

L&G Home Finance:

Why later life lending should be in your next business plan

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Equity release myths





It's too expensive

- I won't own my own home
- I could be forced out of my home
- I won't be able to leave my family anything
- I'll end up with negative equity

Equity Release Council & regulator engagement





- ✓ Independent legal advice
- ✓ Right to reside in the property for life
- ✓ Borrower must be separately represented
- ✓ Solicitors Certificate
- ✓ The right to move to a new acceptable property
- No negative equity guarantee never have to repay more than the value of the property
- Interest rates must be fixed or capped for the life of the loan
- ✓ Clients must be able to make optional repayments New



L&G on the board Contribute to working groups



Driving down costs since entering the market Leading development



Regular interaction with the FCA

Support engagement & market development



Life goals of the over 55s



72% Still have goals in life they'd like to achieve



17% Said their 60s was when they achieved most of their life goals



51% Were optimistic they still had time to fulfil all their



85%

Of both men and women agreed that they thought people over the age of 55 have a better quality of life now than they would have done in previous generations



22% Had got fit and healthy so they could enjoy their spare time more

goals

29%

Said that a lack of time or difficulty fitting in time around work was stopping them achieving their goals

Market growth factors





The market and future potential



The market remains resilient despite Covid-19 creating economic uncertainty



Source: Equity Release Council

Why is property wealth relevant now?





Developing a holistic approach to retirement planning

- Longevity. People are living longer and they want to do more. They need more money.
- House prices out of reach. Makes it harder for young people to get on the property ladder and many families want to help them. The average deposit is now more than £59k.
- Rate of divorce in over 60s growing.
- **Tax.** Important to ensure that all assets are making the most of current tax legislation

House price inflation since 1975





Source: Nationwide average house price index

Smarter property wealth

It's not just London and the South East...



400,000+ £1M+ homeowners aged 55+





Housing wealth in proportion



Source: Moneyfacts / ONS / FCA

Equity Release can be part of a holistic retirement strategy



Consider all assets to:



Minimise tax

A tax efficient decumulation strategy will seek to minimise exposure to income tax by taking advantage of the various tax reliefs available.

Any release of equity will have no impact on a clients income tax position.



Preserve capital

It is important to pay attention to the dangers of "sequencing risk" i.e. drawing from capital at a time when asset values are low.

Releasing equity can allow other assets to remain invested for longer



Enhance inheritance

The release of cash with a Lifetime Mortgage creates a debt on the property and therefore the estate.

The client can continue to occupy the property while using the realised cash to make a gift.

Why later life mortgages?

A range of benefits for your business whether IFA or Mortgage Broker





The commercial opportunity - "*Property Value Under Management*"





Target market



Chris & Family Age 46 & 42 Employed

Two children of school age 25 year mortgage extends beyond retirement age (71)



Rob & Jen Age 58 & 55

Rob retired due to ill-health and Jen gave up job to act as carer.

Income, made up of pension and benefits. Interest-only mortgage shortfall



John & June Age 75 & 67 Retired

Pension income

Released equity to gift to children and grandchildren, but also fund aspirational holidays abroad



Understanding affluent clients



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The typical L&G 'affluent' customer has the following attributes:

- Owns a property over £750k
- Is aged between 71-76 years old
- Is represented by the following groups:
 - Wealthy Countryside Commuters
 - Large House Luxury
 - Metropolitan Money
 - Asset Rich Families
- Objectives are focussed on gifting and repaying existing mortgages



Meet John & June Legal & General Lifetime Mortgage customers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPfveGp3yeQ



Technical example: Estate planning



Intergenerational Wealth





What are the benefits to providing an early inheritance?

- The ability to control the timing of the gift
- The emotional benefit of seeing loved ones improve their lives
- Avoids the need to downsize and leave the family home
- Can be used as part of tax efficient estate planning

Future proof your business. Building relationships with the next generation of investors

Mortgages, property and IHT





The IHT regime supports outright lifetime gifts:

- No immediate tax charge
- No tax charge after seven years
- In limited circumstances, taper relief available if death occurs after three years, but before seven





However;



- Many people do not have large sums of capital to give away
- Those that have the means may be reluctant to make lifetime gifts for a variety of reasons
- A lifetime mortgage can provide the capital for a lifetime gift
- Using a lifetime mortgage/lifetime gift combination can both:
 - Increase the net inheritance; and
 - Deliver part of it much sooner.

BUT the numbers need to add up for all involved

Case study: Setting the scene





Inflation rate (Average of last 5 years)	2.70%
Property growth rate	3.70%
Investment return	3.70%

Equity Release		
Equity Release Loan	£400,000	
Fees	£1,279	
Interest Rate MER	3.90%	
Interest Rate AER	3.97%	

1st death after at least 7 Years 2nd death after 16 years

IHT in 2022: Do nothing vs lifetime mortgage option



	Do nothing	Roll up loan of £400k gifted	ROLL UP loan of £400k Gifted & invested
	Year 16	Year 16	Year 16
Gross assets	£3,576,762	£3,574,475	£3,574,475
Outstanding mortgage		-£745,717	-£745,717
Taxable amount		£2,828,758	£2,828,758
Available nil rate bands	£1,039,400	£1,413,402	£1,413,402
(RNRBs tapered in Year 16 by £4,348)			
Taxable @ 40%	£2,537,362	£1,415,356	£1,415,356
Inheritance tax	-£1,014,945	-£566,142	-£566,142
Net estate		£2,262,616	£2,262,616
Add back gift		£400,000	£400,000
Net benefit			£2,662,616
Add back growth on gift			£315,352
Total net benefit	£2,561,817	£2,662,616	£2,977,968

Later Life Lending Products for over 55's



Flexible Lifetime Mortgage

Allows customers to release some of the money tied up in their home to provide a lump sum, or smaller amounts as and when they need them. There is no need to make monthly payments.

Optional Payment Lifetime Mortgage

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Allows customers to release money tied up in their property and choose to pay some, or all of the monthly interest by Direct Debit, which can reduce the overall cost of the loan.

Retirement Interest Only (RIO)

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Allows customers to fund purchases or re-mortgages, potentially clearing existing interest only loans, whilst repaying all of the monthly interest by Direct Debit. Loans are subject to affordability, with rates fixed for life & a max LTV of 60% with up to 8.5 LTI (dependent on circumstances).

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