

	Description in <i>Building a Society for All Ages</i>	Update on policy development
1	Develop the Adult Advancement and Careers Service to give people tailored advice and support via the internet, telephone and face-to-face.*	Development of the service is continuing and it is due to be launched alongside a significant marketing campaign in autumn 2010: <a href="http://www.iagreview.org.uk/home_aacs.asp">http://www.iagreview.org.uk/home_aacs.asp</a>
2	Develop a 'one stop shop' for individuals wanting to plan ahead – this will draw together support online, on the telephone and face-to-face from across Government and the third sector for individuals wanting to plan ahead. It will provide information about health, planning for retirement, state pensions, workplace pensions and working longer and will signpost people to relevant more specialised services including The Pension Service, The Pensions Advisory Service and private sector information providers. Access to interactive online tools will enable individuals to enter information about themselves and allow them to review their options and make their own decisions about retirement. This will link existing planning services and will include new services as they become available including Money Guidance, the NHS Mid-life LifeCheck, the Adult Advancement and Careers Service and FirstStop. It will also include additional useful information, for example options for working longer.**	The first phase of this service is intended to be launched in February 2010 on the Direct Gov website. This will include signposts to those services mentioned in the strategy which are currently available. Work is continuing to develop training for contact centre advisors and to explore interactive services for addition in future updates to the website.
3	Improve the information people can access when they are considering moving from work to retirement to help them make decisions about whether to work longer. This will include options for working longer, the implications of these options on their finances and other areas and how to approach employers and others to make this happen. This information will be available as part of the 'one stop shop' for helping people planning ahead, and the communications to support the implementation of pension reform.	Extending Working Lives information is now available as part of the 'Build a Better Future' website which was launched on 14th January 2010: <a href="http://betterfuture.direct.gov.uk/index.html">http://betterfuture.direct.gov.uk/index.html</a>
4	Launch a new Active at 60 programme of measures to increase participation. Starting at a national level bring together information from across Government including a range of national opportunities such as access to museums and adult education, as well as entitlements such as a third off rail travel and the free bus pass. Provide information to people as they approach State Pension age alongside pension information. **	We know that people want information about what they can do to remain active in later life, so we are currently exploring the best way to tell people about the opportunities which are available as they approach 60 to remain, or become, active, and to prevent people becoming isolated and having declining health and quality of life. We are investigating the best way to reach the target audience and talking to customers to learn what works best. We will plan to talk to people to learn what is currently going on, what stops people being active, and what information people want.
5	Work with local authorities to develop ways for people to receive information on specific opportunities in their communities. We will test the success of providing this information and the extent to which it can increase participation in activities and improve wellbeing for people over 60 in both in urban and a rural areas. We will then share information about successful approaches with other local areas.*	We will use smart card technology to enable local authorities to publicise the opportunities which exist for people in local areas. The Active at 60 communications campaign will aim to use trusted local sources to communicate opportunities and entitlements available locally and we will try to get people to access those things (opportunities and entitlements) that are locally designed and delivered.

6	Encourage and showcase best practice in using smart card technology to help increase participation at a local level. All of the English concessionary bus passes for people over 60 outside London are smart cards; they could also be used in leisure centres, libraries and for other services with minor adaptations. Build on this and work with local authorities to test an all in one smart card that provides both central and local government entitlements.*	We have approached Local Authorities for proposals to test Smart Cards in their area. Proposals will be evaluated in early February. We are developing a good practice event with the Smart Card networking forum for 3rd March. The event will showcase local authorities that use Smart technology to access services and information. This event will involve the Smart Card Networking Forum (SCNF). The SmartCard Networking Forum is a group of public sector representatives, currently from 347 organisations throughout the UK. Representatives are involved in using, planning to use or simply interested in exploring the use of smart cards to improve services to their customers. The Forum's objectives are to: exchange ideas and information about the use of smart cards in local government; share implementation experiences and issues; explore the potential uses of smart cards;- investigate ways of working within both public and private sector; research external funding possibilities.
7	Provide National Insurance Credits towards the Basic State Pension to grandparents who care for members of their family, aged 12 or under, for at least 20 hours a week, in recognition of the valuable contribution they make to society.	These will be introduced from April 2011. We are currently developing a high-level implementation approach and will then begin more detailed policy design and begin implementation & legislative processes.
8	Hold a summit for Grandparents which will seek grandparents' views on a number of issues that affect them. This includes exploring how childcare services, can be adapted to better cater for them, highlighting ways in which they can shape these services as users, combining employment with care of their grandchildren and the effective channels to provide information to them.*	Grandparents summit held on 12th November, outputs fed into the Family and Relationships Green Paper, which was published on 20th January: <a href="http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/supportforall/">http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/supportforall/</a>
9	Talk to grandparents as part of the consultation on <i>Building a Society for All Ages</i> about the issues that specifically affect them.* <b>25</b>	Consultation closed on 12th October. Feedback from the grandparents question fed into the grandparents summit. We also held a Grandparents Reception to celebrate the role of grandparents in society.
10	Continue to deliver on the vision of the 2008 Carers' Strategy by considering the long-term options that it sets out. This includes looking at the structure of carers' benefits in the context of wider benefit reform.	Development work is ongoing in the context of wider welfare reform work, especially in the context of creating a simpler benefits system, and with regards to the proposals for health and social care.
11	Introduce a range of new services specifically aimed at carers, including older carers, to enable them to be better able to combine paid employment with their caring role. Recruit Care Partnership Managers and use funding of up to £38 million to improve information on local carer support for staff and customers, break down the barriers that carers may face in returning to paid employment, and represent carers' employment interests on a variety of partnerships.	Care Partnership Managers recruited in every JCP District in September 09. JCP Advisers currently being trained on how to offer an improved service to carers.
12	Extend voluntary access to training programmes to carers who are not in paid employment or who are employed for less than 16 hours a week. This will give carers who receive Carer's Allowance access to training opportunities comparable to those available to lone parents. Provide funding for replacement care whilst carers attend these training programmes.	Voluntary access to training programmes for carers and funding for replacement care were made available in December 2009.

13	<p>Build on and complement the work to address digital inclusion highlighted in <i>Digital Britain</i>, the Informal Adult Learning paper, the Morris Information Communication Technology (ICT) Skills review and our work on Community Voices by running digital inclusion projects targeted at giving people in sheltered housing access to new technology. These will be developed from the wealth of good practice in public, third and private sector such as myguide, Silver Surfers Day, Digital Unite's work in sheltered housing, and BT Internet Rangers, which link school pupils to sheltered housing residents, to provide mentoring and support with technology. The projects will initially directly target 21,000 people but will build on this with an aim to reach the 600,000 people who live in sheltered housing, in the vicinity of sheltered housing schemes or other possible community hubs like village halls in rural areas. We aim for the projects to become sustainable in their third year by building the capacity and capability of the housing sector to offer ICT as an essential, communal residential service.*</p>	<p>DWP and CLG are working with NIACE to deliver this project, and the first computers will go in sheltered housing this February. This was announced by Lord McKenzie and Angela Eagle on 13th January.</p>
14	<p>Bring forward the review of the Default Retirement Age (DRA) looking at many issues, including the needs of business and individuals in the prevailing economic climate, and the need for employers to manage the structure of their workforce. To that end, we are committed to continue working with representatives of employers, such as the CBI, as well as representatives of employees and older people's organisations such as the trade unions, Age Concern, Help the Aged and older people's forums. If the evidence shows that DRA is not needed act to make the necessary changes to the relevant legislation and support employers through this.</p>	<p>The DRA review; a call for evidence on retirement ages to be submitted to BIS and DWP by 1 Feb 2010 was issued in October. When the evidence has been gathered and assessed, we will develop options which we will consult on before implementing any changes in 2011</p>
15	<p>Extend the Age Positive initiative to work with business leaders to identify how we can encourage other employers to give employees more choice over their retirement. Deliver guidance and toolkits tailored to and employer's sector and size to help them extend their employees' working lives. Establish links with employment projects aimed at people aged over 50 to learn from their experience and promote good practice. We will continue to work with businesses to overcome their reluctance to train older workers through the Age Positive initiative.</p>	<p>In the white paper, "Building Britain's Recovery: Achieving Full Employment" (<a href="http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/welfare-reform/legislation-and-key-documents/building-britains-recovery/">http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/welfare-reform/legislation-and-key-documents/building-britains-recovery/</a>), in December 2009, we announced that we are introducing a new national guidance initiative for employers to create new job opportunities for older workers. The initiative will provide each of the main occupational sectors with contracted resource in partnership with Government to open up more flexible work and retirement opportunities that better meet the needs of older workers and businesses alike.</p> <p>Building on the increased back to work support for all ages brought in before and during this recession, we will introduce from spring 2010 a range of new measures for over 50s who are at risk of taking longer to return to work: additional time and training for Jobcentre Plus advisers; new specialist back to work support for the over 50s; widening access for over 50s to work trials; enabling people over 50 with significant barriers to employment to get early access to the six month offer of additional support.</p>
16	<p>Develop a fully joined-up package of support, both in terms of finance and advice, for people aged over 50 considering self-employment or social enterprise. This will be achieved by building on the work of Jobcentre Plus and Business Link and working with the Regional Development agencies, PRIME (the Prince's Initiative for Mature Entrepreneurs) and the private sector, including Bank of America, PRIME's key corporate partner.*</p>	<p>Prime are leading and now have flyers in all JCPs in England and Scotland and are getting a lot of responses from these. They have been training HMRC volunteers to become pre-enterprise mentors and hope to have them working with mentees by Easter. We have run a series of road shows attracting about 40 people to each – people who were just beginning to think about enterprise.</p>

17	Take forward powers in the Welfare Reform Bill to pilot new approaches to streamlining the Pension Credit claims process by making better use of the information Government already has available.	Royal Assent received 12 November 2009. Regulations are intended for debate this Parliamentary session. The pilot is scheduled to begin late spring/summer 2010. There has also been a consultation exercise regarding the pilot design which ran from 13 October to 12 November 2009, and a response was published on 8th January.
18	Provide a £5m fund to test new and innovative approaches to delivering services for older people. Small amounts of funding will enable those at a local level to try new approaches to delivering services, which will be designed with people in later life and aimed at improving outcomes. The funding will allow for research on each project to assess how effective they are with the intention that successful examples will be shared with other areas.*	We will be working with the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) to develop a range of measures to help local authorities find their own innovative solutions to improve local services for older people. These will include embedding the good practice learned from LinkAge Plus. We will assist local authorities in developing strong, local leadership, to build constructive partnerships and develop joined up services, tailored to the particular needs of their local areas.
19	Develop an Agreement between Government and national agencies that represent local authorities and PCTs to help them prioritise the needs of older people in their area. This will reflect the commitment of government and local services to achieving our vision for areas to be designed for everyone, regardless of age. This agreement will contain commitments from a wide group of stakeholders. It will set out the guiding principles of the strategy and the case for change, outline existing duties for local authorities and PCTs that relate to ageing issues and build on the central-local concordat, which commits national and local government to anticipating the needs of an ageing population. It will also advance the agenda in <i>Putting People First</i> .*	First draft of "National Commitment" (new title following consultation) was developed with key stakeholders at a workshop on 9th November 2009 using feedback from the strategy consultation as a starting point. A copy of the National Commitment is included in the consultation response.
20	Monitor performance at a local level through the Comprehensive Area Assessment which will provide a robust, independent view of how effectively local partnerships are working together to deliver local people's priorities and indicate areas of particular success, or concern. Where performance issues are not being addressed quickly or effectively, Government Offices will work with central and local partners to agree appropriate action.	The Area Information Profile has been developed with the Audit Commission, and is now available via the Audit Commission's website for all Local Authorities. Audit Commission and the Government Office will also use the profile to initiate a conversation with the locality, in connection with the ageing agenda: <a href="http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/localgov/audit/caa/pages/default.aspx">http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/localgov/audit/caa/pages/default.aspx</a>
21	Work closely with national and local organisations that help local authorities to serve people better. To improve understanding of what works through the new National Agreement and sharing information and experience between areas; develop clear steps for adopting and implementing this strategy, and communicating it to all councillors, chief executives and local strategic partnerships; and provide evidence to demonstrate the savings and benefits from joined-up services.*	Consultation on the "National Commitment" with stakeholders has finished. As a result signatories have agreed to work together as an Ageing Society National Partnership to encourage and support Local Strategic Partnerships to develop their areas as good places to grow older. Early thoughts are that signatories would meet periodically in order to oversee and co-ordinate actions in support of the pledges contained in the "National Commitment".
22	Encourage local authorities and their key partners to make full use of the self-assessment tool that we have developed. This will help them to assess to what extent they already provide good preventative services and, where necessary, identify areas for improvement. We will also encourage local areas to share knowledge and expertise about what works, as well as providing guidance from the EHRC on how to successfully comply with the requirements of the Equality Duty.*	SAT workshops completed: Leicestershire CC 12/05/09, Warrington 23/11/09, Stockton 14/12/09. Workshops planned: Walthamstow 18/02/10, Northampton Jan 2010 - Feb 2010, Newcastle Jan 2010. Other interested LA s: Portsmouth, Kent, Wirral, Nottingham City Council, Leeds, Wirral, Hampshire.

23	Promote positive images of ageing to tackle outdated perceptions of later life and older people, both in communities and the national and local media.	On-going work with communications colleagues to disseminate this message and explore where Government can continue to do more to tackle negative stereotypes. Older People's Day, on 1st October, promoted positive images of older people, and Age Snapped is an exhibition of photos of positive images of ageing. This was widely disseminated in the media. Dame Joan Bakewell, in her role as the voice of older people, has stimulated much debate on positive roles for older people. We are continuing to work with voluntary organisations and others to promote, and engage with, the work that is ongoing.
24	Explore how we can enable retired people and older workers to mix with younger people and learn new skills while passing on their own skills and experience including career advice. This intergenerational activity and sharing of experiences could help to develop children's career aspirations.*	Exploring what is being done by Government and Third Sector organisations to promote intergenerational cooperation, and working with the third sector to see what else can be done.
25	Raise the capital threshold in Pension Credit and pensioner-related Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit from £6,000 to £10,000.	The capital threshold in Pension Credit and pensioner related Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit increased from £6,000 to £10,000 on 2nd November 2009.
26	The Government is providing an additional payment, alongside 2009-10's Winter Fuel Payment, worth £100 to households with someone aged 80 and over and £50 to households with someone aged 60-79. This will bring total payment to £400 for households with those aged 80 and over and £250 for households with those aged 60-79.	Legislation in place, qualifying week has passed, automatic payments were made before Christmas to over 12 million customers. Advertising was done to assure older people their payments were on their way. There will be additional PR in Jan/Feb to remind customers that the deadline to claim for this winter is 30th March 2010 to be published early in 2010.
27	We will promote intergenerational activity and challenge negative stereotypes through the £5.5 million Generations Together programme which will provide funding for 12 areas and create at least 20,000 volunteering opportunities.*	All 12 demonstration projects are set up and running, and activity is at various stages, influenced by the individual approaches to delivery adopted by localities. Each demonstration site has developed an implementation plan setting out key milestones, volunteer and recipient outputs and outcome targets, financial profile and risk register. All these have been agreed.
28	Work closely with NESTA and the Arts' Age Unlimited programme, which is aiming to develop innovative approaches to issues, including age management practices in the work place, and their Public Service Innovation Laboratory, which consider new approaches to improve future service delivery.*	NESTA's Age Unlimited programme are recruiting 2 Project Managers to work directly with the Age Unlimited projects to help develop their ideas: be responsible for the day-to-day management of a portfolio of ageing projects ensuring that they deliver against agreed milestones (including administration, payments and performance monitoring) and act as the main point of contact for all issues associated with these initiatives; work with projects to diagnose their development needs in relation to (i) venture start up and (ii) engaging users in the design and delivery of their idea. Negotiate and draw up individual project development plans (including detailed plans, timelines and resourcing requirements). Ensure that these are implemented and reviewed regularly. Be responsible for delivering these plans to projects; identify project's learning needs. Design and deliver learning activities for them on aspects of user-centred methods or new venture development; facilitate workshops or action learning sets; convene networking opportunities for project teams, including all project meetings, peer-learning networks, action learning sets and web-based social networking
29	Work with NESTA to find new ways to organise work and new approaches to address ill-health as a barrier to working longer.	This is part of NESTA's Age Unlimited Programme, and there is more detail on that in the above.
30	Support Age OK. This is an initiative, launched in April 2009, by Age Concern, Help the Aged and the Engage network which includes over 50 businesses such as Marks & Spencer, Microsoft and Barclays. Age OK is an accreditation that sets a benchmark for products and services that meet the needs and interests of people in later life.	We are working with colleagues at Age UK to consider ways to maximise the Age OK programme and support their work engaging businesses on this issue.

31	Support Inclusive Design standards set out by the British standards Institution. Inclusive design seeks to ensure that products, services and environments are accessible to the largest number of people. Organise a seminar for designers and businesses to promote the use.	We are working closely with experts in the design industry, such as the RCA, to develop a programme of support. Michael Wolff will be our Inclusive Design Figurehead and we will work with him to develop a coordinated approach to Inclusive Design
32	Support the Royal Society of Arts on their Design Directions Awards. The 2009 awards are part of their Action for Age project addressing issues of isolation and marginalisation in later life.	We are exploring, with the RSA, how we may work together to ensure that the design projects they are planning, which focus on the issue of ageing, have the support they need.
33	Support the Royal College of Art and Design Business Association on their 2010 Inclusive Design Challenge to enable it to be focussed on goods and services in an ageing society	We are sponsoring the Royal College of Art's 2010 Inclusive Design Challenge, a prestigious competition that mentors design companies in designing age-inclusive products and services. This sponsorship helps us work with the RCA to raise the profile of inclusive design in the design industry, including through the media and direct contact with designers. The RCA has enabled us to secure an Inclusive Design Figurehead, Michael Wolff, who will act as a high-profile champion of inclusive design. The 2010 Inclusive Design Challenge will culminate in a month-long exhibition of winners in the Victoria and Albert Museum.
34	Launch the NHS Mid-life LifeCheck nationally, subject to the success of the pilots. This is an online health and lifestyle assessment for people aged 45-60, focusing on factors including smoking, healthy eating, alcohol use, physical activity and emotional wellbeing.*	NHS MidLifeCheck is a free, easy to use, online service for people aged 40 plus, which encourages people to manage their own health and wellbeing. NHS MidLifeCheck guides people through a set of simple multiple choice questions and then provides tailored advice on how they can take small steps to improve their lifestyles by setting goals and signposting to national services for further support. The service covers a range of issues including, smoking, diet and exercise as well as emotional health. NHS Mid-life LifeCheck provides a means of 'reaching out' to people who might not otherwise engage with local services, thereby helping to address health inequalities. From February 2009 NHS MidLifeCheck will be available at <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/midlifecheck">www.nhs.uk/midlifecheck</a>
35	Organise a high-level conference with the major sporting and physical activity governing bodies and industry leaders to encourage them to establish activities and events aimed at the over 50s.	We have had discussions with the FIA and leading academics with regards to physical activity for Older People. We are also revisiting the UK Guidelines for the dose of physical activity to achieve general health benefits, which has been jointly commissioned by the four home countries. These guidelines will for the first time set out guidelines for Older Adults.  We would like to wait for these new guidelines (due late Summer 2010) and would then plan an event to help the dissemination of these guidelines and to encourage organisations to look at what they can offer for older people.
36	Publish a Care and Support Green Paper which will set out a new vision for care and support, explaining how services will change to deliver the vision, and set out options for a fairer and more sustainable funding system. It will also look to make care more flexible for individuals and families by encouraging new technologies such as telehealth and telecare.*	The Green Paper, 'Shaping the Future of Care Together' ( <a href="http://careandsupport.direct.gov.uk/greenpaper/the-green-paper-and-supporting-documents/">http://careandsupport.direct.gov.uk/greenpaper/the-green-paper-and-supporting-documents/</a> ), was published on 13 July 2009. It proposed that the Government should set up a National Care Service, based on rights and entitlements, focused around 6 areas (prevention, joined up services, a national assessment, information and advice, personalised services and fair funding). It also laid out three options for funding the care and support system: a partnership option, in which the state pays for a set proportion of people's care (a third or a quarter) with more support for people who are less well off; an insurance option, whereby people would get a proportion from the State and then have the option of taking out insurance in addition to this; and a comprehensive option, in which everyone would get care free when they need it, paid for in part out of general taxation and in part out of additional contributions made by people over 65.

37	<p>Introduce a health 'Prevention Package' which aims to raise the focus and encourage the use of prevention services and, in the longer term, to improve people's health, well-being and independence in later life. We will provide the details of this package which will bring together information on existing "entitlements" including flu vaccination, cancer screening, eye checks, the NHS health check for vascular problems, mid-life checks and integrated care planning. It will build on these entitlements by promoting best practice around how to shape services to prevent and treat falls and fractures and improve access to footcare services, and update national intermediate care guidance. Advise people about how to get help with falls, and foot care in later life, and let them know about preventative services that are available.*</p>	<p>The Prevention Package for Older People (<a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/dh_103146">http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/dh_103146</a>) was launched in July 2009 to provide a central source of information for individuals on existing entitlements. The leaflet Keeping on the Road for Longer encourages people to take up preventive health measures, and to promote best practice. The Package also provides information for professionals on cancer screening, falls prevention, treating of falls and fractures, footcare, and promotes integration of health and social care to offer an overall service for older people.</p>
38	<p>Extend the health prevention package to address other conditions that also impact on the quality of people's later lives, including continence care, depression and arthritis. This will involve working with experts to identify the steps that need to be taken to improve care for these conditions, and we will set these out in full next year, building on the experience from the initial prevention package, outlined above. This will focus on four areas of care for these conditions: letting people know how they can get help; informing people with these conditions how they can help themselves; improving access to services where appropriate; and improving the understanding and availability of services in these areas.*</p>	<p>Extend the health prevention package by Summer 2010 to draw together best practice and encourage provision of and signposting to additional services targeted at older people, including for depression, continence care and arthritis. In particular, the package will highlight the importance of early diagnosis and intervention, as well as bring together examples of best practice in providing accessible services in the community for older people.</p>
39	<p>Build the focus on ageing into the way the NHS and Local Government measures its own services. Exploring how we can best measure what matters to older people in the national indicators, and exploring the way the Care Quality Commission reviews ageing services.*</p>	<p>DH is leading a project to develop national indicators for health and social care partnerships for the next iteration of the performance frameworks from April 2011. This work is aimed at developing an outcome-focused approach to performance which reflects the issues which matter to people, with indicators that support and incentivise local partners to work together in pursuit of those outcomes. Work is underway through a number of national and local pilots to develop concrete indicator proposals, with candidates expected to be finalised by summer 2010 ahead of publication in the autumn. The project is collaborative and updates are regularly posted on an open online forum to inform stakeholders and generate discussion.</p>
40	<p>Develop a new strategy, <i>Towards a strategy to support volunteering in health and social care</i>, to support volunteers of all ages across health and social care following the 2008 consultation.*</p>	<p>The Department of Health is due to publish its Strategic Vision for Volunteering in Health and Social Care in Spring 2010. The Strategic Vision builds on consultation undertaken in 2008 and subsequent input from a cross-sector working group. The Strategic Vision document will highlight the benefits of volunteering for service users and volunteers including those in peer support roles who are both volunteers and service users. The Strategic vision will address a number of themes (Leadership, Partnership, Commissioning, Volunteer Management and Support for Individual Volunteers) designed to encourage and support volunteering by people of all ages wherever it has the potential to help deliver high quality care, improve health and well being and reduce health inequalities.</p>

41	<p>Offer an NHS Health Check to people in England aged between 40 and 70 to support people to manage or reduce their risk of vascular disease. This is a vascular risk assessment and management programme for people in England who will be offered a check once every five years to assess their risk of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and diabetes, followed by individually tailored advice to support them in managing or reducing their risk.*</p>	<p>In April 2009, Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) began phased implementation of the NHS Health Check programme:  <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/planners/nhshealthcheck/Pages/NHSHealthCheck.aspx">http://www.nhs.uk/planners/nhshealthcheck/Pages/NHSHealthCheck.aspx</a>.  The NHS Health Check programme is a universal and systematic programme for everyone between the ages of 40 – 74 that will assess people's risk of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and diabetes and will support people to reduce or manage that risk through individually tailored advice. Those who have been diagnosed with one of these diseases will not be eligible for a check.  Approximately 15 million people in England are eligible for an NHS Health Check. When full implementation is reached (expected to be 2012/13 subject to the next spending review), 3 million people nationwide will be offered an NHS Health Check every year, and we anticipate that around 2.25 million will take up the offer.  We currently expect that around 1 million NHS Health Checks will be delivered by April 2010.</p>
42	<p>Explore building on the success of the Dignity Champions Network by working with them to help deliver the carers' strategy locally.* 25</p>	<p>DH is undertaking work to identify existing "carers ambassadors/champions" in each Government Office region and to identify examples of good and bad practice of how carers are being championed. This preliminary work and some wider workshops (to be held in early spring) with existing "carers ambassadors/champions", Dignity Champions and other key stakeholders will help inform the content of a package of support to be made available to Dignity Champions and existing "carers ambassadors/champions" later in the year. Michael Parkinson, in his role as Dignity Ambassador, published his report in January:  <a href="http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/dignityincare/Ambassador/12345/">http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/dignityincare/Ambassador/12345/</a></p>
43	<p>Continue to deliver the agenda set out in Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods. This involves publishing a report on lifetime neighbourhoods and implementation and holding regional roadshows to promote the principles of lifetime neighbourhoods. To assist local areas, we will provide practical guidance for local authorities for turning existing neighbourhoods into lifetime neighbourhoods and promote ideal design through eco-towns.*</p>	<p>CLG have commissioned a report for Summer 2010 to provide practical guidance for local authorities to turn existing neighbourhoods into lifetime neighbourhoods. The report will draw on expertise across the public sector, the voluntary sector and eco-town projects. The Housing for an Ageing Population Panel for Innovation report, including recommendations for creating sustainable, inclusive homes and neighbourhoods was published in December. The independent report sets out options for housing that meets older peoples' needs. The report has also led to a new category for older peoples' housing in the Housing Design Awards. In addition to these initiatives, CLG have funded a worksheet promoting exemplary inclusive design in eco-town development, an online publication (Inclusion by Design) that includes best practice studies on housing and other developments, a series of roadshows in Autumn 2009 aimed at planners and promoting inclusive design, and have introduced the Local Innovation Awards as a replacement for the Beacons Scheme.</p>
44	<p>Work closely with developers, architects, planners and other professionals to encourage them to adopt Lifetime Home standards in private sector housing to build on the commitment that by 2011 all public sector housing will be built in accordance with these. The standards include a number of simple features such as a level or gentle sloping approach to property, door wide enough to allow wheelchair access, walls able to take adaptations and sockets and controls at convenient heights.*</p>	<p>HCA are consulting on their technical standards, including Lifetime Homes, in early 2010 in order to establish their requirements for grant funding applicable from April 2011. British Standard Draft for Development on LTH Standards published Jan 2008. BSi are considering whether to take forward the DD to become a full British Standard. CLG established a Building Regulations Advisory Committee (BRAC) working group who have provided detailed comments on the DD to BSi. CLG has continued to promote the Lifetime Homes Standard through the Code for Sustainable Homes and will be consulting in December 2009 on revisions to the code technical guide, including Lifetime Homes Standards. CLG has commissioned studies on health benefits, impact on housing typologies, impact on site density, extraction of data on accessible housing from the English Homes condition Survey and revised costings. CLG will undertake a review of LHS policy in 2010 to consider what next steps are necessary.</p>

45	HAPPI Report on housing for our ageing population	<p>The report (<a href="http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/Housing-Ageing-Population-Panel-Innovation">http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/Housing-Ageing-Population-Panel-Innovation</a>) sets out recommendations for central and local government, HCA, housing associations, housebuilders, financial institutions, and professional bodies. It also presents some interesting case studies which can encourage innovation and creative thinking in the market for housing for older people.</p> <p>It also sets out a series of recommended design features for housing for older people, which include generous space standards; maximising daylight and incorporating the natural environment; outside space; adaptable for care needs; shared spaces and facilities to encourage community; energy efficiency and ventilation; adequate storage inside and outside the home; and shared public spaces for vehicles and pedestrians.</p> <p>CLG also announced a new category of housing for older people within the housing design awards.</p>
46	Hold a learning event and festival and promote self-organised and self-funded learning with the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education and the Third Age Trust.*	<p>Successful Expo event 6 October launched Festival with Lord Mandelson and Minister of State Kevin Brennan. Major PR and communications push throughout October. Learning Revolution Ning site activated, with PR materials; DirectGov Learning Revolution website live; wider media and PR activities continue through to March 2010. Online guidance on self-organised learning to be tested and disseminated Jan/Feb. Models of learning for older people in care settings to be disseminated February. Pre-retirement activity project to be tendered Feb/March.</p>
47	Establish <b>an Innovation and Growth Team</b> to draw up an action plan that makes practicable recommendations to business and Government to take advantage of the economic opportunities presented by an ageing population. The team will be responsible for identifying business opportunities as a result of our ageing population.*	<p>On 3 February, BIS will be running a seminar entitled "Is business ready for an ageing nation? - economic opportunities for an ageing population" which will be looking at the barriers to older people's employment, as well as their skills as employees, entrepreneurs or volunteers; how demographic change impacts public finances and private savings, and how businesses will innovate for the older consumer. This will feed into a discussion paper which will allow us to consider future action for both Government and business in this area.</p>
48	Run a series of recruitment campaigns aimed at encouraging people with vocational expertise to apply to work in the further education sector.*	<p>LLUK have now completed recruitment campaigns across a number of sectors to attract those with vocational skills and experience into FE teaching. The campaigns have generated considerable interest and details of potential recruits to the sector have been made available to FE employers.</p>
49	Provide more local pre-retirement courses working with the educational charity, the Life Academy to help people make connections with local networks and plan what they want to do in their later years.*	<p>Provide more pre-retirement support, including model courses, online guidance and signposting, to ensure those who receive no help can access free information and advice in their communities. Tenders will be invited in March 2010.</p>
50	Target information on volunteering at those individuals approaching retirement; linking up with the community based pre-retirement courses.	<p>Since the publication of the Ageing strategy the Cabinet Office has set up an older volunteers advisory group. The group met in November 2009 and will meet four times in 2010.</p> <p>The group will be taking forward two of the strategies recommendations, including targeting information on volunteering at those individuals approaching retirement; linking up with the community based pre-retirement courses. It will do this by working with organisations delivering pre-retirement courses and encouraging them to provide information on volunteering. The recommendation will be complete in the Spring 2010.</p>
51	Identify opportunities to promote volunteering to people in later life, for example through trade unions, pension providers and company pension newsletters. Continue to review uptake of volunteering opportunities. Four times a year we will bring together a new advisory group to inform work in this area.	<p>The first meeting of the Older Volunteering Advisory Group took place on the 19 November 2009, and will continue to meet quarterly to set out how they can influence volunteering amongst older people.</p>

52	Work with the Local Government Information Unit to support studies of timebank systems that could enable people, young and old, to provide informal support to older people in their communities. A timebank system would allow people to volunteer and receive credits which could be cashed in to get help from others when they are older. People could volunteer to help in any area, from odd jobs to language teaching. This has already been tested in LinkAge Plus pilots in Lancaster, Gateshead and Salford, but more work is needed to fully assess their impact.*	The Office of the Third Sector met with the Local Government Information Unit to discuss the project on 25 November and share ideas. LGIU are continuing work on this recommendation
53	Publish a Families and Relationships Green Paper which will look at how we can better support families. It will consider the needs of all family members, including grandparents, and how best services can cater for their differing needs.**	The Families and Relationships Green Paper was published on the 20th January. It is available for viewing and consultation at <a href="http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/supportforall/">www.dcsf.gov.uk/supportforall/</a>
54	Draw on the skills of ex-teachers in helping deliver our pledge of 600,000 one-to-one tuition places and attract teachers who have been out of the profession to return.*	Marketing campaign has attracted approximately 15,000 potential tutors aged 50 or above to register their interest in becoming a tutor. Initial recruitment campaign has now been completed and we will keep the possibility of further central recruitment activity under review. LAs and schools continue to draw on this registered pool of people to provide tuition and they are also recruiting other tutors locally.
55	Raise awareness of teaching as a career choice to people over 50 through a number of programmes. These include simplifying employment-based routes into teaching, and tailoring marketing to employees of companies making more than ten individuals interested in teaching maths or science redundant.*	At least 15% of those career changers recruited through Transition to Teaching are over 50s compared to about 0.8% of the overall initial teacher training application total. The Teacher Consultant Guarantee Line was set up in October 2009. It is being managed by the Teaching Information Line under contract to the Training and Development Agency for Schools. DWP are promoting the guarantee to any employers making relevant redundancies. So far, no employer has taken up the offer, though jobcentre plus were able to confirm that both at a national level and local level, the information about training to become a teacher was part of the redundancy pack and was being provided to prospective candidates.
56	Increase ISA limits to £10,200 per year for people aged 50 and over, of which £5,100 can be saved in cash.	The ISA Regulations have been amended and the changes came into force on 6 October 2009.
57	Commission 46 National Governing Bodies of sport to help create a world-leading <b>community sport system</b> , including plans to encourage the over 50s to participate in sport.	<p>Sport England launched a strategy for developing a world-leading community sport system, with the Olympics as a focal point, in June 2008. It commits to growing and sustaining the number of people playing sport, and nurturing those with talent to fulfil their potential.</p> <p>A key target is to get 1 million people playing more sport by 2012/13. While this ambition cuts right across the adult population, five activities (Bowls, Archery, Pilates, Croquet and Yoga) are being counted specifically for older people (over 65) as moderate intensity activities</p> <p>Sport England's strategy signals a significant shift, and an exclusive focus on sport. Increased investment of up to £480 million pounds is being made available to 46 national governing bodies of sport (NGBs), the experts in their sport, who have been commissioned to drive up participation over 09-13 period.</p> <p>Government has committed £140 million to the Free Swimming Programme which covers the next 2 years, 261 councils (80% plus) offer free swimming to those aged 60 and over from April 1st 2009.</p>

58	<p>Equality Bill - Consult on the detail, especially in difficult areas such as financial services and health and care. The Equality bill includes the new public sector Equality Duty. This places a requirement on all public bodies from 2010 to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunities and encourage good relations between different groups of people including people of different ages. This duty makes it a legal requirement to consider the needs of people of all ages when planning and delivering services.</p>	<p>Equality Bill in Lord Committee Stage. We issued our policy statement following the consultation on age discrimination on 27th January.  A link to the consultation response is below:-  <a href="http://www.equalities.gov.uk/news/age_consultation.aspx">http://www.equalities.gov.uk/news/age_consultation.aspx</a></p>
59	<p>Support drivers as they get older through the driving for life package which will promote refresher training from specifically qualified driver trainers. We will also increase the provision of mobility services by exploring options to add to the existing mobility centres to provide advice and support to older drivers around adaptations and driving safely in later life. We will expand the support available to those who stop driving and start using other transport means by providing training on how to make the most of public transport.*</p>	<p>The Driving Standards Agency (DSA) has a small research project underway to review best practice in the provision of schemes aimed at supporting older drivers through review, assessment and further training. DfT continues to provide grant funding to the Forum of Mobility Centres to support its provision of professional information and advice to people who have difficulties due to medical conditions or disabilities. These specialist mobility centres now provide driving assessments from 27 locations compared to 17 in 2007, making it easier for people to access advice nearer to their home. Research commissioned by DfT has made recommendations about improving the availability and reliability of information, advice and assessment services. Discussions with stakeholders are ongoing to decide how to take forward these recommendations.</p> <p>The Travel Training date for the website launch has now been moved to late 2010. This is as a result of resources being diverted to DfT work on improving taxi accessibility. DfT recently invited initial expressions of interest for a contract to gather information which will feed into the preparation of guidance on setting up schemes and sourcing funding. DfT has now invited formal bids from the interested parties. The contract is expected to be awarded in late February / early March and the guidance is expected to be available by autumn 2010.</p>
60	<p>Develop a resource guide to promote car-sharing schemes, explore alternatives to the national concessionary fare scheme, raising awareness of different transport options, particularly for people living in rural areas. These options include community bus services that are available on request rather than to a set timetable or route.*</p>	<p>The first version of the Guide (<a href="http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/inclusion/older/transportolutions.pdf">http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/inclusion/older/transportolutions.pdf</a>) was published on 1 October 2009 marking Older People's Day. We have kept the document open to comment and have committed to reviewing the Guide regularly; we are intending to publish the next version in late February.</p>

61	<p>As part of the additional £15m investment in Securing Homes: Action Against Burglary for 2009/10 which was recently announced we will work with Age Concern and Help the Aged to provide crime prevention advice and train handy persons, health and social care workers to offer home security advice to people they visit . We will work with water and energy companies to help cut down on bogus callers; and provide a £6m Safer Homes Fund for third sector organisations to bid for funding to improve home security of people in vulnerable groups.*</p>	<p>By end March 2010 we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute around 350,000 Secure Your Home advice packs directly to the public and via the police.</li> <li>• Enable community based charities to secure at least 60,000 homes of people most vulnerable to burglary in 93 priority areas across England and Wales through a £6.5 million Safer Homes Fund.</li> <li>• Launch a distraction burglary PR campaign on 13 Nov to reach both the elderly and students. The campaign offers practical advice and information on how the elderly can protect themselves against this crime and encourages them to sign up to the utility companies priority services register. The campaign features in both national and regional media.</li> <li>• Reach 50,000 older people through distribution of Home Office and Age UK leaflets via national helpline and local Age UKs, older people's for a and other local partners</li> <li>• Reach 80,000 older people who are customers of Age Concern's commercial arm</li> <li>• Raise awareness of crime prevention for older people amongst 3,000 learners working in care services, via Age UK Training and its partners. This will be done by adding awareness of crime and security to NVQ training of care workers and distributing Home Office and Age UK leaflets.</li> <li>• Develop and maintain online resource on crime and older people (including Home Office materials), reaching 30,000 older people.</li> <li>• Engage directly (face-to-face) with between 3,750 and 11,250 older people on crime prevention, at 75 local roadshows. We will deliver 90 "peer-to-peer" workshops across the country, with older people themselves (trained by us) delivering the workshops, reaching between 900 and 1,800 older people (face-to-face in-depth engagement)</li> <li>• Deliver training and guidance on crime prevention as needed for 200 HandyVan and 100 other practical support workers across the country.</li> </ul> <p>'Securing Homes, Action Against Burglary' is at:  <a href="http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/burglary/burglary086.pdf">http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/burglary/burglary086.pdf</a></p>
62	<p>Consult on whether to change or abolish the current age-limit on jury service.</p>	<p>The upper-age limit for jury service remains under review.</p>

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