

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office for 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 services. The strategy is based on the principle of 'active ageing', which is the process of enabling older people to live independently, to participate in social and community life, and to maintain their health and well-being. The strategy also sets out a number of key objectives, including: to improve the health and well-being of older people; to promote social and community participation; to ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need; and to ensure that older people are treated with respect and dignity.

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