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Living with Care : The Older Person

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Older Person

What are the concerns of older people?

The vision of adapting our communities for an ageing population comes in Age UK's Agenda for Later Life, which set out some of the challenges that faced older people in 2013 and some of the opportunities and ongoing developments for change.

Age UK's report gives a snapshot of both the over 65s and those approaching later life detailing the current challenges and opportunities facing the nation.

Challenges to be tackled include:

- Poverty
- After Hospital Care
- Inadequate Community Care
- Housing/utilities/financial
- Widening Health Gap (different authorities)
- Disability
- Physical/Mental Health
- Loss of facilities/service delivery and appropriately trained care professionals

In relation to your assignment :

Perhaps you can discuss what problems the older person is facing in the UK/Wales today/Nationally /globally .

Similar ?

Best Practice ?

Same challenges ?

Recommendations?

This will help with your evaluation, are each of these issues being tackled?

Service Provision for Older People

For example - Wales has an ageing population which in 2008, 18 per cent of the population was over 65; by 2033 this is expected to rise to almost 26 per cent.

Successive Welsh Governments have taken a progressive and inclusive approach to ageing policy since devolution. The appointment of an Older People's Commissioner in 2008 was the first such post in the UK.

That appointment coincided with the second phase of the **Welsh Government's Older People's Strategy**, which focuses on mainstreaming older people's concerns across all policy areas, and was followed a year later by the UK's first wellbeing monitor for older people.

Many people's first impression or thoughts of social care might be a residential care home.

In fact, there's a wide variety of social care services available and most people will be able to have care provided in their home.

For example :

Care and support services might typically include:

- equipment
- help in the home
- community support and activities
- day centres
- home adaptations
- residential care
- financial support
- information and advisory services
- **Advocacy** (*public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy*)
- support for carers

In relation to your assignment.....

- **You might want to consider**
- What elderly care has been provided in the statutory sector until now?
- What elderly care has been provided in the private sector until now?
- What care has been provided in the voluntary sector until now?
- You can focus your discussion if you wish

Consider

- How these things changed ?
- Better/worse ?
- What is the forecast ?
- Strategies for the future ?

Strategies to support the Older person

With your assignment response you are required to investigate what strategies are in place to tackle and address the health issues facing older people in the UK and in Wales. Also give a global example

- The strategy for older people in Wales
- Together for Health
- National Service Framework
- The Equality Act
- Well-Being of Future Generations Act
- The Community Care Act
- Health and Care Standards Wales
- Care Principles

It would be beneficial to discuss generically about the range of the strategies in place and what their purpose is.

Why and where they are implemented and by whom?

How long they have been in place and what the general aim of the strategy is .

Have things changed for the better as a result ?

Is it or has it been successful? - how?

In other words evaluate the effectiveness of the services and strategies.

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