Many older workers face barriers to staying in work, and people in their 50s and 60s who fall out of work struggle with ageism in the recruitment process.

More than a third of older workers feel their age would work against them in getting a new job. One in five employers believe that age discrimination occurs in their organisation.









Mixed age teams, including older workers, are a vital part of a successful workforce.

Three quarters (76%) of employers see older workers' experience as crucial to their organisation's success.



Centre for Ageing Better Ageing Better survey, YouGov (2021) More than half (54%) of employers agree that an age-inclusive workforce would increase productivity.





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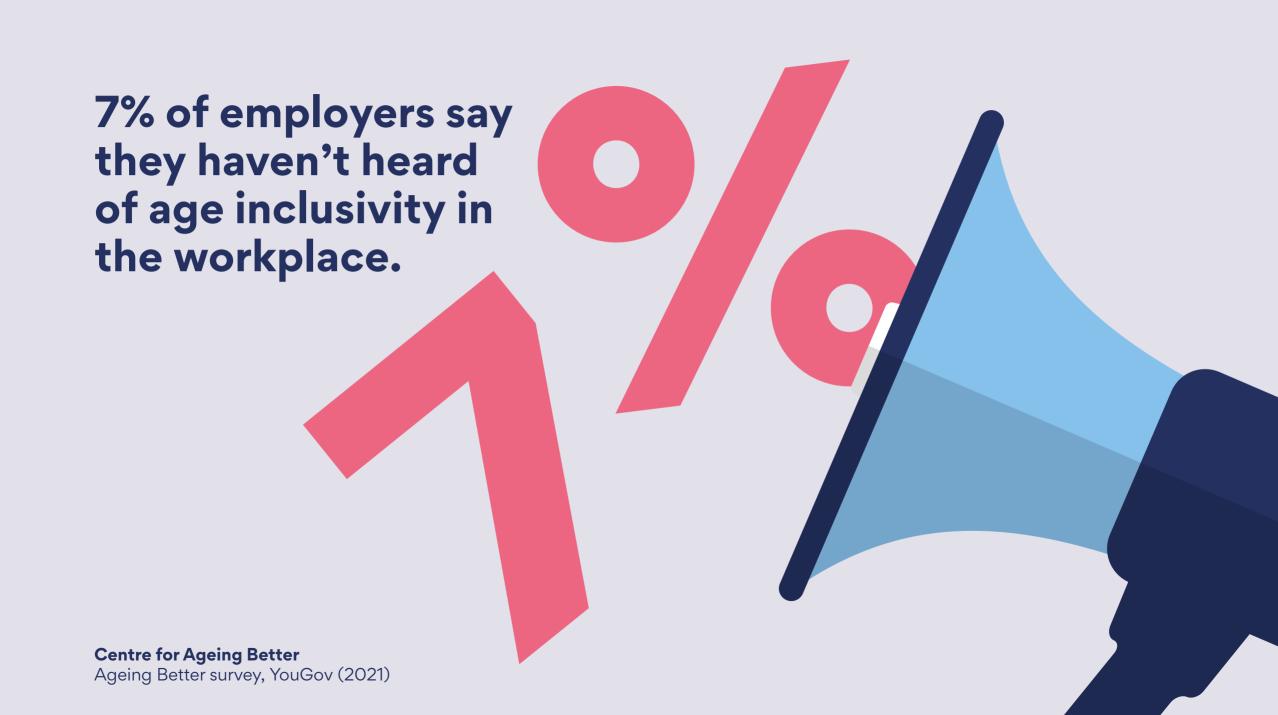
With few employers focusing on age diversity, older workers continue to be disadvantaged in the labour market and employers are missing out on their experience.

Less than half (49%) of employers say that age is covered by their existing diversity and inclusion policies.





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This situation is unlikely to change unless more employers take action to create a multi-generational workforce that harnesses the talents of workers of all ages.

Employers say that prioritising age above other issues is the biggest barrier to introducing age-inclusive practices (29%).



Only 1 in 6 employers are very likely to introduce policies on age-inclusion in the workplace in the next 12 months.

