

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office of National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out a vision for the future of older people's health and care. The strategy is based on the following principles: older people should be able to live independently, safely and comfortably; older people should be able to participate in the community; and older people should be able to access the services they need.

The strategy also sets out a number of objectives for the future of older people's health and care. These include: to improve the health and well-being of older people; to ensure that older people have access to the services they need; to ensure that older people are able to live independently, safely and comfortably; and to ensure that older people are able to participate in the community.

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