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Longevity Centre UK

ILC-UK interim report for the ILC Global Alliance – May 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

ILC-UK has been working with our partners on the impact of the coronavirus.

With our partners including the ILC Global Alliance we want to.

- Convene business, government and civil society involved in the UK's response to the crisis.
- Understand what is happening today and what happens next
- Identify policy solutions and harnessing the expertise of our networks.

We have been organising a series of webinars exploring the impact of COVID-19. Recent/ planned webinars include:

- [Bridging the gap – Bringing food, drugs and social connections to the home](#)
- [Longevity in research and policy: What happens next](#)
- [Care homes, retirement housing and the coronavirus. Responding today. But what happens next.](#)

In early April we published [Leaving no one behind – ILC policy briefing on the Government's coronavirus support package for the self-employed.](#)

Engagement with Partners

On 21 April 2020 we convened our partners to form a high level 'call to action' on the COVID-19 crisis. We discussed our learnings, our priorities and what happens next. Here is a snapshot of some of the discussion points:

- **Technology:** systems have accelerated rapidly, especially health infrastructure. How do we make tech safe, secure and work for everyone?
- **Social care:** is fragmented and lacking cohesion. Once the dust settles there will be demands for change and we need to reflect on the value of care workers. With the NHS receiving significant funding how do we ensure the care sector is not left further behind?
- **Work/ employment and retirement income:** how can we help people get back to work and what new pressures will they face adapting to new ways of working and the 'new normal'? Pensions will be hit in 'every way', but people at different stages in accumulation/ decumulation will be impacted in different ways.

We are continuing this discussion; working closely with our partners to develop projects in response to the pandemic.

New projects under development

We are working with new and existing partners to develop a diverse programme of projects specifically focused on the impact of the coronavirus in an ageing society. Projects already in the pipeline are being updated, where appropriate, in the light of the pandemic. For example:

- Delivering global prevention: never too late (Phase 2 of Prevention in an ageing world),
- Innovating for an ageing workforce (a global innovation competition to find out which technology systems will work in the 'new normal'),
- Climate change project (under development).

Our research agenda for the next year will be heavily influenced and focused on the impact of the coronavirus.

Future of Ageing 2020: Together for tomorrow. Delivering a better society for all generations

In March we announced our sixth annual [Future of Ageing](#) conference which will be held on Thursday 3 December 2020 in London. Confirmed speakers include Sir Jonathon Porritt, Co-Founder of [Forum for the Future](#) and Vybarr Cregan-Reid who will present findings from his book [Primate Change](#).

Recent ILC-UK publications

We had a successful launch of our research report, [A fork in the road - The future of driving in an ageing society](#) (funded by LV= General Insurance) at the House of Lords. We also launched [The 100-Year Family: longer lives, fewer children](#), our joint publication co-produced with Cass Business School.

In February we launched [Never too late: Prevention in an ageing world](#), the final report from our year-long global Prevention in an ageing world project. In collaboration with ILC Singapore we published [Healthier for longer: Improving adult immunisation uptake in Singapore](#) which explores the relationship between Singapore's ageing population and adult vaccination.

We published our flagship research, [Maximising the longevity dividend](#), alongside Future of Ageing 2019. Since the conference we have been working on pushing the messages in the UK and across the world. We followed this up by publishing our report "[Advantage GM](#)" which highlighted the economic potential of older people to the Greater Manchester region. We are now working on a global follow up project.

Further ILC-UK publications can be downloaded on the [ILC-UK website](#).