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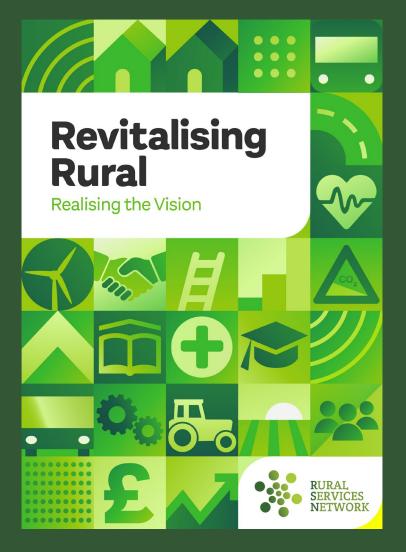
Older People in Rural Areas

This presentation will cover:

- Revitalising Rural Campaign
- RSN Asks of Government







We want a fairer distribution of national resources to rural areas and for more nuanced national policies that reflect rural circumstances.







Specific Policy Asks on Older People



Build Suitable Housing

- Govt should ensure new housing suits needs of an ageing population by strengthening national planning guidance, to take into account the Lifetimes Home Standard.
- Better planning should also deliver sheltered and supported housing to meet rural needs.
- Co-housing schemes should be promoted as places where older residents can benefit through mutual support, with scope to be service hubs for wider community.



Refocus on Ioneliness

- Government should recommit to its Loneliness Strategy, announcing continued funding beyond 2021.
- This could include further funding round for local initiatives which can address loneliness in rural and other areas.
- The role of face to face local shopping, banking etc should not be overlooked



Offer travel options

- Government should amend the concessionary scheme so that it fits the rural context to permit travel before 9.30, since rural bus routes run less frequently.
- It should also extend concessionary travel to community transport schemes since many villages have no rural bus route

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Adapt existing Homes

 Funding for Disabled Facility Grants and other reablement measures should be increased so that more people (most, though not all of them older people), have a chance to benefit from home adaptations that help them to continue living safely in their home



Improve health and care visits

- Travel downtime for community health and care staff visiting patients in outlying rural areas should be taken into account and not mean shorter visits.
- Emergency call outs could be more efficiently handles in rural areas if services were more integrated, for example creating specialist community paramedic roles, or for non acute cases, allowing ambulance services to dispatch other health professionals.

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