

UK reports lowest improvement in life expectancy in decades



London, October 11 (RHC)-- People in the United Kingdom have lower life expectancy than ever before when data about the health status indicator was collected, a new study by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has shown.

The ONS report affirms that life expectancy had not improved between 2015 and 2017 across the UK, with England the least affected among the four nations as it saw its rate unchanged compared to the previous two-year period.

Sophie Sanders, ONS statistician for the Center of Ageing and Demography, said there were several reasons for the stalled life expectancy in the UK, including increased number of deaths that could be linked to issues like the seasonal flu.

The situation was even worse for the 65-year-old males in Northern Ireland, as the indicator showed a decline of 0.1 year, more than one month, for the past three years.

According to the ONS data, roughly one in five newborn males and one in three females across the UK could expect to live to their 90th birthday. The average life expectancy for the 65-year-old in Britain was for the men to live another 18.6 years and for the women to go on for an average of 20.9 further years.

Britain has been among the worst in terms of life expectancy when it is compared to other affluent countries in the developed world. It has had a slow pace of life expectancy improvement since 2011 with experts warning that political factors, including government cuts to social care could be to blame.

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