

Birmingham Policy Commission: Healthy Ageing in the 21st Century Questions for April 2013 Workshop

This paper gives an outline of key questions for witnesses. Some witnesses will have a view on all questions. Some will confine their evidence to particular questions or topics. We are particularly keen to gather evidence rather than merely views. We are also keen to receive written evidence.

Equality and inclusion: a question of rights and responsibilities

- 1.1 Do we have a right to “healthy ageing”? Is this affected by our obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and indeed should it be? What responsibilities do/should older people have?
- 1.2 How do we balance the rights of different generations (particularly with all the challenges current young people face in the current economic climate)?
- 1.3 *Whose* responsibility is/ should be to promote/ensure/facilitate healthy ageing in a multi-cultural society?
- 1.4 Is ageing inevitably a factor for social exclusion?
- 1.5 What are the major challenges for the delivery of health and social care services for an ageing population in a multicultural/multi-faith society today?
- 1.6 What if any will be the impact of the reforms contained in the Health and Social Care Act 2012?
- 1.7 What will be the implications of the Equality Act 2010 for the delivery of health and social care services to an ageing and increasingly multi-cultural, multi-faith population?
- 1.8 To what extent are rights and responsibilities in relation to healthy ageing an inherently gendered issue?
- 1.9 Do we need a UN Convention on the Rights of the Older Person?
- 1.10 To what extent will the involvement of the EU in relation to ageing law and policy become an important driver for change in this area in the future? What challenges might such involvement bring?