



THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

World Health Organisation
Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities
Avenue Appia 20
1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland

9 October 2019

Dear Committee,

Currently 16.59 per cent of the population of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is over 65 years old and by 2030 this is projected to be 21.17 per cent. The Council is committed to making sure the particular needs of an ageing population are met so citizens can live long healthy and independent lives in their own homes if that is their wish.

To date the Council has:

- Appointed an Age Friendly Co-ordinator
- Developed an Age Friendly page in each edition of the Council Borough Life magazine
- Developed an Age Friendly brand for the Borough
- Commenced mapping of current Age Friendly provision in the Borough against the World Health Organisation Age Friendly 8 domains
- Been an active member of the Northern Ireland Age Friendly Network established in December 2018

The Council would now like to request membership of the World Health Organisation Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. The Council commits to:

- Establish mechanisms to involve older people in all stages of the Age Friendly process
- Develop a baseline assessment of how age friendly our borough is
- Develop an Age Friendly Action plan in collaboration with a range of partners and stakeholders and identify indicators to monitor progress against this plan
- Continually improve the age-friendliness of the Borough



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I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. The Council is very pleased about the prospect of becoming a member of the WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities, to be able to learn from members whilst also sharing our own good practice and experience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alderman John Smyth".

ALDERMAN JOHN SMYTH
Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey

