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imAGE – Age Proud Newcastle

[imAGE](#) is a month long celebration starting on the International Day of Older Persons on October 1st, to promote the great opportunities available across Newcastle for people aged 50 and over.

The celebration is coordinated by the Elders Council and is supported by the Age Proud Network. The network consists of 90 workers and volunteers from 40 organisations including InformationNOW.

[The programme of events is available on InformationNOW and more events are being added.](#)

Follow the hashtags on social media for updates #AgeProudNewcastle #IDOP2022

Consultations

Better Lives, Stronger communities

Newcastle City Council is investing £1.5 million to tackle anti-social behaviour through our new 'Better Lives, Stronger Communities' programme to continue to keep our neighbourhoods safe. To help us do this, we want to find out more about what people think about anti-social behaviour in their local area, and how much of a problem it is.

Please help with this by [completing this short form](#) to tell us what you think. The end date for the survey is 12th September 2022.

[Read more on InformationNOW about anti-social behaviour](#)

Voluntary sector survey to support Community Mental Health Transformation

The Community Mental Health Transformation Programme was announced by NHS England in the summer of 2020.

The importance of co-producing the necessary transformation with the voluntary and community sector and with service users and carers has been emphasised from the outset. There was also an expectation that a significant portion of the funding would be invested in Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) provision.

This survey has been designed to try and get a sense of how the VCSE is involved locally, so that the challenges and opportunities can be better understood. Any emerging themes will be explored in more depth by follow up focus groups.

[Please complete this survey and/or share as appropriate.](#) Closing date for completion of the survey is Friday 9th September 2022

[Read more on InformationNOW about mental health and support services.](#)

Extra healthcare appointments in Newcastle – give your views

Newcastle Integrated Care Board and Newcastle GP Services are currently undertaking a survey on the provision of additional appointments outside usual GP practice opening hours; 7am to 8am and 6.30pm to 8pm Mon to Fri and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays. These extra appointments will begin in the next few months and ahead of this, they would like to know what communities in Newcastle would value the most from these new appointments to ensure that the new service meets their needs. This does not include Cruddas Park and West Road GP Surgeries.

[Complete the survey here.](#)

The closing date for the survey is Friday 2nd September 2022.

[Read more on InformationNOW about Your doctor or GP.](#)

Spotlight on...

National Road Victims Month

As well as honouring people that have been lost and injured, National Road Victims Month is also a great opportunity to raise awareness to make our roads safer.

RoadPeace is the national charity for road crash victims in the UK. They provide information and support services to people bereaved or seriously injured in road crashes and engage in evidence based policy and campaigning work to fight for justice for victims and reduce road danger.

[RoadPeace hold events](#) during August in memorial to those lost in roads crashes, however you can also do your bit to raise awareness for safer driving by having your own event.

Get involved in the subject by following the hashtag on social media [#NationalRoadVictimsMonth](#)
[Read more on InformationNOW on Driving as you get older](#)

Resources

Citizens Advice cost of living data

Citizens Advice has published a [cost of living dashboard](#). This shows a range of longitudinal data on energy costs, foodbank referrals and Council Tax referrals. It also shows comparisons by different demographic characteristics, such as ethnicity, immigration status and housing tenure.

[Read more on InformationNOW about debt management](#)

Breastfeeding Social Groups

Breastfeeding Social Groups are for families living in Newcastle and are relaxed, informal and friendly. They are a great way to meet other breastfeeding mums, get handy tips and information and are an opportunity to get support from one of the members of staff or a volunteer at Healtworks

[They run online groups and face to face in Byker, Benwell, Fawdon and Lemington.](#)

For more information, send them a message or call them on 07826 531 575. You can also look at the [Breastfeeding Mams Facebook page](#) for lots of ongoing information and support

[Read more on about Children's Health on InformationNOW](#)

Forward with Dementia

[Forward with Dementia](#) is a new resources with persona stories, shared experience and a toolkit that you can personalise. An international collaboration with research from Newcastle University. Recently launched, they would like you to use it and provide feedback as someone affected by dementia or as a professional.

Events & Activities

Newcastle Mela: 28th and 29th August at Exhibition Park

This year sees the first ever Mela Health Zone and it's a very exciting time. Mesmac and Shine, (Public Health, Newcastle City Council) are coordinating this space and Haref have been on their steering group to help develop the zone. We know the benefits of providing key health and wellbeing messages and information in culturally competent, accessible and fun ways.

“Newcastle Mela is a two-day event that takes place every year during the August Bank Holiday weekend in Exhibition Park, Newcastle upon Tyne. It's free, family-friendly and everyone is welcome. With up to 40,000 visitors from across the region. Newcastle Mela has been taking place for over 25 years and is one of the most vibrant and popular multi-cultural events in the North East. The event is based around Pakistani, Bengali, Indian and other South Asian cultures and this is your chance to experience the music, food and entertainment associated with these cultures.”

[Read more about Newcastle Mela on InformationNOW](#)

New organisations

Hales Group

[Hales Group](#) is commissioned for services by Newcastle City Council as a provider of home care services. They are registered with the CQC and inspected for their personal care service

Gateshead College

[Gateshead College](#) offers a range of courses for 16-18 year olds and for adults looking for a promotion, want to change career or return to education after a break.

St Aidan's Church

[St Aidan's Church](#) is an Anglican church, situated in Brunton Park, Gosforth. They are an inclusive and outward looking church, serving the local community.

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