The reality of old age in the UK

Currently in the UK, there are more than 10.8 million people over 65 years old, which is 17% of the UK population.

There are now more people aged 60 and above than there are under 18 years old.

Number of elderly needing care in England will rise by 60% in 18 years.

The elderly care choice gap

Wish vs Reality

Ideally 71% of all adults would like to be living in their own home when they grow old.

In reality, only 54% thought this would be possible.

23% didn’t know what would happen to them.

Reality check

81% of people aware of residential care.

3% people would choose residential care.

In denial?

Most commonly discussed topics among adults about getting old:

- Funeral arrangements: 58%
- Elderly care plans: 48%

48% of adults don’t know how they will fund their elderly care.

The preferred choice

97% of elderly people feel more comfortable in their own home.

Find out more in The Care Choice Gap Report, commissioned by Consultus Care - UK’s leading independent provider of Live-in carers & nurses to clients in their own homes.