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**To:** Women
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I would like this report to also take into account the fact that in my workplace part-time work is given to people with families - in some cases where the child is now at school in preference to older workers who would like to work part-time because of age and increasing difficulty managing full time work.

Comments have been made to some staff that retirement is the only option.

In my case we do not have any staff to cover my absence due to a small office of five consisting of a Director, Deputy Director, Visits Officer, Finance officer and myself.

Currently I am on a graduated return to work plan after recent open heart surgery, my second operation in two years. I found it difficult to manage full-time work after my previous operation and I would like to work part-time in the near future. I am only seeking a four day fortnight or four day week as part-time work but am unable to access this because of the office situation.

I believe that older workers are ignored, much as they are in society in general and this should be addressed by the government, especially in our own workforce.

Kind regards

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