

Hello

I've read with some interest the information on <http://www.number10.gov.uk/output/Page5046.asp> and its associated pages. I have noted with some concern however that, although there is some reference to the numbers of older people - both 50+ and over retirement age - who become disabled and/or report having a disabling long term illness, the key sentence in the whole 'website' seems to be:

"The specific issues facing those people who experience the onset of disability largely as a component of the ageing process are beyond the scope of this project."

In a Strategy Unit report entitled "Improving the Life Chances of Disabled People" this seems to me to be extremely ageist.

I'm sure that's not the Strategy Unit's intention, so I would be pleased if you could tell me how the Strategy Unit intends to consider improving the life chances of disabled older people, who form the largest by number and proportion of disabled people in the country?

Best wishes
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