS) to shed further light on the fall in consumption at retirement (the "retirement-consumption puzzle"). Comparing food spending of men retiring involuntarily early (through ill health or redundancy) with spending of men who retire voluntarily, it finds a significant fall in spending only for those who retire involuntarily. (RH)

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SEXUALITY

178/82 "Sex for life"?: men's counter-stories on 'erectile dysfunction', male sexuality and ageing; by Annie Potts, Victoria M Grace, Tiina Vares (et al).

Sociology of Health & Illness, vol 28, no 3, April 2006, pp 306-329.

The advent of (highly profitable) sexuo-pharmacological "solutions" to erectile changes that affect older men has spurred interest in the topic of male sexuality in mid-to-later life. "Success" stories abound in the media and in medical literature relating to restoring erection problems and ailing sex lives through drugs such as Viagra (sildenafil citrate), Uptima (apomorphine) and Cialis

(tadalafil). In this paper, the authors explore some of the ways in which notions about ageing and male sexuality are changing in popular cultural and medical texts in response to the advent of Viagra and the increasing authority of biomedicine in this area. (RH)

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178/83

The whole of me ... : meeting the needs of older lesbians, gay men and bisexuals living in care homes and extra care housing: a resource pack for professionals; by Sally Knocker, Age Concern England - ACE. London: Age Concern England - ACE, 2006, 42 pp.

The majority of care home and housing managers are committed to treating older residents with respect as individuals. However, the reality for many lesbian, gay and bisexual residents is that they feel uneasy about being open. This resource pack is intended principally for registered care home managers and managers of extra care housing and their staff teams, as well as operational and policy managers. The aim is to explore some of the most pressing issues for older lesbians, gay men and bisexuals in care settings. It offers practical and achievable ideas, also examples of good practice. (RH)

From : Age Concern England, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London SW16 4ER. www.ageconcern.org.uk

SOCIAL CARE

(See 178/33, 178/36, 178/54, 178/55)

SOCIAL SERVICES

(See 178/10, 178/25, 178/27)

SUICIDE

178/84

Suicide in older people without psychiatric disorder; by Daniel Harwood, Keith Hawton, Tony Hope (et al).

International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, vol 21, no 4, April 2006, pp 363-367.

The psychological characteristics of 23 subjects aged 60+ who had died from suicide and did not have a psychiatric disorder at the time of death were determined using psychological autopsy interviews with relatives and friends. The sample is from the authors' previous 2001 study in four counties of central England between 1995 and 1998. Three of the sample had significant psychiatric symptoms, one had a diagnosis of personality disorder, and ten had significantly abnormal personality traits. Physical illness and recent bereavement were the commonest life problems associated with suicide. Five of the sample were suffering from severe physical illness at the time of death. Sub-syndromal psychiatric disorder may be less important than personality factors, physical illness and recent bereavement as important contributory factors to suicide in older people not suffering from psychiatric illness at the time of death. (RH)

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From : <http://www.interscience.wiley.com>

VOLUNTEERING

178/85

Making a difference through volunteering: the impact of volunteers who support and care for people at home; by Helen Bowers, Alison Macadam, Meena Patel (et al), Older People's Programme, Care and Help. London: Community Service Volunteers, July 2006, 140 pp.

The Older People's Programme carried out this research project between May 2005 and May 2006, with the objective of identifying and highlighting the distinctive contribution of volunteers involved in providing support to people who also receive statutory health and social care services. The project is the first jointly commissioned Community Service Volunteers (CSV), British Red Cross (BRC) and Help the Aged (HtA); it was funded by the Lloyds TSB Foundation. This report describes the research which was carried out in six contrasting areas: Barnard Castle and Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Anglesey; Calderdale; Hammersmith and Fulham; Kent; and Cheshire. It identifies fourteen cross-cutting themes from the fieldwork, including the impact of social

isolation; contribution to independence and well-being; flexibility and freedom as key motivators for volunteering; personal care issues; and the importance of time. Detailed findings are presented on the service users' experiences of volunteer services, the volunteers' perspectives, and perspectives of external stakeholders. Appendices include results of a background literature review and the questionnaires used. (RH)

From : CSV, 237 Pentonville Road, London N1 9NJ. Website: www.csv.org.uk

178/86

The participation of older Europeans in volunteer work; by Marcel Erlinghagen, Karsten Hank. *Ageing and Society*, vol 26, part 4, July 2006, pp 567-584.

The contemporary discussion about the growing 'burden of population ageing' should not neglect the substantial productive potential of older people. Using micro-data from the 2004 Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), this paper examines the relationships between selected socio-demographic characteristics and the rates of participation in voluntary work in 10 European countries among those aged 50 or more years. The analysis reveals a clear spatial pattern, with relatively high participation rates in Northern Europe and relatively low participation rates in Mediterranean countries, and shows that age, education, health and involvement in other social activities strongly influence an individual's propensity to engage in volunteer work. A multivariate logistic regression provided no indication that the country differences can be explained by variations in population composition or attributes, such as the age structure or differences in health status. The findings have important implications for future cross-national research and for policies to promote the participation of older adults in voluntary work, and suggest that policies and programmes to encourage older citizens to make greater use of their productive capacities are feasible. It is concluded as the finding of this paper that further research needs to account for the influences of institutions and culture on participation in volunteering. (KJ)

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CALENDAR OF COURSES AND CONFERENCES

All contributions to this section of New Literature on Old Age will be welcome.

There are now hundreds of courses, conferences, training events, workshops etc which are held throughout the year about older age issues.

A fuller listing is available on AgeInfo CD-ROM/Web.

September 2006

MSc Applied Studies in Ageing and Mental Health

Three years, part-time, one day per week for 13 weeks in each term or study individual modules as part of your on-going professional development.

Organised by: Staffordshire University

Location : Stafford, England

Details : Faculty of Health Sciences, Stafford, ST18 0AD

Tel : +44 (0)1785 353766

6-7 September 2006

INVOLVE 5th National Conference: People in Research

A unique forum for people who are interested in public involvement in research and development to debate current practice, future challenges and opportunities.

Organised by: INVOLVE (formerly: Consumers in NHS Research) supported by the Dept of Health

Venue: De Havilland Campus, University of Herfordshire

Location : Hatfield, Herts, England

Details : Professional Briefings, Registration Dept, 37 Star Street, Ware, Herts, SG12 7AA

Tel : +44 (0)1920 487672, *Fax :* +44 (0)1920 462730

6 September 2006

Sharing the Caring : A role for spouses in care homes?

Focus is the recently published report by the Relatives and Residents Association, "Moving stories: the impact of admission into a care home on residents' partners". It is hoped to invite a third speaker who has a spouse in a care home and can speak from personal experience.

Speakers: Dr Gillian Dalley; Les Bright

Organised by: Leveson Centre for the Study of Ageing, Spirituality and Social Policy

Venue: Leveson Centre, Temple Balsall

Location : Solihull, England

Details : Temple House, Fen End Road, Temple Balsall, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0AN

Tel : +44 (0)1564 778022, *Fax :* +44 (0)1564 778432

7-9 September 2006

British Society of Gerontology Conference 2006 - The Ageing Jigsaw: Interdisciplinary approaches to old age

Organised by: British Society of Gerontology (BSG) hosted by the University of Wales, Bangor

Location : Bangor, Wales

Details : Becky Stanyard, BSG 2006 Conference Administrator, CSPRD, Institute of Medial and Social Care Research, Ardudwy, Holyhead Road, University of Wales, Bangor LL57 2PX

Tel : +44 (0)1248 382225, *Fax :* +44 (0)1248 382229

12 September 2006

Palliative Care : Fifth Annual Conference

A practical one day conference for all members of the clinical team. Keynote speakers: Peter Tebbit OBE, Claire Henry, Professor Julia Addington-Hall.

Speakers: Numerous speakers from a variety of healthcare settings.

Organised by: Healthcare Events

Venue: The Royal College of Surgeons

Location : London, England

Details : Healthcare Events, 2 Acre Road, Kingston, Surrey, KT2 6EF

Tel : +44 (0)20 8541 1399, *Fax :* +44 (0)8547 2300

12-13 September 2006

**The 2006 Annual Acute Healthcare Conference
& The 2006 Annual Private Healthcare
Insurance Conference**

Keynote presentation on 12 September: The Government and the Independent Sector, Una O'Brien, Head of Policy Development, DH.
Speakers: Chair: Nick Bosanquet, Professor of Health Policy, Imperial College on 12 September. Chair: Richard Walsh, Head of Health, ABI on 13 September.

Organised by: Laing & Buisson
Venue: London Radisson SAS Portman Hotel
Location : London, England
Details : Laing & Buisson (Conferences) Ltd, 29 Angel Gate, City Road, London, EC1V 2PT
Tel : +44 (0)20 7923 5348, *Fax :* +44 (0)20 7841 0048

12 September 2006

Working with Older People with Mental Health Problems

Organised by: UKHCA
Location : Norwich, England
Details : Jane Taylor-Medhurst, UKHCA Ltd, 42b Banstead Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey, SM5 3NW
Tel : +44 (0)20 8288 1551, *Fax :* +44 (0)20 8288 1550

13-14 September 2006

**Extra Care Housing and Dementia:
Commissioning for Quality**

This conference, extended to a day-and-a-half, will cover some of the same ground as the successful conference on the same topic last November, as well as some additional areas. It is intended for anyone seeking to develop quality services for older people with dementia. It is targeted at those planning, designing, commissioning and managing the services. A contribution to costs by the Department of Health has enabled the delegate charge to be kept low. Delegate criteria: Social Services and PCT Commissioning Managers, Housing providers, Directors of Services for Older People, Heads of domiciliary care services, Supporting People managers, Strategic planners and policy makers, Service Development Managers.
Organised by: Organised by Sue Garwood, a specialist in Extra Care, and supported by the Housing LIN; Change Agent Team, DH.
Venue: The Nottingham Gateway Hotel, Nottingham
Location : Nottingham, England
Details : Sue Garwood, 1A Reeves Pightle, Great

Chishill, Royston, Herts SG8 8SL
Fax : +44 (0)1763 837 115

14 September 2006

**13th Annual Bereavement and Loss Conference
- Mind Matters**

Organised by: Manchester Area Bereavement Forum
Venue: Hough End Centre, Mauldeth Road West
Location : Chornton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, England
Details : The Grief Centre, Freepost NWW1423A, Manchester, Lancashire, M43 9BF
Tel : +44 (0)161 3718860, *Fax :* +44 (0)161 3718860

14 September 2006

Changing By Design : Social and Therapeutic Horticulture Conference

We encourage people to become involved in horticulture, conservation or environmental activities in order to enhance their health and well being.

Organised by: Cultivations
Venue: Nottingham Trent University
Location : Southwell, Nottinghamshire, England
Details : Richard Woollatt, Project Development Manager, Nant yr Helyg, Maentwrog, Gwynedd, LL41 4HF
Tel : +44 (0)1766 590480, Presentations on the benefits of appropriate architectural and horticultural design in residential and community settings may be of particular interest to your staff and other allied organisations., Architect, Researcher and Horticultural Therapist Garuth Chalfont will discuss his research in the field of Dementia. He will also highlight the importance of creating therapeutic horticultural environments and the positive outcomes that have been observed by individuals engaging in such environments.

14 September 2006

The 7th International Conference on Falls and Postural Stability

Speakers: Chair: Dr Finbarr Martin, Consultant Geriatrician (Guys and St Thomas' Hospital, London)
Organised by: Falls and Bone Health Section, British Geriatrics Society
Venue: Warwick Arts Centre, Warwick University
Location : Warwick, England
Details : Conference Secretariat, Hampton Medical Conferences Ltd, 113-119 High Street, Hampton Hill, Middlesex , TW12 1NJ
Tel : +44 (0) 8979 8300, *Fax :* +44 (0) 8979 6700

15 September 2006

Age Discrimination : are you ready?

This is a series of half day briefings on the new age regulations coming into force in October 2006 in various locations in Manchester, Glasgow, Birmingham and London.

Organised by: DLA Advance

Venue: various

Location : London, England

Details : Tracey Egerton, DLA Advance, 101 Barbirolli Square, Manchester, M2 3DL

Tel : +44 (0)161 235 4545, *Fax :* +44 (0)161 235 4505

15-17 September 2006

Ageing and Physical Activity : 2nd World Summit on Physical Education

The University School of Physical Education in Poznan and the State School of Higher Vocational Education in Leszno, both in Poland, are organising the 14th Conference on Physical Education and Sport in Scientific Researches. Topic of this year's conference is ageing and physical activity.

Venue: Rydzyna, Poland

Location : Rydzyna, Poland

Details : Dr Janusz Maciaszek, Akademia Wychowania Fizycznego, Zaklad Teorii Wychowania Fizycznego i Antropomotoryki, Ul. Krolewej Jadwigi 27/39, 61-871 Poznan, Poland

16-20 September 2006

5th European Congress of Biogerontology

Organised by: under the auspices of the International Association of Gerontology.

Venue: Harbiye military museum and cultural centre

Location : Istanbul, Turkey

Details : Professor Serif Akman, President of 5th European Congress of Biogerontology, Gulhane Military Medical Academy, Medical School, Department of Biochemistry, Etlik, Ankara, Turkey

Tel : +90 312 304 3306

20 September 2006

A Fairer Society? A Review of Policies for Vulnerable Groups

Speakers: Prof. Robert Walker (Oxford Univ.); Prof. Jonathan Bradshaw (York Univ.)

Organised by: Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University

Venue: Holywell Park Conference Centre, Loughborough University

Location : Loughborough, Leics, England

Details : Conference Coordinator, Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University, Leicestershire, LE11 3TU

Tel : +44 (0)1509 223372/223618, *Fax :* +44 (0)1509 213409

22 September 2006

Lifelong Learning, Older People and Society : Autumn Seminar Series

The Leicester Institute of Lifelong Learning and NIACE have organised an autumn series of seminars designed to explore what role lifelong learning can and should play in responding to the ageing of society. These are morning seminars (11 am to 1 pm). The series is supported by the Learning and Skills Council.

Speakers: Prof. Alan Walker; Dr Vanessa Burholt; Paul Cann

Organised by: Institute of Lifelong Learning, University of Leicester with NIACE

Venue: Library, Richard Attenborough Centre, University of Leicester

Location : Leicester, England

Details : Isobel Woodliffe, Institute of Lifelong Learning, University of Leicester, 128 Regent Road, Leicester, LE1 7PA

Tel : +44 (0)116 252 5914, 22 September 2006

New Dynamics of Ageing, 20 October 2006

Researching Rural Needs, 24 November 2006

Living Later Life to the Full

25 September 2006

Cash and Care: New Directions in Policy and Practice - a joint seminar

The UK Government is committed to promoting the use of cash to enable service users to purchase their own social care, through schemes such as Direct Payments and the Individual Budgets pilots.

Meanwhile, debate continues about how to pay for residential care. In this afternoon seminar, leading experts will consider the latest policy developments and research evidence on these important topics.

Speakers: Ruth Hancock, Jenny Morris, Melanie Henwood and Laura Ladd

Organised by: Social Policy Research Unit, University of York and University of Oxford, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council.

Venue: NCVO

Location : London, England

Details : Helen Wills, SPRU, UO York, Heslington, York, YO10 5DD

Tel : +44 (0)1904 321950, The seminar will be followed by the official launch of a book inspired by the conference on Cash and Care held at the

University of York in April 2005 in memory of the late Professor Sally Baldwin.

26 September 2006

Fractured Hip Update, 11th National CPD Conference

Speakers: Chair: Professor Peter Crome
Organised by: Keele University Medical School
Venue: Keele University
Location : Stoke-on-Trent, England
Details : Mrs Olwyn Mander, Keele University Medical School, University Hospital of North Staffordshire, Courtyard Annexe, Newcastle Road, Stoke-on-Trent , ST4 6QG
Tel : +44 (0)1782 553968, *Fax :* +44 (0)1782 553978

27 September 2006

Communication in Dementia Care

Expert speakers; debate and discussion; in-depth workshops; networking opportunities.
Organised by: Dementia Care
Location : York, England
Details : Hawker Conferences, Hawker Publications, 2nd Floor, Culvert House, Culvert Road, London, SW11 5DH
Tel : +44 (0)20 7720 2108, *Fax :* +44 (0)20 7493 3023

27-29 September 2006

The 2nd World Ageing & Generations Congress

The long life expectancy in modern societies is a result of extraordinarily successful economic development paired with public health achievements. It is perhaps the most significant revolution that the last century produced. In this new century, however, we face the challenge of adapting our social structures, the priorities of our public policies and the way we plan our lives to this radically new situation. Politicians and citizens find it difficult to adapt pace and perspective because the three big pillars of our welfare states - generational solidarity, risk solidarity and distributive solidarity - are called into question.

Speakers: Chairperson: Ilona Kickbusch
Organised by: World Demographic Association
Venue: University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
Location : Switzerland, Ilona Kickbusch Chairperson for the second World Ageing & Generations Congress 2006 and formerly Professor and Head of the Division of Global Health, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Yale University School of Medicine and Director of the Division of Health Promotion, Education, and Communication for WHO.

Part-time Certificate/Diploma in Ageing and Later Life

Multi-disciplinary programmes in health, ageing and later life which start in October 2006.
Organised by: Birkbeck, University of London
Venue: Birkbeck College, Malet Street
Location : London, England
Details : Anne Jamieson, Course Director, Faculty of Continuing Education, 26 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5DQ
Tel : +44 (0)20 7631 0174

October 2006

Part-time MSc/MPhil/PhD Programme in Life Course Studies

Multi-disciplinary perspectives on the adult life course and the impact of social change which start in October 2006.
Organised by: Birkbeck, University of London
Venue: Birkbeck College, Malet Street
Location : London, England
Details : Anne Jamieson, Course Director, Faculty of Continuing Education, 26 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5DQ
Tel : +44 (0)20 7631 0174

3 October 2006

TAEN Annual Conference : Open Dialogue, Real Change

A conference for those that want to respond to demographic change to build performance, productivity and happiness. Will the demographic change really impact on the Government's 2006-07 Comprehensive Spending Review? Workshops on recruitment, workforce development, career advice, lifelong learning and more.

Speakers: Patrick Grattan MBE; Prof. Thomas Kirkwood; Jim Murphy MP; Carole Smith; Dr Sharon Bolton; Jeannie Drake; Colin Flint.
Organised by: Third Age Employment Network - TAEN
Venue: The Law Society, Chancery Lane
Location : central London, England
Details : TAEN, 207-221 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9UZ
Tel : +44 (0)20 7843 1590

4 - 7 October 2006

9th European Health Forum Gastein - Health sans frontieres

The main objective of the EHFG is to facilitate the

establishment of a framework for advising and developing European health policy while recognising the principle of subsidiarity. Conference focus on: Pandemic challenges; EU Healthcare; eHealth in Europe; Health professional mobility; and Improving healthcare infrastructure.
Organised by: International Forum Gastein
Location : Bad Hofgastein, Austria
Details : International Forum Gastein, Tauernplatz 1, 5630 Bad Hofgastein, Austria
Tel : +43 (6432) 3393 270, *Fax :* +43 (6432) 3393 271

4 October 2006

Capacity to Consent : A Practical Approach to People with Learning Disabilities

Organised by: Pavilion and Estia Centre
Venue: ORT House Conference Centre
Location : London, England
Details : Customer Service Team, Freepost RLUZ-ATEU-RYUZ, Pavilion, Richmond House, Richmond Road, Brighton, BN2 3RL
Tel : 0870 890 1080, *Fax :* 0870 890 1081

27 September 2006

Technology in Dementia Care

Expert speakers; debate and discussion; in-depth workshops; networking opportunities.
Organised by: Dementia Care
Location : Birmingham, England
Details : Hawker Conferences, Hawker Publications, 2nd Floor, Culvert House, Culvert Road, London, SW11 5DH
Tel : +44 (0)20 7720 2108, *Fax :* +44 (0)20 7493 3023

4 October 2006

Technology in Dementia Care

Expert speakers; debate and discussion; in-depth workshops; networking opportunities.
Speakers: Chair: David Williams, Director (Dementia Voice, Bristol)
Organised by: Dementia Care
Venue: Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Location : Birmingham, England
Details : Hawker Conferences, Hawker Publications, 2nd Floor, Culvert House, Culvert Road, London, SW11 5DH
Tel : +44 (0)20 7720 2108, *Fax :* +44 (0)20 7493 3023

5 October 2006

Learning Champions : Opening Up Opportunities in the Community and at Work

This event is being held in collaboration the Trades Union Congress (TUC) and is supported by the Department for Education and Skills. The Conference will discuss proposals for a national Learning Champions scheme as part of a new approach to developing the role and skills of para-professionals in public service. The focus of the conference will be on Learning Champions, their work, experiences and ideas, and how they can help to transform people's lives through learning.
Organised by: NIACE
Venue: Abbey Community Centre, Westminster
Location : London, England
Details : Gurjit Kaur, NIACE Conferences and Courses Office, Renaissance House, 20 Princess Road West, Leicester, LE1 6TP
Tel : +44 (0)116 204 2833, *Fax :* +44 (0)116 254 8368

5 October 2006

Risk Assessment

Organised by: UKHCA
Location : Oxford, England
Details : Jane Taylor-Medhurst, UKHCA Ltd, 42b Banstead Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey, SM5 3NW
Tel : +44 (0)20 8288 1551, *Fax :* +44 (0)20 8288 1550

6 October 2006

Dementia Advocacy Network Conference

Chaired by Kate Allan of Dementia Positive. Workshops and keynote presentations. The Network will also be launching the new booklet: "Developments in Dementia Advocacy - exploring the role of advocates in supporting people with dementia".
Organised by: Dementia Advocacy Network
Venue: Paragon Hotel, Birmingham
Location : Birmingham, England
Details : Sally Wells
Tel : +44 (0)20 7297 9384

11 October 2006

Integrating and implementing person-centred approaches

Organised by: Pavilion and The Tizard Centre and The Regard Partnership

Venue: ORT House Conference Centre

Location : London, England

Details : Customer Service Team, Freepost RLUZ-ATEU-RYUZ, Pavilion, Richmond House, Richmond Road, Brighton, BN2 3RL

Tel : 0870 890 1080, *Fax :* 0870 890 1081

11 October 2006

NAPA Sharing Day : Spicing up life

A NAPA certificated training day, contents: Skills and practical ideas focusing on activities for the highly dependant and dementia care; sensory and the environment; reminiscence or Red Cross Certificated full day course in hand massage and manicure.

Organised by: National Association for Providers of Activities for older people (NAPA)

Venue: Friends House, Euston Road

Location : London, England

Details : Sue Trischitta, NAPA, Bondway Commercial Centre, 5th Floor Unit 5.12, 71 Bondway, London, SW8 1SQ

Tel : +44 (0)20 7831 3320, *Fax :* +44 (0)20 7735 9634

19 October 2006

Understanding the Palliative Care Needs of People with Dementia : Working in Partnership

Organised by: National Council for Palliative Care

Venue: Park Crescent Conference Centre

Location : London, England

Details : Mridu Rana, Fitzpatrick Building, 188-194 York Way, London, N7 9AS

Tel : +44 (0)20 7697 1520, *Fax :* +44 (0)20 7278 1021

20 - 22 October 2006

Values and Norms in Ageing

The focus of the 2006 symposium will be on Values and Norms in Ageing. We shall address questions of value continuity and transfer in ageing societies, impacts of values and norms inherent in different welfare-state arrangements on the experience of ageing, expectations of older peoples normative contributions to society, and the relevance of spiritual dimensions and changes in religiosity developed over the life course.

Speakers: Invited speakers: Professors Peter Coleman, Michele Dillon, Haim Hazan and Monika

Wohlrab-Sahr.

Organised by: EBSSRS 2006 - joint symposium of EBSSRS and the ESA RN Ageing in Europe

Venue: Galway

Location : Galway, Ireland

Details : Ricca Edmondson (National University of Ireland, Galway) or Hans-Joachim von Kondratowitz ((DZA Berlin; Chairman EBSSRS)

1 November 2006

Mental Health Today London

Mental Health Today London is the leading, established annual event for the mental health community. Comprising a full and comprehensive seminar programme and a large exhibition, Mental Health Today London will provide a valuable opportunity for mental health professionals, service users and those interested in joining the profession to come together to debate the big issues, share best practice and network.

Organised by: Pavilion

Venue: Business Design Centre

Location : London, England

Details : Customer Service Team, Freepost RLUZ-ATEU-RYUZ, Pavilion, Richmond House, Richmond Road, Brighton, BN2 3RL

Tel : 0870 890 1080, *Fax :* 0870 890 1081

6-7 November 2006

Sharing Success : National Home Safety Congress 2006

Organised by: Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)

Venue: Majestic Hotel

Location : Harrogate, England

Details : Events Administration, RoSPA, Edgbaston Park, 353 Bristol Road, Birmingham, B5 7ST

Tel : +44 (0)121 248 2000 / 0870 777 2120, *Fax :* +44 (0)121 248 2001

7-9 November 2006

The National Telecare Conference

Organised by: Telecare Services Association

Venue: The Holland House Hotel

Location : Cardiff

Details : 10 Railway Street, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4JL

Tel : +44 (0)1634 846209, *Fax :* +44 (0)1634 818746

7-9 November 2006

UK Dementia Congress

Expert speakers; debate and discussion; in-depth workshops; networking opportunities.

Organised by: Dementia Care

Venue: Bournemouth International Centre

Location : Bournemouth, England

Details : Hawker Conferences, Hawker Publications, 2nd Floor, Culvert House, Culvert Road, London, SW11 5DH

Tel : +44 (0)20 7720 2108, *Fax :* +44 (0)20 7493 3023

9 November 2006

Still Working? The labour market and older people

IES Annual Employment Policy conference.

Organised by: Institute for Employment Studies

Venue: The Brewery, Chiswell Street

Location : London, England

Details : Sue Kent, University of Sussex campus, Brighton, BN1 9RF

Tel : +44 (0)1273 886751, *Fax :* +44 (0)1273 690430

9 November 2006

Still Working? The Labour Market and Older People

Afternoon conference @ £85 plus VAT.

Conference will end with keynote speaker: David Willets MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Skills.

Speakers: Prof. Stephen McNair (CROW Director); Sam Mercer (EFA Director); Mark Keese (Team Leader of the Older Workers Review at OECD).

Organised by: Institute of Employment Studies - IES

Venue: The Brewery, Chiswell Street

Location : London, England

Details : Sue Kent, Mantell Building, University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1 9RF

Tel : +44 (0)1273 873690

9 November 2006

The 2006 Annual Homecare Conference

Keynote presentation: Ivan Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Care Services

Speakers: Chair: Lucianne Sawyer, President, UKHCA

Organised by: Laing & Buisson

Venue: Radisson SAS Portman Hotel

Location : London, England

Details : Laing & Buisson (Conferences) Ltd, 29

Angel Gate, City Road, London, EC1V 2PT

Tel : +44 (0)20 7923 5348, *Fax :* +44 (0)20 7841 0048

16 November 2006

Delirium: from Science to Services

The conference programme is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of current thinking about delirium, including basic science, treatment, prevention and service models that can improve delirium management.

Organised by: Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust

Venue: Hilton Leeds City, Leeds

Location : Leeds, England

Details : Customer Support Officer, The Andrew Sims Centre, The Mount, 44 Hyde Terrace, Leeds, LS2 9LN

Tel : +44 (0)113 305 5638, *Fax :* +44 (0)113 305 5632

22 November 2006

Gala Opera Night to Benefit Vulnerable Older People

Counsel and Care is delighted to announce that it will hold a Gala Opera Night on November 22nd, with a performance of English National Opera's new look Gondoliers. The evening will be a wonderful opportunity to see one of only six performances this year, and to enjoy a champagne reception in the glamorous Sky Bar. Tickets are £160 each and are available by telephoning Lesley Sinclair at Counsel and Care on 020 7241 8528.

Organised by: Counsel and Care

Venue: London

Location : London

Details : Lesley Sinclair, Counsel & Care, Twyman House, 16 Bonny Street, London, NW1 9PG

Tel : +44 (0)20 7241 8528, All proceeds will go directly to Counsel and Care and will be spent on helping vulnerable older people.

22 November 2006

Learning Disability Today London

Learning Disability Today is the leading, established annual event for the learning disability community. Comprising a full and comprehensive seminar programme and a large exhibition, Learning Disability Today London will provide a valuable opportunity for learning disability professionals, service users and their carers and those interested in joining the profession to come together to debate the big issues, share best practice and network.

Organised by: Pavilion

Venue: Business Design Centre
Location : London, England
Details : Customer Service Team, Freepost
RLUZ-ATEU-RYUZ, Pavilion, Richmond House,
Richmond Road, Brighton, BN2 3RL
Tel : 0870 890 1080, *Fax :* 0870 890 1081

28 November 2006

**The Mental Capacity Act : What it means for
your day to day practice**

The aim of this event is to equip delegates with an understanding both of the contents of the Act and its implications for practice. Chaired by Dr David Newby from the Trust.

Organised by: Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust

Venue: Hilton Leeds City, Leeds

Location : Leeds, England

Details : Customer Support Officer, The Andrew Sims Centre, The Mount, 44 Hyde Terrace, Leeds, LS2 9LN

Tel : +44 (0)113 305 5638, *Fax :* +44 (0)113 305 5632

18-20 June 2007

**IAHSA 7th International Conference : The
Global Ageing Network, Leading Change -
Sharing Innovation - Enhancing Life**

Organised by: International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (IAHSA)

Venue: St Julian's, Malta

Location : St Julians, Malta

Details : IAHSA, 2519 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008 , USA

Tel : +1-519-661-1603, *Fax :* +1-519-661-1612