

## **Care for Elders**

**(formerly under the then Health and Welfare Bureau)**

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### **Detailed Progress**

# 1 Financial support for older persons

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
<p>To continue to keep under review the current social security arrangements for older people</p> <p><i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau /Social Welfare Department)</i></p>	<p>To monitor the caseload and expenditure under various ongoing social security schemes, and explore scope for streamlining existing schemes in the longer term</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

\* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

# the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

## 2 Better housing for older persons

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide integrated care services in public rental estates with a high concentration of older persons  <i>(Social Welfare Department/Housing Department)</i>	To identify suitable rental estates for integrated care facilities in 2002-2003  <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

### 3 Home and community care and support for frail elders

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To re-engineer care services for elders by putting greater emphasis on home and community care to enable more elders to age at home  <i>(Social Welfare Department (SWD))</i>	To upgrade 70 home help teams in 2002-2003 to enable more elders with higher levels of frailty to live at home with the support of the enhanced services  <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To plan and build integrated facilities to provide one-stop services and support required by families to look after their frail elders at home  <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau /SWD)</i>	Starting in 2001-2002, to commission a number of projects in integrated service mode taking into account local demand and co-ordination and rationalisation of existing services  <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To enhance support for family carers to enable them to take care of their elders more effectively  <i>(SWD)</i>	To expand respite services by incorporating respite support into all new residential and home and community care services starting in 2001-2002  <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To expand multi-skilled training for care workers in elderly services</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To provide training to an additional 1 760 care workers in services for elders from 2002-2003 to 2005-2006</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To enhance services for demented elders</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To provide training to a total of 760 care workers and home helpers and 680 professional staff serving the demented elders in subvented, self-financing and private elderly service units from 2002-2003 to 2005-2006</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To promote care management among service providers to ensure that the services provided are tailor-made to the individual needs of the elders</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>Starting in 2001-2002, to facilitate the use of information obtained in the standardised care need assessment tool as the basis for care planning</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

## 4 Sustainable and quality residential care

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To establish a single entry point for all home and community and residential care services  <i>(Social Welfare Department (SWD))</i>	To enhance the computer system to facilitate centralised registration of both residential and community care services in 2002-2003  <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
For elders who cannot be adequately taken care of at home, to continue to provide residential care places  <i>(SWD)</i>	To provide an additional 1 600 subsidised places in 2002-2003  <i>(2001)</i>	The provision of subsidised and non-subsidised places is being reviewed in light of the latest developments in the residential care programme for frail elders.  <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>
To strengthen monitoring of residential care homes  <i>(SWD)</i>	To enhance the computer system on residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to more effectively monitor the performance of RCHEs in 2002-2003  <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To further upgrade the standards of long term care services for elders, in particular in the residential setting</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To research on quality assurance measures to help private RCHEs improve their standards above licensing requirements</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To further upgrade the care capability of RCHEs</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To provide an additional 684 training places for health workers in 2002-2003</li> <li>● To convert an additional 200 home for the aged places into care and attention places in 2002-2003</li> </ul> <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

## 5 Active and healthy ageing

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To continue the promotion of the concept of healthy ageing in the community</p> <p><i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau)</i></p>	<p>To launch a series of public education and publicity activities on the physical and psychosocial well-being of older persons and the soon-to-be old in 2002-2003</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To encourage and enable older persons to assume greater responsibilities in programme planning and implementation</p> <p><i>(Social Welfare Department)</i></p>	<p>To set up new centres in 2002-2003 which will take on greater responsibilities in promoting active and healthy ageing, including lifelong learning, and encourage older persons to participate in programme planning and implementation</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>



## 6 Support for vulnerable elders

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the Client Information System of Support Teams for the Elderly  ( <i>Social Welfare Department (SWD)</i> )	To enhance the capability of the existing computer system in 2002-2003 to facilitate the matching of vulnerable elders with volunteers and maintain effective service planning and delivery to cope with the increasing demand  (2001)	( <i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i> )
To enhance understanding of elder abuse and neglect amongst professionals and the community and to provide training to the frontline staff and others on the prevention of elder abuse and neglect  ( <i>SWD</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To compile a multi-professional protocol on combating elder abuse and neglect in 2002-2003</li> <li>● To provide training for 400 professionals and 600 non-professionals in 2002-2003 on the prevention of elder abuse and neglect</li> </ul> (2001)	( <i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i> )

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To establish an elderly suicide prevention programme</p> <p><i>(Hospital Authority)</i></p>	<p>To set up multi-disciplinary teams to work on suicide prevention for elderly with mental illness and previous suicidal attempts from 2002-2003 onwards</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

## 7 Provide retirement protection and other financial help

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To oversee the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) System to ensure successful implementation of the System  <i>(the then Financial Services Bureau)</i>	This is an on-going initiative. To monitor the effective operation of the System and the participation of employers and eligible members of the working population  <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To keep under review the current social security arrangements for older people  <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau /Social Welfare Department)</i>	This is an on-going initiative. To monitor the caseload and expenditure under various social security schemes and explore whether there is scope to develop a sustainable financial support system which better targets resources at those older persons most in need  <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

## 8 Increase the supply of housing and encourage the development of purpose-designed housing for elders

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To increase the supply of public rental housing for elders in need</p> <p><i>(Housing Department (HD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To allocate public rental housing by 2003 to elderly households registered in 2000-2001 on the Waiting List</li> <li>● To reduce the average waiting time of elderly singletons who wish to live by themselves in rental public housing to two years by 2005</li> </ul> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To review the design of public rental flats for the elderly</p> <p><i>(HD)</i></p>	<p>In 2001, to explore the applicability of the “Ageing in Place” concept in the future design of public rental estates</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To develop a pilot scheme for the provision of elderly housing by private sector developers</p> <p><i>(the then Housing Bureau (HB))</i></p>	<p>To formulate the details of the pilot scheme in consultation with the Elderly Commission by 2000</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>Work was suspended because of lack of support and poor viability of the scheme following consultation with the private sector.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To provide more elderly persons living in inadequate private sector accommodation with easy access to information on public housing</p> <p>(HD)</p>	<p>To set up one additional Housing Information Centre in Hong Kong's Eastern District in 1999</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To invite the Hong Kong Housing Society to undertake a Senior Citizen Residence Scheme, on a pilot basis, under which flats will be leased for life to elderly people in the middle income group, to give them access to affordable, purpose-built accommodation with integrated care services</p> <p>(HB)</p>	<p>To complete 500 flats for the Senior Citizen Residence Scheme by 2001</p> <p>(1997)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

## 9 Enable elders to continue to live at home

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To develop and introduce a multi-skilled training course to provide enhanced training for workers providing personal care to frail older people</p> <p><i>(Social Welfare Department)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To promote the use of the training course to other training institutions</li> <li>● To provide 400 training places in 2001-2002</li> </ul> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To provide curative and preventive medical services to elders through the provision of geriatric places, Elderly Health Centres and visiting health teams</p> <p><i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau)</i></p>	<p>To provide an additional 80 geriatric day places by 2002, on top of the 40 places provided in 1998</p> <p><i>(1998 and 1997)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

## 10 Increase the supply of quality residential care places under a mixed mode of service provision with more private sector participation

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To increase supply of subsidised residential care places</p> <p><i>(Social Welfare Department (SWD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To provide an additional 1 580 subsidised places in 2001-2002</li> </ul> <p><i>(2000)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To provide additional subvented residential care places to older persons in need           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– to provide 800 places in 1998-1999</li> <li>– to add 2 500 places between 1999 and 2002</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>(1998, 1997 and 1993)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To conduct an interim review on the pilot project on “Continuum of Care” in residential care homes for elders</p> <p><i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB)/ SWD)</i></p>	<p>In the light of the findings of the interim review to be conducted in 2001, to further improve and develop the concept of one type of residential care homes providing “Continuum of Care” services to meet the changing needs of their residents</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To continue to encourage private residential care homes taking part in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) to upgrade their standard of services</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To provide necessary resources to enable all BPS homes to upgrade to Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) standards by 2003</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To gradually convert existing upgradable home for the aged places into care and attention home places</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To convert 200 places in 2001-2002</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To encourage private residential care homes taking part in the BPS to upgrade their standard of services</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To upgrade 800 places under the BPS to the standards of the EBPS by 2002</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To encourage private developers to provide premises for residential care homes</p> <p><i>(HWB /the then Planning and Lands Bureau)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To provide incentives to private developers, starting from 2000-2001, for the provision of suitable premises for operation as care homes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The initiative is being reviewed in light of the latest developments in the residential care programme for frail elders.</li> </ul> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>



Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To include requirements in the land sale programme to provide suitable premises for residential care homes in four sale sites, starting from 2000-2001</li> </ul> <p>(1999)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)</li> </ul>
<p>To provide suitable premises for operation of subvented, self-financing or private care homes</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To develop three government sites to provide premises for 600 residential care places by 2002 and to undertake feasibility study at other sites with a view to providing 1 600 places from 2001 to 2005</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To provide medical services to frail elders through the provision of infirmary beds</p> <p>(HWB)</p>	<p>To provide over 1 000 infirmary beds in the next five years</p> <p>(1997)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

## 11 Encourage elders to lead an active life

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To encourage the use of computer by elders <i>(Social Welfare Department (SWD)/ Information Technology Services Department)</i>	To provide information technology training for 2 000 older persons by March 2001 and another 5 000 elders in 2001-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To continue to increase the number of vulnerable elders outreached by Support Teams for Elders (STEs) <i>(SWD)</i>	To identify 24 000 vulnerable elders by end-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To promote lifelong learning opportunities for older people <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB)/ Education and Manpower Bureau)</i>	To explore ways to facilitate elders to pursue further education at various levels <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To promote active ageing amongst older people <i>(HWB)</i>	To research into overseas experience in promoting older persons to lead an active life, both socially and economically <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote care and concern for elders to maintain their psychosocial well-being (HWFB/SWD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To review the pilot schemes of dementia units in residential care homes and in day care centres, with a view to extending the schemes to other care homes and centres</li> <li>● To conduct in-depth studies on depression/suicide among older persons and to identify the risk factors and possible ways to tackle the issue</li> </ul> <p>(1999)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></li> <li>● <i>(Action Completed)</i></li> </ul>
<p>To launch a three-year “Opportunities for Elders” project (SWD)</p>	<p>For a three-year period starting from January 1999, to provide grants for community organisations to plan and organise more service projects for older persons in need</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>