



AGE UK SHEFFIELD

Placement Information

Age UK Sheffield is a charitable organisation within Sheffield that at its core works to promote the independence and wellbeing of Older People. It might surprise you our support covers a lot more than just our charity retail arm.

We also work closely with the NHS (Clinical Commissioning Group) and Local Authority, each Age UK in the Country has different contracts and levels of support they provide. We meet with individuals aged 50+ at home, in our office and in others places (such as hospitals/care homes) to help with difficulties they might have. There are a large range of service user groups, the most common that we work with are: Older People, Mental Health Difficulties, Physical Disability and Learning Disability, but our work does not stop with just these groups.

We conduct holistic initial assessments based on the Every Child Matters Framework to identify need and not only work directly with individuals but also advocate with/alongside them to resolve several issues such as benefits, debt, social support and health support.

In preparation for placement with us, we recommend the following reading and knowledge.

AGE UK SHEFFIELD website <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/sheffield/>

This will tell you about us, our full range of services, and things we do in Sheffield.

AGE UK NATIONAL – The Research and Care of Older People in England 2016

http://www.ageuk.org.uk/Documents/EN-GB/For-professionals/Research/The_Health_and_Care_of_Older_People_in_England_2016.pdf?dtrk=true

A very good overarching document that discusses the charitable sector and the situation for Older People in the UK. A very good general report that discusses inequality. I would say this is a key reading for placement

SCIE 2016 – Prevention for Older People

<http://www.scie.org.uk/prevention/people/older-people/>

An excellent resource which has links to several pieces of relevant research to the work we do.

PTO

Research in Practice for Adults- (Social Work Practice for Older People)

<http://gsw.ripfa.org.uk/july-2016/>

A little hard to navigate but there are many helpful tools and links to appropriate legislation and policy in the area of work we do.

Knowledge of Legislation –

(In particular)

Care Act 2014 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents/enacted>

Mental Capacity Act 2005

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2005/9/contents>

The Care Act deals with many pieces of work we conduct. Whilst we are not a Local Authority organisation, we follow many of the assessment procedures and guidance

Sheffield Adult Safeguarding Partnership

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/social-care/adult-safeguarding>

This is incredibly helpful for learning about Safeguarding with resources on the process that as a voluntary organisation we follow.