



## October 2009 Issue



### LINK Sunderland

**Sunderland LINK  
Public Meeting  
on  
15<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm  
At the  
Swan Street Centre**

### The Big Care Debate

The government is currently consulting on the future of care provision in England. They are proposing changes to the system that should in effect make it fairer to all.

There are decisions to be made regarding paying for the care. The current Green paper on the future of care in England includes a section on how care services will be paid for in the future.

There are a number of proposals on the table about how it will be funded that range from paying for yourself to purchasing two types of insurance policy.

The cost of these packages range from £17,000 to £25,000 at today's costs.

These costs will invariably increase due to inflation.

However, how these assessments are carried out on the care package you will receive is being considered and there are options that the Government would like to have your views before the decisions are made.

The proposed changes affect everyone. You need to make sure that the option that is best for you is the one that becomes the preferred option by the Government. You can only do this if you contribute to the debate.

To view a short DVD go to [www.sunderlandlink.org.uk](http://www.sunderlandlink.org.uk) and follow links to big care debate.

To find out about what the proposed changes are come along to the next meeting of the Sunderland LINK.

If you would like to attend the debate please contact me, Adrienne Rowly as soon as possible.

**There is a limited budget for transport costs, if you would like to attend the debate but need assistance with transport, please contact Adrienne Rowly at Age Concern Sunderland. Telephone: 514 1131.**

#### Contact Details

If you would like more copies of this newsletter or would like to contribute an article, Please get in touch with me,  
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#### Forums for October

Venue	Date	Time	Topic
Burn Promenade Houghton	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	10.30	Anti-Social Behaviour
Beaumont Lodge Toward Road	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	10.15	Anti-Social Behaviour
Beckwith Mews Silksworth	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2009	2.00	Nexus Public Transport
Chillingham House Mulgrave Drive	26 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	2.30	Nexus Public Transport
Bradbury Centre Stockton Road	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	10.00	Anti-Social Behaviour

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### Evaluation Questionnaire

In order to assess the content and effectiveness of the 50+ Forum Newsletters I need to ask you to complete a short questionnaire. The purpose of the questionnaire is to find out who is reading the newsletters.

Age Concern Sunderland is a charity, and as such relies on grants and donations to fund activities, the information will also help when applying for further funding for future projects.

Although at the end of this questionnaire I ask for your name and address, you do not have to complete this section if you do not wish to, all information that you do give me will be most useful and completely confidential. I know that you are probably inundated with people asking you to complete questionnaires, but if you could spend a few minutes to read and tick a few boxes I would be most grateful.

1. What age group are you?                      50-59    60-69    70-79    80-89    90+

                                              

2. Are you Male or Female?                      Male                       Female

3. Do you consider yourself to be disabled?    Yes                       No

If yes please give a little more detail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you registered Disabled?                      Yes                       No

4. What is your marital status?                      Cohabiting/partner     Married

Civil Partnership     Separated

Divorced     Single

Widowed

If there are two of you in your household, do you both read the newsletter?    Yes                       No

5. I would describe my ethnic origin as:

**White**                      British                       Irish

Any other background

**Mixed**                      White and Black Caribbean     White and Black African

White and Asian     Any other mixed background

**Asian or Asian British** Indian  Pakistani   
Bangladeshi  Any other Asian background

**Black and Black British** Caribbean  African   
Any other black background

**Chinese or other ethnic group** Chinese   
Any other please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prefer not to say**

**Please Note:** Ethnic origin is not about nationality or place of birth, it is about broad ethnic groups and colour. UK Citizens can belong to any of the groups indicated above. I have asked this question to see how broad the readership is and to see if we can include articles for everyone to enjoy.

6. What is the first section of your Post Code? E.g. SR2 \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you ever attended a 50+ Forum Meeting? Yes  No

If no, what stopped you? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are there any issues you would like debated by the 50+ Forums or information you would like to be published in the Newsletters? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. **You do not have to complete this section if you choose not to.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.**

**Please return it to:** Adrienne Rowly,

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**Alternatively, I can pick up completed form at the October Forum Meetings.**