

National and International Partnerships

Leeds is a member of:

UK Network of Age Friendly Communities - a group of cities from across the UK that are collaborating to bring about change in the way that cities respond to population ageing.

Eurocities Urban Ageing Forum—dedicated to raising awareness and improve strategies for age-friendly environments in cities.

World Health Organisation (WHO) Age Friendly Cities - established to foster the exchange of experience and mutual learning between communities worldwide.

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Making Leeds the best city to grow old in

Strategy and Action Plan 2019 - 2022

The ambition for Age Friendly Leeds is to be the Best City to Grow Old in: a place where people age well - where older people are valued, feel respected and appreciated, and are seen as the assets they are.

Why is it important?

- Older people have told us it is a priority.
- Inequalities in health are a key issue for older people with ill health and social impacts affecting the poorest in the city disproportionately.
- The population of Leeds is ageing:

	<u>2011 Census</u>	<u>2021 projections</u>
People aged 50+	232,000	265,000
People aged 65+	110,000	126,000
People aged 85+	15,000	16,800

Our approach is a citizenship approach, applying to the entire population which:

- ensures that there is a strong focus on social networks within neighbourhoods and the city
- promotes social capital and participation
- age-proofs and develops universal services
- reduces social exclusion
- works to change social structure and attitudes

Our action plan is structured around six topic areas adapted for Leeds from the eight Age Friendly City domains developed by the World Health Organisation:

Housing	Active, included and respected
Public and Civic Spaces	Healthy and independent ageing
Travel and Road Safety	Employment and learning

Cross cutting themes across all the topics areas are:

- Effective communications
- Access to digital technology
- Engagement and co-production with older people
- Addressing inequalities

Progress is reported quarterly to the Age Friendly Leeds Board.

A framework to measure the impact of the action plan is in development with support from the Centre for Ageing Better. These measures will be incorporated into the plan and reported to the Age Friendly Leeds Board, Best Council Plan and Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Age Friendly Leeds Board, chaired by the lead member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults, provides strategic leadership. Membership includes the representatives from the council, Leeds Older People's Forum and the Centre for Ageing Better. This board reports to both the Council's Executive Board and the Health & Well Being Board.

This work is also part of the Leeds Health and Care programme on improving population level outcomes for people living with frailty.

The Age Friendly Leeds Partnership (AFLP) brings together statutory, voluntary and private sectors to:

- Address the priorities identified by older people in relation to making Leeds an Age Friendly City;
- Build awareness of Age Friendly priorities and actions;
- Assess how Age Friendly the city is against the World Health Organization's Age Friendly domains
- Support Age Friendly initiatives in our communities and other broader initiatives which help us to work towards Leeds becoming an Age friendly City.

Ageing Friendly Leeds Partnership members

Age UK Leeds | Care and Repair Leeds | Carers Leeds | Centre for Ageing Better | Feel Good Factor | Groundwork Leeds | Leeds Beckett University | Leeds City Council | Leeds Older People's Forum | Leeds Dementia Action Alliance | NHS Leeds | University of Leeds | West Yorkshire Combined Authority | Leeds Playhouse

The Centre for Ageing Better has selected Leeds as a partner and has entered into a five year partnership agreement with the Council and Leeds Older People's Forum (LOPF).

The purpose of the partnership is to enable Leeds to adopt evidence-based practice, to pilot innovative approaches and to generate new evidence of 'what works' for ageing well that can be disseminated locally, regionally, nationally and internationally by Ageing Better, the council, LOPF and other stakeholders. The initial priorities for this partnership are:

- Addressing older people's housing needs through an Older People's Housing Strategy;
- Addressing gaps in public transport by developing innovative community transport solutions;
- Community research to explore the motivations, barriers, and enablers older people face in contributing to their community.