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# **Paying for Long Term Care in the UK: Role of Evidence in Influencing Policy**

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# Who are JRF?

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- JRF is one of UK's largest social policy research organisations
- We gather evidence across Place, Poverty and Empowerment
- We demonstrate through our operations
- We offer solutions to influence policy and practice

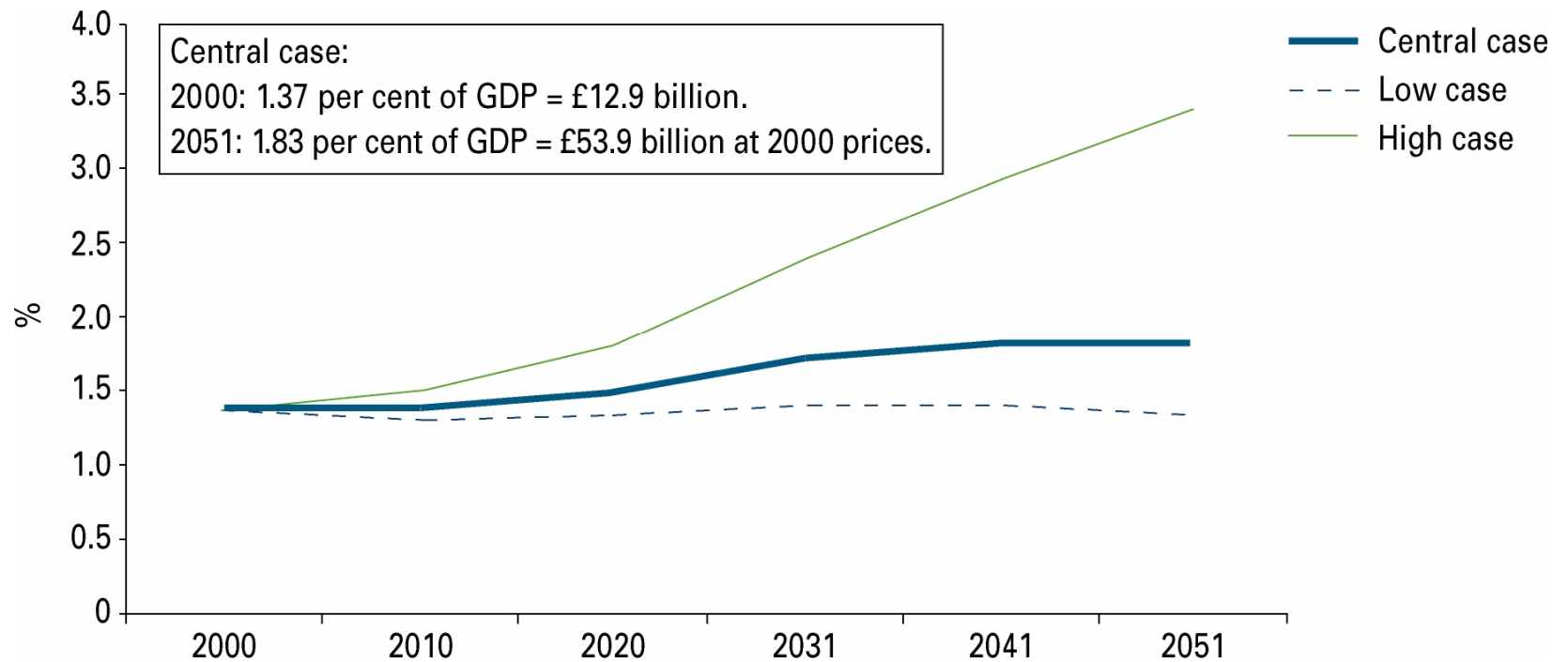
# What's the problem?

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Latest UK population projections show growth in numbers of older people:

- An 81% increase in over 65s (from 9.3 to 16.8 million) between 2000 and 2051
- Even faster growth amongst over 85s – a 255% increase from 1.1 million to 4 million
- Over this period, the ‘elderly support ratio’ – the population of working age divided by the population of pension age is projected to fall from 3.35 in 2002 to 2.4 in the 2050’s

# Projections of funding demand



# What's the argument?

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- Current system not working
- Unfair
- Unclear
- Not adequately resourced
- Unpaid Carers most penalised

# What did JRF do?

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- 2002 Paying for Long Term Care older people 'non issue'
- But strong evidence base for change
- 1996 JRF Continuing Care Inquiry:  
Royal Commission on Long Term Care
- Gathered evidence across wide spectrum

# JRF evidence shows

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- Financial Projections
- Lessons from overseas
- Lessons from Scotland
- Lessons from Consumers
- Lessons from Private Sector



# JRF Solutions

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- Higher capital limits for care home fees
- Equity Release
- Double personal expenses allowance
- Extend free personal care in nursing homes: Re- package Attendance Allowance
- Co-payment: Share costs between State and Individuals

# Using evidence to influence

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- Public views missing bit of jigsaw
- Power of partnership
- 2007 Caring Choices coalition
- UK wide consultation on trade offs
- Interactive process + Website

# Caring Choices found 1

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- Cost sharing between state and individual but no consensus on how
- Want stronger 'universal' element
- Simpler system with clear entitlements
- More money needed
- 90% of participants rejected the use of a means test



# Caring Choices found 2

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- Wider range of care needs to be met
- Preventative services strongly supported
- Flexible range of options required
- Housing at the heart of this
  - Equity and assets
  - Housing with care

# JRF Housing with care

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- Housing with care provider for older people
- All share care costs:  
Co- payment in action
- Offer safe vibrant communities which support independence



# What are the outcomes?

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- Older people + Carers views heard
- Consensus on solutions is emerging
- Issue high on agenda
- Support for co-payment model from other countries e.g. Scotland
- Framework for Government consultation in England

# What have we learned?

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- Evidence based solutions work
- Need clarity of purpose
- Power of partnership
- Utilise opportunities
- Effective influencing is resource intensive
- Care system wont be solved overnight
- Supports older peoples choices
- But, need long term contract between state, individual and families

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**Further information at:**

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