

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1 million (Office for National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people, and the importance of the role of the family in supporting older people. The Department of Health (1999) has identified the need to support older people in their own homes, and the importance of the role of the family in supporting older people. The Department of Health (1999) has identified the need to support older people in their own homes, and the importance of the role of the family in supporting older people. The Department of Health (1999) has identified the need to support older people in their own homes, and the importance of the role of the family in supporting older people.

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