

# Ageing Well in Sutton

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### A core cornerstone service of Age UK Sutton

- This commission funds our Welcome & Information Officer and 1 Adviser
- Age 50+ living/working/caring in Sutton
- 2588 clients accessed this service last year
- Increasing demand 23% increase in enquiries from the previous year

## **Specialist Expert Advice & Support**

- AQS Accredited
- Holistic support
- 3.2 Million in Income Maximisation for 424 unique people

Key Challenges faced by older people in ageuk

Sutton to Age Well....

Cost of Living

**Digital Exclusion** 

Transport

Housing

Health (Physical & Mental)

# Case Study



### **Advice topic;** Benefit entitlement + Crisis support

• Ant is a 66 year old man, living with paranoid schizophrenia, obsessive compulsion disorder and COPD with history of self harm and substance abuse.

#### What we did:

Change of circumstances moving from working-age entitlements

Benefit Check and applications

Reported concerns about his health to GP who was able to review and seek additional support

Household Support Fund accessed

Limited travel time for client – offered home visit to decrease anxiety and holistically assess

#### Outcome;

Increased annual income of £400.00 per week (£20,800 Annually) State Pension, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit