Global Challenges Academy – Global Ageing

We are living longer; with this trend set to continue, we will soon reach a situation where we have a disproportionately large number of older people globally. This raises some significant challenges for health, care, physical and social infrastructure, and the structures and services needed to support the population balance. In order to ensure all people live for longer in better health, our social engagement, medical services, disease management and social structures must be considered in order to ensure that we enjoy our additional years, rather than living longer with more illness, disability and dependency. We also need to address the health inequalities that currently exist both within and between countries and across continents. Globally lower middles income countries face even greater challenges to an ageing society, as the essential health and social care infrastructure needed to deliver such care may be limited or not present at all.

We work with a wide range of global institutions in order to address some of the challenges faced by our rapidly expanding global population. Some of these are:

- National Institute for Health Research
- Lewy Body Dementia Association
- Mayo Clinic
- Alzheimer’s Association
- Alzheimer’s Research UK
- World Health Organisation

Some of the staff throughout Newcastle University who are working on research that contributes to globally significant solutions are:

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