Japan Study Tour 2015: Ageing and demographic change:

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- Opportunity for public sector staff through JLGC, which is an office of CLAIR
- Theme of ageing and demographic change
- Hosted by Yamanashi Prefecture







Structure

- 1. General observations about Japan and UK's population and public sector
- 2. Approach how we're each tackling an ageing population
- 3. Questions that remain with me

General observations



Comparison

- Both ageing and ageing is unevenly distributed,
 but Japan faster and more unevenly
- UK has an unprecedented austerity agenda
- UK has more diversity and immigration
- Japan has a lower birth rate
- Japan has startlingly better public health

Similar scale of public sector challenge?

Approach



How government talks about age

Japan

Tone

- Respectful
- Expectation
- Open

Approach

- Long term insurance and part payments
- Locally led

UK

Tone

- Burden / responsibility
- Voting force, hence quiet?
- Efficiency

Approach

- Protect pensions
- Care in own home
- Bureaucratic

Case study – Minami Alps Volunteers



Features of public sector provision

Japan

Long term approach – 30 year strategies

Multiple tiers – localised providers

State and Market led provision

Art and design represented in services

Concern about people not accessing support

UK

Shorter term, focus on innovation, reorganisation

Rationalised tiers of government

Commissioned

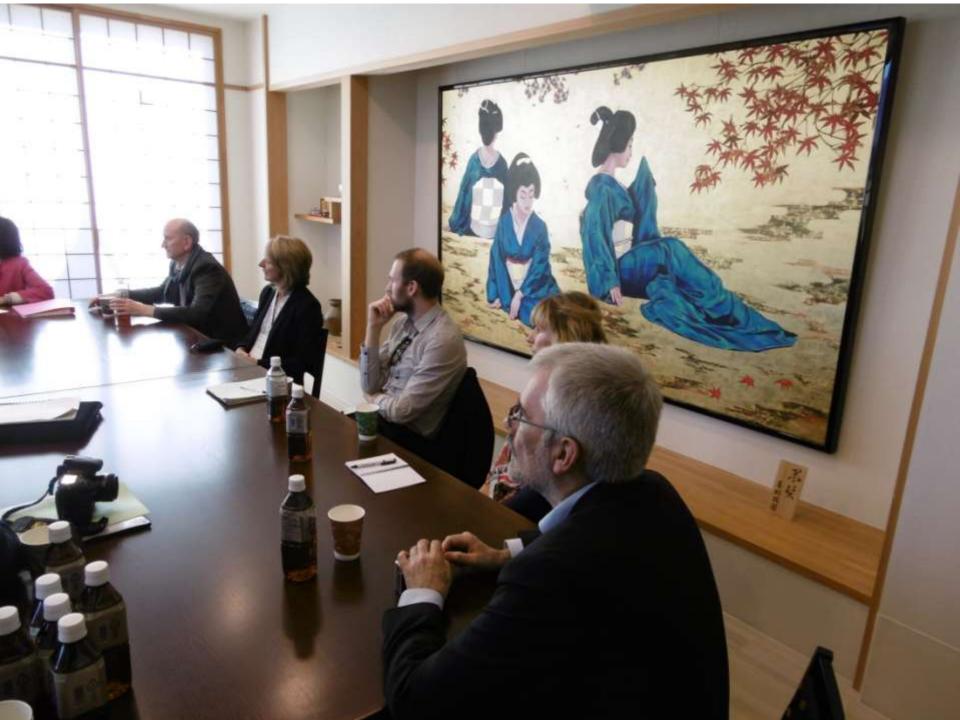
Role for voluntary sector

Focus on science, efficiency

Concern about eligibility and

overuse of healthcare





Comparison of adult social care

- Prevention and wellbeing adult education, telecare, early help
- Models of care personalised community care vs insurance based model, dementia vs long term conditions
- Quality assurance
- End of life care



The future

Japan

- New models to support people with dementia in the home?
- Different housing models clusters?
- Quality assurance of provision?
- More use of technology?
- How to address the workforce question?

UK

- How to build on skills of the community to promote wellbeing and self management?
- Mature conversation about funding?
- Focus more on quality and experience, rather than safety?
- Increasing expectation of individuals?

