

Senior Strategic Project Manager



Too many older people have no one to turn to for support. We believe no older person should have to struggle alone. We're Age UK, the UK's leading charity for older people. We provide information, support, friendship and advice when it's needed most. Our services are a lifeline – could you help us reach even more people who need us?

The job, in a nutshell

Age UK will be developing a number of research, policy and practice development projects in support of the new strategy. These include the 'extremely vulnerable people' project and a new partnership researching older people's experiences pre and post an urgent episode of care or emergency hospital admission. The role will also take on responsibility for managing our response to the Pandemic Inquiry and relationship with the Health and Wellbeing Alliance. This is initially a 12-month role with the possibility of extending to 24 months depending on project funding.

What you'll do for us

This role will take the lead in designing and delivering these complex projects, including management of external partners, consultants or agencies and internal teams as required. The role will work closely with the Policy Lead, Clinical Lead and Head of Health Influencing to coordinate and drive delivery of the organisation's goals and strategic priorities across health and care.



"Working in health influencing is always interesting, we cover such a wide range of issues and topics and there is always something new. The team is great and very knowledgeable and willing to explore new and exciting opportunities. Importantly we know how the impact that health and wellbeing has on all our lives and this is especially true for older people and being able to have an impact here is really rewarding."

Jenny Lippiatt

PROFESSIONALS AND PRACTICE MANAGER

Our values

WE ARE BOLD

In doing what's right for older people - We are unafraid in standing up for older people and in seeking support for our work with them.

WE ACT TOGETHER

With and for older people - We act as one team, collaborating to get things done.

WE ARE FOCUSED

On what makes most impact for older people - We never forget that older people are at the heart of everything we do.

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Must have:

- Experience of leading complex projects to deliver a combination of research, policy and practice/ service development outputs.
- Experience of project and programme design, research methods and action learning/ improvement processes, and an understanding of best practice in working with vulnerable people.
- Ability to develop and drive coherent influencing strategies and change programmes, manage a complex workload, set priorities and meet tight deadlines.
- Proactive, flexible approach, identifying and taking forward opportunities, shaping new ideas and developing partnerships.
- Ability to be agile and adapt projects as they develop or in response to a changing external environment.
- Excellent written communication skills with the ability to present complex issues in a persuasive, accessible style to a range of different audiences.
- Experience of developing and leading project teams, including external stakeholders, funders, and partners, to build engagement with and support for the project and outputs.
- Ability to support and challenge internal colleagues, with self-confidence and a commitment to internal communication and helping others meet shared goals.

Great to have:

- Good oral advocacy skills and ability to build influential relationships with senior stakeholders, with the ability to present complex issues in a persuasive, accessible style to a range of audiences and in different settings (meetings, speeches, media etc.).
- Experience of policy analysis and advocacy at a senior level, including managing relationships with funders, external stakeholders and lead officials.
- Ability to assimilate new policy issues/areas quickly, make connections between different policy areas, and initiate and frame new policy agendas.
- Excellent skills in policy analysis with a focus on robust evidence, understanding political and policy contexts, and finding solutions.

Location

London / Hybrid

People management

None

Division

Influencing



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