**Questionnaire on the rights of older persons with disabilities (English)**

1. Please provide information on the legislative and policy framework in place in your country to ensure the realization of the rights of older persons with disabilities, including both persons with disabilities who are ageing and older persons who acquire a disability.

*Equalities Act 2010*

1. Please provide information on discrimination against older persons with disabilities in law and practice.

*Discrimination on the grounds of age or disability is prohibited under the UK Equalities Act 2010. There is a strong charitable sector in the UK which provides help and support to persons with disabilities or older persons. Fore example, AGE UK, RNIB, Citizens Advice Bureau, Warwickshire Vision Support and many others.*

1. Please provide information and statistical data (including surveys, censuses, administrative data, literature, reports, and studies) related to the realization of the rights of older persons with disabilities in general, as well as with particular focus in the following areas:

* Exercise of legal capacity;
* Admission procedures to social or healthcare services, including involuntary admissions;
* Older persons with disabilities living in institutions;
* Access to support to live independently in the community;
* Access to free or affordable healthcare:
* Access to free or affordable rehabilitation goods and services;
* Access to social protection schemes; and
* End of life and palliative care.

*I have no experience in this area – the question should be referred to a University or research group.*

1. Please provide information on the existence of long-term care services in your country and describe to what extent they promote the autonomy and independence of older persons with disabilities.

*There is a large network of nursing homes provided by local authorities, the private sector and specialized institutions. Care homes vary widely in their support for independence and are assessed regularly by the care quality commission. Long-term care can be expensive, unless personal assets are less than c. £25,000.*

1. Please describe how is access to justice guaranteed for older persons with disabilities. Please provide information on jurisprudence, complaints or investigations in relation to violence, abuse and neglect against older persons with disabilities.

*Social services will take action in case of abuse. The police may be involved in certain situations. Families often monitor the care for their elderly relatives and can trigger complaints with the appropriate authority.*

1. Please describe to what extent and how are older persons with disabilities involved in the design, planning, implementation and evaluation of policies related to ageing and/or disability.

*This is mainly secured by representations made by the various charities representing old and disabled people. Individual care providers may also consult residents, but this varies quite widely.*

1. Please provide information on any innovative initiatives that have been taken at the local, regional or national level to promote and ensure the rights of older persons with disabilities and identify lessons learned from these.

*I’m not aware of developments in this field.*