

Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee

Biography

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Dr Swift is the Eastern Academic Research Consortium (Eastern ARC) Research Fellow for the Quantitative Social Sciences. The Eastern ARC is a joint initiative between the University of Essex, the University of East Anglia and the University of Kent. Her role is to build collaboration, research and capacity within the quantitative social sciences.

Dr Swift uses a range of research methods to investigate processes of ageism, people's attitudes to age and the effects of age stereotypes, which have important practical and policy implications.

Dr Swift was the co-author of the report "Hidden Citizens", which argues that addressing loneliness requires better understanding of, and engagement with, local communities by agencies. The report also maintains that local services need to communicate, collaborate and cooperate more effectively with each other if the loneliest older people are to be identified, reached and supported.