

Analysis of Ageing Research in the Research Excellence Framework Impact Case Studies – Value to BSG Members

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What we will cover

- What the BSG evaluation is about
- What we did
- Key findings
- Value for BSG: what next?

What the BSG evaluation is about (1)

- To determine the spread of impact case studies concerned with ageing and later life
- To consider the range of Units of Assessment (UoAs) engaged in ageing research

What the BSG evaluation is about (2)

- To analyse how impact had been addressed within a sub-sample of case studies
- To consider how this analysis may be of value to members of the BSG and those involved in ageing research

For the purposes of REF impact is defined as:

‘any effect on, change or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life, beyond academia.’



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What did we do?

Processes involved:

- Keyword search to locate ageing research impact case studies
- Filtering to establish relevance
- Reading a sample of 50 case studies
- Sample analysed using proforma

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A few limitations

- Written for REF assessment requirements
- What constitutes an ageing research case study?
- No dialogue with case study authors



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Search again:

ageing OR elderly OR pensions OR retirement OR "later life" OR dementia OR "older people" OR inter

Search

REF impact found 763 Case Studies for: *ageing OR elderly OR pensions OR retirement OR "later life" OR dementia OR "older people" OR intergenerational OR "care homes" OR "older adults" OR "old age" OR "assistive technology" OR "gerontology" OR geriatrics OR ageism*

Currently displayed text from case study: Summary of the impact ▾

Refresh

Housing, Care and Wellbeing in Old Age: improving the living environments of older people

Summary of the impact

Keele's research on retirement communities, care and wellbeing in old age has contributed to a transformation in the way in which housing for older people is conceived of, built and experienced across the UK (and beyond), and has led to improved quality of life for thousands of older people. It underpins national, regional and local policies; has improved

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Submitting Institution

Keele University

Unit of Assessment

Social Work and Social Policy

Summary Impact Type

Political

Research Subject Area(s)

Medical and Health Sciences: Public Health and Health Services

Studies In Human Society: Policy and Administration

Filter Impact Case Studies

Submitting Institution: ⓘ

All Institutions (763) ▾

☐ Show only Joint Submissions ⓘ

Unit of Assessment: ⓘ

All Units of Assessment (763) ▾

Summary Impact Type: ⓘ

All Impact Types (763) ▾

Research Subject Area: ⓘ

All Subject Areas (763) ▾

☐ Show only interdisciplinary Case Studies ⓘ

Impact Global Location: ⓘ

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How did we decide what constitutes an ageing research impact case study?

- Research specifically about ageing, older people
- Research potentially improving the lives of older people/carers
- Research into the experience of ageing

Analysis of a sample of 50 Case Studies

- Randomly selected
- Proportions agreed by BSG

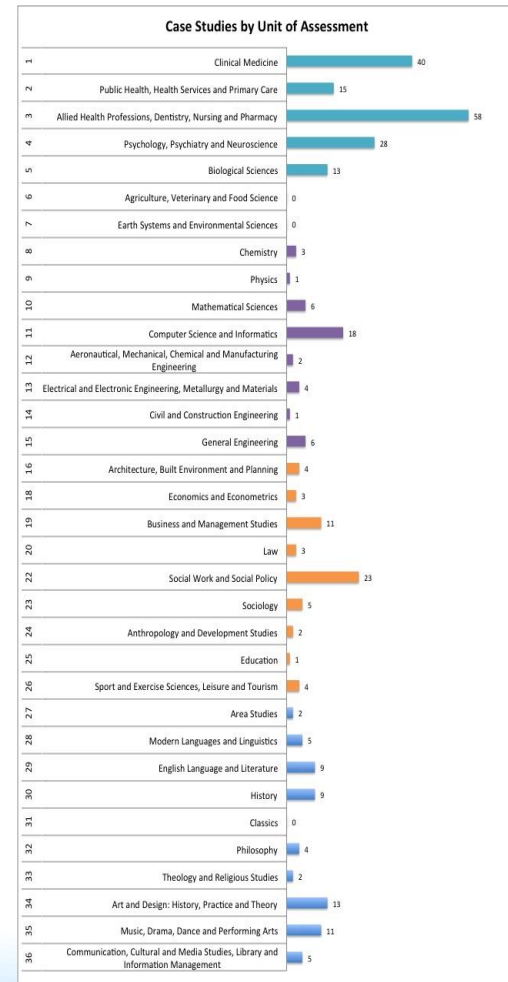
Table G: Breakdown of sample size by Panel

	Panel A	Panel B	Panel C	Panel D	Totals
Keyword search	248	116	248	151	763
Directly relevant	154	41	56	60	311
Sample size	15	5	20	10	50

- Proforma agreed with BSG
- Read studies and completed a proforma

Main findings

- 311 case studies
- 4.7% of total number published (6,679)
- Appears in 33 out of 36 Units of Assessment



Main findings

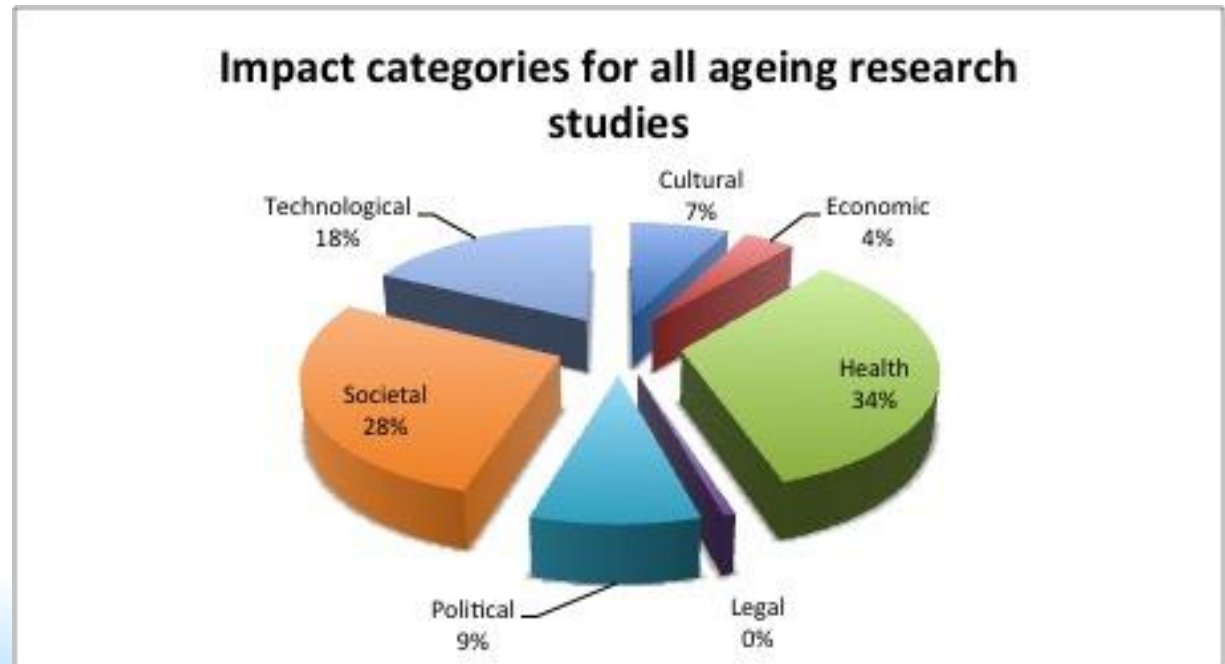
Breakdown of ageing research studies

Panel A: Life Sciences	154
Panel B: Engineering and Physical Sciences	41
Panel C: Social Sciences	56
Panel D: Arts and Humanities	60
Total	311

Main findings

Categories of impact

‘**Health**’ and
‘**Societal**’ are
the most
commonly
occurring
categories of
impact



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Findings from the sample



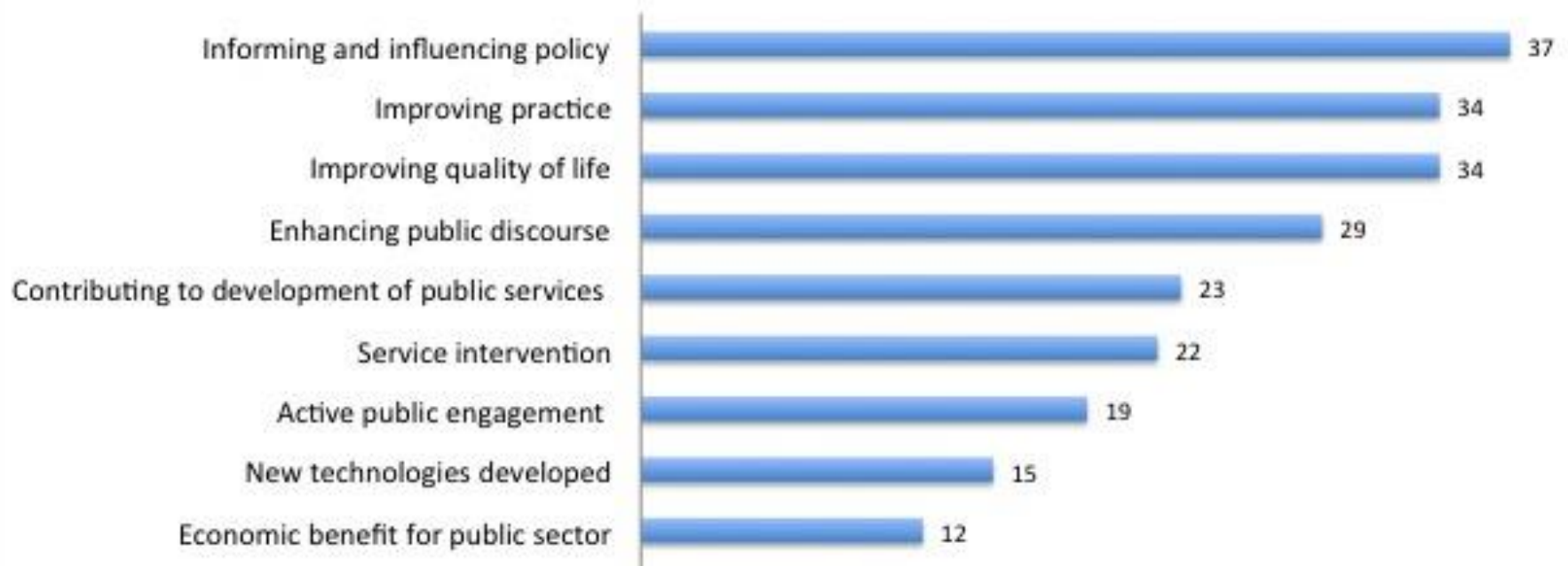
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Findings from the sample

Types of impact

Impact shown in sample case studies



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Findings from the sample

74% refer to an international dimension

- Influencing policy and practice
- Developing online resources
- Licensing and sales overseas



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Findings from the sample

Who are the main research funders? (limited information)



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Findings from the sample

Participation and engagement of older people

- Some explicitly comment on participation and engagement (32%)
- Not widely visible within case studies

Findings from the sample

- Multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary
- Collaborations and partnerships
- Routes to impact



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To explore further

- Terminology
- Differences in perspectives across case studies
- Is the impact on-going?
- Dialogue with authors – explore nuances
- What impact isn't being captured?
- Rich and diverse resource

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Opportunities for the future

- Build on this
- Multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary
- Encourage further dialogue across disciplines, with stakeholders
- Dialogue with case study authors

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