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New web pages for carers of people approaching the end of life launched

The National Council for Palliative Care have developed new web pages to help carers of people approaching the end of life and those who support them. Their purpose is to help members of the public find the information and advice they are looking for, and provide a one-stop shop for professionals, services and decision-makers. [view the web pages](#)

The Dying Matters Awareness Week

will run from 14-20 May 2012. The theme of the week is 'Small Actions, Big Difference' and there are a number of ways to get involved. Find out more at [Dying Matters Awareness Week 2012](#).

The Big Care Home Conversation, led by My Home Life, is being launched at the House of Commons on 16 May, and will last a month. The Conversation will engage the public in a UK-wide debate about care homes for older people, about what works now and what we want from them in the future. [Download the flyer here](#). Care homes and other providers wishing to get involved in the Big Care Home Conversation can register their interest by emailing mhl@city.ac.uk.

New report on impact of dementia

worldwide has been published by The World Health Organization and Alzheimer's Disease International on 11th April. It provides a comprehensive overview of the impact of dementia worldwide. and estimates that there are 7.7 million new cases of dementia every year globally, and urges governments without a plan for dementia to adopt one as a matter of urgency. [read the report](#)

"What do we know about loneliness?"

A 2 day international conference presenting current evidence and guiding action to tackle a major health and social challenge is to be held at Merton College, Oxford on 9th and 10th July 2012. Registration and further details are available from elizabeth@eminence-grise.co.uk

British Gas announces that Charities are now able to make referrals under the [Share the Warmth initiative](#)

In February British Gas announced that individuals and voluntary organisations could receive £50 by making successful referrals under this scheme which has now been extended to Charities, who should confirm their interest by providing their details to: Christine.Tate@britishgas.co.uk and Mirka.Potrykus@britishgas.co.uk

"A lesson for the Care Sector? – Let's ask older people how things should be done", an article/blog by Tony Watts, Chair of the South West Forum on Ageing. [read the article and leave your comments](#)

Comic Relief open grants programme for older people. "Managing Money Better"

is aimed at supporting older people (65+) to build their knowledge and skills to manage their money more effectively, ensure access to good, independent financial advice, guard against financial scams and abuse and cope better with cold homes. Applicants have until 08 June 2012 at midday to submit their application. [visit the Comic Relief website](#)

New telephone befriending service from Thomas Pocklington Trust

will provide vital social support and friendship to service users through one-on-one telephone conversations. Those choosing to use the new service will receive a weekly call lasting 20/30 minutes from trained volunteers. It will provide much-needed friendship for people with sight loss, particularly those who feel isolated, and in turn will offer volunteers a great way to contribute to the community. For further information call 02089961947 or email befriending@pocklington-trust.org.uk

New insurance agreement will improve access to motor and travel insurance for older people.

The Association of British Insurers (ABI), British Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA) and the Government have signed an agreement to make it easier for older people to get motor and travel insurance, and to clarify how insurance premiums are priced to take account of risks including age. [read the press release](#)

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