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Task 1: Guided scenario response, Residential care home.

Introduction of the issues:

A residential care home is an accommodation for the old and venerable who cannot look after themselves any more due to health care needs. <https://www.nhs.uk>. They receive support and care both in personal and medical needs, and they also receive help with bathing and dressing, along with support with toileting and hygiene, meals, and housekeeping.

The Care Act 2014 is the primary law that sets out rules and regulations in care and must be applied in practice to promote individual needs and support them mentally and physically and ensure they are emotional looked after, this also encourages healthy lifestyle, and wellbeing. The Care Act 2014 outlines the rights and needs of the residents as well as safeguarding, risks of abuse or neglect.

(The Care Act 2014 S.S 42-47)

Impact of the issue on the community:

According to the report (CQC) The Care Quality Commission (24 Oct 2025) shortage of residential care homes puts a strain on delayed discharge which can result in comprised care quality and increased strain on families. Family members might be forced to step in as a caregiver but without sufficient training, this will lead to profound mental and physical burnout coupled with financial distress. Therefore, a shortage of residential care homes impacts the entire community.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) (Oct 24, 2025) has identified factors which will limit the growth of homecare. Regardless of the authority funding, the social care sector has risen in 2023/ 2024 and vacancies in social care is three times higher than in the wider world of employment. However, services are affected, vacancies rates are 'twice as high' (The Care Quality commission)

The (CQC) report also found a shortage in the care home staff for both care home and workforce staff assisted individuals with short-term recovery needs after hospital discharge. The biggest reason for delayed discharge is due to the system not being able to support at one time, such as home base visits) This is a big risk factor for the elderly and venerable who are living in a more deprived area, who are likely to be readmitted within a month of hospital discharge. (The Care Quality Commission)