



Elsie - Retirement home singles Communications Plan

About Elsie

Elsie is 74 and lives on her own in warden-controlled sheltered accommodation. Her husband passed away three years ago and she is just about getting used to life on her own, thanks to the support of the other residents.

The sheltered housing is good for Elsie. The warden checks on her if she needs anything, and they have card mornings, dance afternoons and bingo evenings in the community lounge each week. Despite this Elsie still finds herself on her own quite a bit, and likes to fill the quiet with TV shows, particularly programmes on the War or black and white films.

- 5% of people like Elsie do sport for 30 minutes 3 times a week.
- 11% of Elsies would like to do sport more often
- 95% of Elsies are white, 2% are black and 2% are asian

Sports she likes the most are

Walking, bowls, dancing and low impact exercises.

Those who do sport do it to:

1. Just enjoy it
2. Keep fit

Those who want to do more sport say they would do more if

1. They were less busy
2. They had people to go with

Those who don't do sport say it's because

Health isn't good enough

She says she would walk more if

She had people to go with

How she makes decisions

They are intuitive and accepting, this combination means that they want to "feel" right about their decisions and that they are willing to accept opinions from others.



Elsie
Age 66+
Widowed/retired

She relates most strongly to marketing that is

- Comforting
- Reliable
- Reassuring
- Safe and secure
- Community
- Friendly
- Traditional
- Cautious
- Easy to understand
- Gentle

Communications channels

In order to get a response from Elsie use:

1. post
2. magazines

Don't use:

1. internet
2. email

Elsie gets her information via:

1. local papers
2. face-to-face

They make their purchases face-to-face
They respond well to money-off coupons

Brands

She likes brands such as:



Black and Minority Ethnic Groups

Motivators

- Venues providing crèche facilities
- For BME women rooms with limited windows and viewing areas
- Use female only venues and entrances
- Enclosed and private showers and changing rooms available
- Local facilities
- Convenient times to fit in with BME women and schooling (e.g. after dropping off or before picking up children from school)
- Timetabling of activities should take into consideration the needs of local communities to make allowances for festivals and religious days as well as religious study
- Female only instructors for female groups of participants

Barriers

	Black Caribbean	Black African	Black Other	Indian	Pakistani	Bangladeshi	Chinese	Other
Work/ study demands	27%	36%	41%	35%	29%	18%	33%	32%
lack of/ unsuitable facilities	26%	23%	44%	25%	25%	53%	15%	31%
home & family responsibilities	41%	40%	45%	49%	44%	42%	12%	43%
I'm too lazy/ embarrassed	19%	9%	12%	12%	6%	10%	16%	7%
lack of money	18%	20%	23%	13%	14%	18%	15%	20%
friend/ family don't take part	10%	5%	4%	6%	4%	2%	24%	4%

Black Caribbean – sports they're doing

1. Walking
2. Keep fit/ yoga
3. Weight training
4. Swimming
5. Cycling

Black Caribbean – sports they'd like to do

1. Keep fit/ Yoga
2. Swimming
3. Martial arts
4. Badminton
5. Netball

Black African- sports they're doing

1. Walking
2. Keep Fit/ Yoga
3. Running/ Jogging
4. Swimming
5. Football

Black African – sports they'd like to do

1. Swimming
2. Keep fit/ Yoga
3. Netball
4. Tennis
5. Cycling

Black Other- sports they're doing

1. Walking
2. Keep fit/ Yoga
3. Swimming
4. Cycling
5. Weight training

Indian- sports they're doing

1. Walking
2. Keep fit/ Yoga
3. Swimming
4. Cycling
5. Running/ Jogging

Pakistani- sports they're doing

1. Walking
2. Keep fit/ Yoga
3. Swimming
4. Badminton
5. Tennis

Bangladeshi- sports they're doing

1. Walking
2. Keep fit/ Yoga
3. Swimming
4. Football
5. Badminton

Chinese- sports they're doing

1. Walking
2. Keep fit/ Yoga
3. Swimming
4. Tennis
5. Badminton

Other - sports they're doing

1. Walking
2. Keep fit/ Yoga
3. Swimming
4. Cycling
5. Tenpin Bowling

Black Other – sports they'd like to do

1. Keep fit/ Yoga
2. Netball
3. Swimming
4. Martial Arts
5. Horse Riding

Indian – sports they'd like to do

1. Swimming
2. Keep fit/ Yoga
3. Badminton
4. Tennis
5. Martial Arts

Pakistani- sports they'd like to do

1. Swimming
2. Keep fit/ Yoga
3. Badminton
4. Tennis
5. Netball

Bangladeshi- sports they'd like to do

1. Swimming
2. Martial Arts
3. Badminton
4. Tennis
5. Ice Skating

Chinese- sports they'd like to do

1. Swimming
2. Badminton
3. Tennis
4. Cycling
5. Running/ Jogging

Other- sports they'd like to do

1. Swimming
2. Keep fit/ Yoga
3. Badminton
4. Tennis
5. Horse Riding

Communications Channels

- Leaflets in different languages (depending on local ethnic groups)
- Advertise via religious buildings, posters, radio and word of mouth
- Use images of Black and Minority Ethnic groups in promotional literature
- In rural locations use local newsletters, notice boards and information points
- For young people use Internet, email and text messaging. Media that works is loud, funny, rude, exciting and multi-layered – with lots going on at one time
- Use word of mouth, local women's groups, faith groups, women's magazines, radio, libraries, schools and websites
- Communicate through MENTER (Minority Ethnic Network) www.mentor.org.uk

Rural Communities

Motivators

- Mobile services that travel around the area can be of great benefit (e.g. North Norfolk Mobile Gym project).
- Existing village hall and school facilities can make great sports facilities.
- Combining smaller events can help increase the numbers of people willing to take part.
- 'Nature' is an ideal environment for activity: local green space, rural footpaths, farmland etc. It can also help the landowners.
- Ensure training is accessible to your workforce who live in rural areas. Consider time of day and location.

Barriers

- Be aware that many rural areas do not have a regular daily bus service linking them to larger urban areas (e.g. 84% of rural Norfolk parishes have no access to a daily bus service).
- Problems relating to disability and age can be magnified when living in a rural location

Communication Channels

- Local newsletters, notice boards and information points are widely used in rural locations and should be taken advantage of.
- Don't rely on internet or email as less than 5% of rural households have access to a broadband internet service, compared to 2 in 3 typically.
- Include images of traditional and innovative rural activities.
- Avoid the overuse of images that can only take place in urban areas.
- Consider all the other equality groups (like those detailed here) who could be living in rural areas.
- Avoid rural stereotypes (e.g. that rural people are more affluent)
- Try to involve local volunteers

Disabled People

Motivators

- Affordable price
- Good accessibility
- Inclusive community-based leisure services
- It is fun
- Can hang out with friends
- Opportunity to stretch themselves to their limits
- Social inclusion
- Increase of self-esteem
- Helpful, trained staff

Barriers

- Availability of suitable facilities: toilets, changing facilities, seating arrangements, loop systems, parking space, uneven surfaces, tactile markings, poor signage
- Cost

- Have to travel outside their area to find accessible facilities
- Not enough community-based services and support
- Believe that they wouldn't be able to do as well as the others
- Fear that the other kids will be nasty or not understand them
- Children with visual disabilities struggle with signs being too small
- Children with physical impairments cite barriers to building relationships due to hostility, ignorance and a lack of access
- Believe that school sports clubs are for 'good performers' only
- Lack of information on what activities are available and where they can be undertaken
- Overprotection issues such as parents not allowing their disabled child to participate
- Negative public attitudes

Sports they like

1. Swimming
2. Football
3. Basketball
4. Athletics
5. Hockey
6. Rugby
7. Netball
8. Gymnastics
9. Cricket
10. Angling
11. Yoga
12. Fitness
13. Dance
14. Trampolining
15. Self Defence
16. Cue Sports
17. Gym
18. Archery

Pre-written promotional messages

General:

Walking:

Walking with friends is a lovely way to catch up

Afternoon 'grin and tonic'

Let the good times stroll

Remember when we used to 'run errands'? Walking to the local shops for bread or a paper can help you prevent injury

GPs know that a short walk every day is a great way to keep fit

Going for a walk with friends is a real tonic

Swap the soaps for a stroll

Keeping fit can still be easy

- A short walk each day will help improve your fitness and prevent injury

Walking tonic

GPs recommend regular walks as a good way to keep yourself well and cheerful

Write yourself a prescription for pottering

Happy Potter

Walking can loosen joints and strengthen muscles

Activity specific:

Bowling:

Keep mobile, keep bowling

Since I've started bowling I haven't had a minute to myself...It's been great!

Feeling well starts with fresh air fun

Be bowled over by the friendly welcome

Bowling brings new friends

Bowling our way to extra get up and go

Dancing:

Step. Step. Chat, chat, chat

- dancing is a good way to catch up friends

Enjoyable, friendly and fun tea dance sessions. Everyone welcome

- Enjoy your first session on us

A gentle spin around the dance floor sets me up for the rest of the day

I dance because it makes me happy

Don't just watch dancing on TV!

- We make it easy to get involved

Black and minority ethnic groups (focus on Black and Asian)

Key message: promotes the activity/venue/welcome

Other messages: quickly addresses barriers; and highlights specific benefits/offer e.g. 'free' 'girls only' 'inclusive' 'great value' 'no dress codes'

Along with the right images, the atmosphere at the club or venue matters (as much as the activities offered) so highlight your differences: 'friendly' 'welcoming' 'music' 'cool' 'respect' 'open to ideas' 'relaxed' 'support'

Example:

- Warm welcome to wonderful women women only classes, wear what you like
- Lead the way Up for it? Mentoring and coaching classes - free

Main messages are the same as the 19 adult segments or young people messages. However the following additional ideas may be useful.

Messages

- Mums, Daughters and Grandmas family swimming at women only sessions
- We are family!
- Wear what you like
- Don't know what your sport is yet? Come and play
- Cool activities for girls who don't do sport
- Express yourself
- Your space at our place
- Your time, your sport, our support
- The friendliest club in town
- Fantastic family fitness
- We're behind you every step
- Helpful. Friendly. Open
- Girlfriends with style
- Your club, your sessions
- It's your beautiful game
- The fun half hour for the whole household
- Did you know kids' swimming is free? Grandparents too?
- Exercise classes for wonderful women
- Generation games!
- Women-only classes, and female coaches
- Your club, open to your ideas
- Friendly, open, respectful, fun
- Always friendly, always affordable
- Putting family first

Rural Communities

Key message: promotes the activity/venue/idea

Other messages: quickly addresses barriers and highlights your specific benefits/offer.

Key benefits for rural communities include: 'transport' 'local' 'within reach' 'outdoors' 'free' 'taster sessions' 'indoors' 'mobile'

Messages

- Your activity centre
- When it comes to activities we've got it
- Great games and activities nearer than you think
- Your local activity champions
- Get active naturally
- Your social-life centre
- Raising your heart rate – it's only natural
- Natural. Local. Yours
- Fun for free in the park this Summer and Autumn
- Enjoy the even greater outdoors
- Doorstep delights
- The best places to get active? Right here
- Enjoy natural highs!
- Getting the most out of life
- Walk the everyday adventure trail
- Top trails and tall stories
- Weather-proof your fun
- Activities in all weathers? We've got it covered
- Get up and about with us
- Walking heroes wanted
- Laugh your walking socks off

Mobile/ transport link-ups

- Bringing activities to you
- Activities at the heart of everything
- Share the journey, share the fun
- Getting on board the activity express
- The club that comes to you
- Find out about community transSPORT
- Sessions that fit around the shops
- School-run sessions