

# *Following 'Life-long Health and Well-being': where next for RCUK*

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# Ageing research funding by Research Councils

Long history of funding ageing research in the Research Councils

Approximately £200m spend on ageing research in current CSR plus large underpinning ageing-related portfolio

- Vast majority in response-mode by individual Councils
- Strategic initiatives including in partnerships
- Relatively small proportion in joint Council programmes – NDA and LLHW



ERA/SAGE



extending quality life  
equal



# Ageing research: LLHW

Since 2008 LLHW has committed £51m, funded 54 awards and 60 PhD and post docs. Examples of projects funded through LLHW:

- Inequalities in later life frailty and wellbeing: an interdisciplinary approach to causality (Nazroo)
- The menopausal transition and healthy ageing and wellbeing (Lawlor)
- Engaging with Older People to Develop and Deliver Interventions for the self management of Chronic Pain (Smith)
- Uncertain Futures: Managing Late-Career Transitions and Extended Working Life (Vickerstaff)
- Extending Working Lives in the National Health Service: Opportunities, Challenges and Prospects (Nolan)
- Mobility, Mood and Place: a user-centred approach to design of built environments to make mobility easy, enjoyable and meaningful for older people (Ward Thompson)
- Over-Hear: assessing functionality of hearing aids in complex listening environments (McAlpine/Brimijoin)
- <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/research/initiatives/lifelong-health-wellbeing/research-activities/>

# Ageing research: non-LLHW



**MODEM:**  
Modelling  
outcome and  
cost impacts of  
interventions for  
dementia

**MARQUE:**  
Managing  
Agitation and  
Raising Quality  
of Life in  
dementia



**CIMA:**  
The Centre for  
Integrated  
research in  
Musculoskeletal  
Ageing

Centre for  
Musculoskeletal  
Health and Work



**Social  
Connections and  
Wellbeing in  
older adults**

The health and  
wellbeing of  
grandparents  
caring for  
grandchildren

Pensions, health  
and wellbeing of  
older people in  
developing  
countries

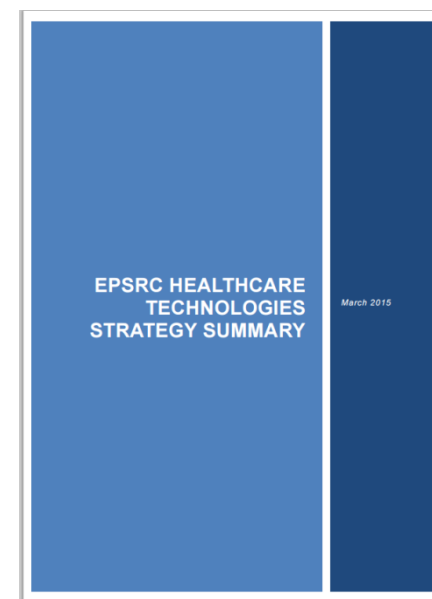
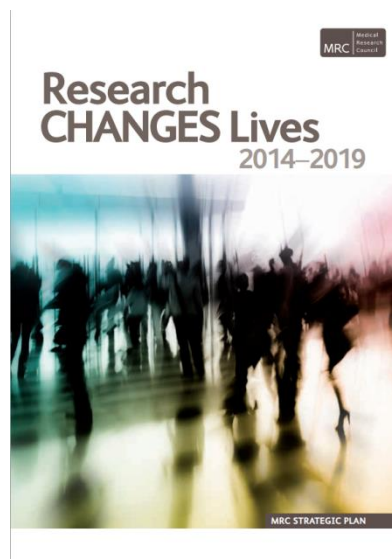
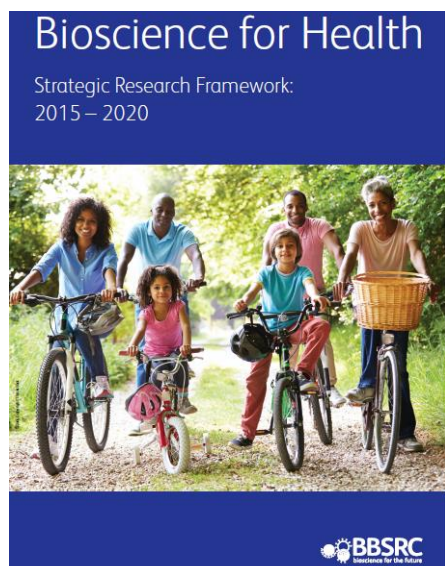
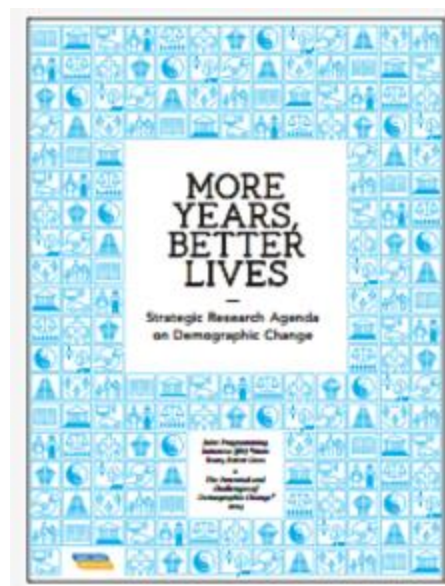


**Dementia and  
imagination:  
connecting  
communities  
and developing  
well-being  
through socially  
engaged visual  
arts practice**

# What next?

- Two big and successful cross council ageing programmes but we have also funded a lot more besides through other routes.
- An outcome of the success of our large programmes is that ageing research becomes embedded in our wider portfolio.
- Opportunities continue to exist for ageing research funding:
  - ✓ Responsive mode – CCFA and remit ([remit@esrc.ac.uk](mailto:remit@esrc.ac.uk))
  - ✓ Other existing schemes – SDAI, Large Grants, Future Research Leaders, Transformative
  - ✓ Calls in specific areas
- Age and Ageing is relevant to many areas e.g. Mental Health

# Future Opportunities



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