

Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee

Hearing 10

Wednesday 19th September 2018

Witness Guide for Members

Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.

Themes and Questions

Olivia Field, Policy and Engagement Manager (Loneliness and Social Isolation), British Red Cross

- Please introduce yourself and offer an outline of your organisation and its role in relation to loneliness and social isolation.
- Who is affected by loneliness and social isolation?
- What are the main causes leading to loneliness and social isolation amongst adults aged 65 and over?
- What are the consequences of loneliness and social isolation on these people?
- What initiatives and strategies are working particularly well to prevent or reduce the negative impacts of loneliness and social isolation on older people?
- In your view, what are the challenges associated with preventing or reducing social isolation and loneliness amongst older people?
- In your opinion, what more can be done, if anything, to prevent or reduce the impact of social isolation and loneliness on older residents?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?