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**Older Workers Scheme** From April 2015 the government is rolling out an '[older workers](#)' champion scheme across every part of the UK to tackle age discrimination that can force older workers into much higher levels of long-term unemployment than their younger counterparts. Intensive work support will be offered through the scheme with a 'career review', digital support for older jobseekers to get online and link-ups with local small and medium sized businesses with vacancies to fill.

**To raise awareness of dementia** a music production team, Loudmouth Music, has released a song whose message was inspired by singer, Jess Beatson, whose father is living with dementia. The release was timed to coincide with Alzheimer's Society Dementia Awareness Week and all proceeds will be given to the charity. You can listen to the song on Youtube [here](#).

**What to buy people with dementia?** Mindful Gifts CIC provides a solution to when it's a special occasion such as birthdays, mother's or father's day. Gift ideas which not only make great gifts but also improves the life for people with dementia. [read more](#)

**What does 'integrated care' really mean?** The Kings Fund has released a video explaining exactly that, and how it is already becoming a success story in certain parts of the country. Watch the video [here](#).

**Is the digital age contributing to fuel poverty?** Research funded by DECC with support from Age Action Alliance has examined how the 'digitisation' of energy is contributing to fuel poverty and vulnerability. It provides insights on the challenges to older people's digital inclusion as well as solutions as to how it can be best enabled. Read a summary of the report [here](#).

**Leeds Memories Reminiscence Library** is a free service for families and friends of those living with dementia to help stimulate conversation and reminiscence. Resources are delivered to and collected from the clients' home, ensuring even the most isolated clients have access to the library. Look at the [online catalogue](#) or to refer someone into the library, please call 0113 391 8338 or email [memories@crleeds.org](mailto:memories@crleeds.org).

**Top apps for the elderly** My Ageing Parent.com have compiled an extensive [list of apps](#) to help care for your parent and to keep your parent entertained - available for iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

**DWP has launched a video on YouTube** to show people how to claim State Pension online. The video shows viewers what to do from receiving their letter inviting them to claim, through to completing their claim online, and what will happen at each stage of the process. <http://ow.ly/HK8w3>

**Despite a growing recognition of the substantial public health implications of loneliness** there is a significant knowledge gap among funders and commissioners about what really works in addressing it. [Promising approaches to reducing loneliness and isolation in later life](#), a report produced by Age UK and The Campaign to End Loneliness, seeks to fill that gap and offer some practical answers.

**Help with Managing Money:** The Government has secured a deal with 9 high street banks and building societies covering 90% of the UK. For the first time, [basic bank accounts](#) will be truly fee-free.

**Increasing numbers of vulnerable people are protected** by the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, part of the Mental Capacity Act that protects the rights of adults in care homes and hospitals who lack mental capacity to make decisions about their care. [read more](#)

**Age Action Alliance has a [Pinterest](#) site**

**Results from a survey of attitudes of the over 50s to fuller working lives** has been published by DWP. It found over half of respondents not currently retired had changed their mind over the last few years about when they expected to retire. Nearly half thought they would now retire later than before. It also found support for working part time or flexible hours before stopping work altogether. [Link to report](#).

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