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Dr Ros Altmann appointed as new Minister for Pensions Previously the Business Champion for Older Workers, her recent [report](#) makes several recommendations including funding a major research and communications campaign to fully demonstrate the business case for retaining older workers, apprenticeships for older workers and improving services offered by job centres for older jobseekers.

British Irish Council Ministers adopt “Spend to Save” Report at Edinburgh Meeting. The British-Irish Council Social Inclusion work sector held its sixth Ministerial where Ministers adopted an important Report entitled Spend to Save – Innovative Approaches to Preventative Spend and commissioned future work on the role of Carers. A copy of the Report can be found here: www.britishirishcouncil.org

An Age-Friendly City – how far has London come? [report](#) from King’s College.

Caring for patients with dementia is not just for specialists: Junior doctor Katie Smith reflects on her [early experiences](#) of caring for patients with dementia.

The Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia: significant progress has been made in improving health and care for people with dementia and carers, creating dementia friendly communities, and boosting dementia research. Coupled with [this report](#) an additional £300m has been pledged, including more research to inform effective service models and the development of an effective pathway to enable interventions to be implemented across the health and care sectors.

More older carers 'risking health' The number of older carers in England is rising, with signs the pressures of looking after loved ones is damaging their health, research suggests. The BBC explores what this could mean for older carers, read more [here](#).

Tell Us Once (TUO) service is a cross-government programme that enables people to inform parts of local and central government just once of a death after it is registered at a Registrar’s office. Currently 375 local authorities offer the TUO service, covering 89% of the population. A [customer flyer](#) is available to inform people about the TUO service. For copies please contact TELLUSONCE.COMMUNICATIONS@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK [read more on GOV.UK](#)

Lincolnshire Diabetic Eye Screening Programme is a free annual service for all diabetic patients in Lincs. Retinopathy is one of the most common causes of sight loss and progresses with time but may not cause symptoms until quite advanced. Call 01205 445383 and for further info see: <http://diabeticeye.screening.nhs.uk/>

Making the right care choice for you or a family member is a very important step.

There are many care options available, but which kind of support is right for you? To help make this choice visit [NHS Choices](#)

The [Care and Support & You](#) campaign being run by PHE for the Department of Health is a public information campaign to raise awareness of the care and support reforms being introduced from April 2015 and into 2016. All the campaign resources are free for use by partner organisations and can be found on the Care and Support pages on the [PHE Campaign Resource Centre](#).

[Pension Wise](#): From 6 April 2015, people can decide how to take the money from their pension pots when they retire. This gives them more freedom and flexibility than before. To help people to make informed decisions about this, the Government is providing guidance to all those able to take advantage of these new freedoms.

The European Commission's 2015 Ageing Report looks at the impact of ageing demographics over the next 50 years. See links to [report](#) and [country profiles](#).

Older people share their experience of care Age UK have put together an informative and eye opening video that has given older people a chance to discuss their experience of care in the UK. You can watch the video [here](#).

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