

TRENDING ELDERS

Quarterly
survey
#2



April-
June
2023

RESULTS SNAPSHOT

13

Survey
responses

12

Organisations
represented

5

Prominent
issues raised

QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

"The growing living costs are driving people, particularly the elderly, towards higher degrees of loneliness and isolation as they cut back on social spending."

ISSUES

DETAILS

Cost of living

The cost of living crisis has seen increases in price of both food and fuel. It is continuing to be the driving force behind many other issues.

Loneliness and isolation

Outside factors such as the cost of living or even the extremely hot weather have discouraged people from attending services or programmes leading to further loneliness and isolation.

Digital Inclusion

It has become increasingly apparent that doctors appointments are hard to get hold of. This is partly due to the shift GP's are making towards technology focused appointment systems.

Public Transport

Public transport continues to prove inaccessible for people not directly within the city centre and unreliable in all forms. It has also been noted that the loss of rail station ticket offices would increase pressure and make travelling even more difficult.

Fear of Covid

Many people are still struggling with post-pandemic life. The fear of Covid has not abated and influences people to not do or attend things they might have done prior.

WHAT ARE OUR MEMBERS FACING?

"Getting to city centre meeting points is difficult for some people and impacts on overall accessibility, inclusivity, confidence and ability to join activities."

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Little London Arts

"The growing living costs are driving people, particularly the elderly, towards "higher degrees of loneliness and isolation" as they cut back on social spending."

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Net Garforth

"Older people who have been coming in to Phoenix Health and Wellbeing's City centre premises for counselling have either ended their counselling sessions completely due to cost or switched to having sessions by telephone to avoid additional costs of coming in to the City. They may get free bus travel but many who have limited mobility come to us by taxi. "

- Anon

"Transport needs have become more prominent post-Covid as many of our members now require extra support to get out and about again. "

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Crossgates Good Neighbours



Trending elders is LOPF's quarterly survey of members, through which we gather up-to-date intelligence on the issues affecting older people in Leeds.

It's an important tool for increasing the collective voice of our members, and the older people they work with. We can use quarterly reports to:

- **increase our own understanding of what's going on**
- **brief politicians and media**
- **influence commissioners and funders**

Use your voice!

Please become a regular respondent to Trending Elders. We ask just three regular questions in an online survey, making it very quick to do.

Please contact jenni@opforum.org.uk if you would like to help amplify our collective voice.

Thankyou to all our respondents this quarter.

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