

## Top Concerns for Older People – Discussion topics / comments

Health & Social Care	Housing	Social Isolation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Carers adequately trained and paid</li> <li>• Non-paid carers recognised and supported for their work</li> <li>• Joined up working</li> <li>• Providers</li> <li>• Respite Care</li> <li>• Care for carers</li> <li>• Ease of access to services – effective communication to people who use them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More Sheltered Housing</li> <li>• Non-intrusive monitoring to support independence/ Supervision</li> <li>• Prioritising ground floor accommodation for older and disabled people</li> <li>• Security – Cutting social isolation</li> <li>• More investment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing attitudes towards aging - communications Letter writing campaign to EDP/Evening News about older peoples issues – Daily/weekly slot, Older age is a continuation, Present older people as 'people' not 'older' (Age UK page in Evening News)</li> <li>• Engaging with the wider community Communities - building different types of communities based on where people live, Intergenerational – Older peoples schools, Needs to be part of culture to involve people/older people, Using expertise of older people</li> <li>• Finding locally-specific solutions – decision-making District v. County, Localism, Structured relationship with local authorities</li> <li>• Helping to navigate the system – advice/support Communications – Knowing how to get help, Fragmented / Complex, Influencing Service provision, Lack of Integration – Budgets</li> <li>• Other ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better use of technology</li> <li>• Interests</li> <li>• Living with fear</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Incomes (All financial & Economic Issues)

- Affordability of housing (within pensions)
- Non- paid Carers
- Fuel poverty and its effects