Sense of Belonging

A place to call home is vital to the well being of the elderly and underlines the concept of ageing in place. To ensure that our senior citi ens are cared for, we will assist their families to bear this responsibility and where this is not possible, we will provide the necessary care services and assistance.

To encourage family support

Initiatives	Benefits
We will establish 12 visiting health teams in 1998-99 and another six in 1999-2000 to provide preventive and promotive care services to the elderly living in the community and support services to their carers.	✓ This will enable families caring for the elderly to have access to outreaching services.
We will establish 1 additional home help teams in 1998-99 to provide assistance to the elderly living with their families in the community.	✓ This will benefit an addition 1 100 elderly people. Our ultimate aim is to ensure that elderly people who choose to age at home will have access to personal care services where their family members are unable to offer full-time assistance.
We will set up two Carers Support and esource Centres in 1998-99.	✓ This will benefit an additional 000 carers of elderly people. Our ultimate aim is to ensure that families who live with and look after their elderly members will have access to carers support.



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To encourage family support

Initiatives

We will provide nine additional Day Care Centres in the three years 1998-2001.

We will conduct a review on home help services to explore the feasibility of developing a more effective service.

We will review the existing public housing allocation arrangements to encourage the family to live with their elderly members.

Benefiis

- ✓ The additional centres will provide day care services to 96 old people.
- Our aim is to explore other modes of delivery of care services to elderly ageing at home with a view to improving the quality of service.
- ✓ In ten years, eligible families who wish to live with and care for their elderly members will only need to wait for about two years to be allocated a public rental flat.



To increase the supply of housing for the elderly

Initiatives

We will continue to provide elderly people living in inadequate private sector accommodation with easy access to information on public housing. In that connection. have five Housing we Information Centres already in operation and will set up one additional Housing Information Centre in 1998.

We will continue to provide public flats, with suitable facilities and services, for allocation to elderly people.

Benefiis

✓ This will encourage more eligible elderly people to register on the public rental housing waiting list.

✓ 0 000 public rental flats will be provided by 2001-02. In ten years, single elderly people will only need to wait for about two years to be allocated a public rental flat.



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To increase the supply of housing for the elderly

Initiatives

We will expand our existing Housing for Senior Citi ens Scheme to provide more specially designed rental housing units with warden service to able-bodied elderly persons not living with their family.

We will introduce a new Senior Citi en esidence Scheme by constructing flats in the urban area for lease for life to the elderly.

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- ✓ In ten years, elderly people will only need to wait for about two years to be admitted into a unit under the Scheme.
- ✓ Two pilot schemes will be completed by 2000-01, which will provide about 00 flats.





To increase the supply of subvented and self financing residential care places

Initiatives

We will provide 00 subvented residential care places in the four years 1998-2002 to serve elderly people in need.

We will further increase the number of subvented residential care places under an enhanced ought lace Scheme by 2 400 places in the three years 1998-2001.

We will commission the first ursing Home providing a higher level of care to frail elderly residents. The ursing Home will be commissioned in ebruary 1998. A total of 1 400 nursing home places will be provided by 1999.

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- ✓ This will enable more elderly people in need to gain access to subvented residential care services.
- ✓ This will enable more elderly people in need to gain access to subvented residential care services. It will also serve to raise the quality of residential care services in the private sector.
- ✓ This will enable more elderly people in need to gain access to subvented residential care services.



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To increase the supply of subvented and self financing residential care places

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We will continue to encourage development of self-financing homes to offer an alternative to subvented homes for elderly people with better financial means.

The Elderly Commission will assess the demand for residential care services and recommend a strategy to meet the long-term needs.

Benefits

- ✓ We hope that a total of 1 00 places will be completed by arch 2002.
- ✓ A comprehensive strategy for meeting demand for residential care will be completed by the autumn of 1998.





To improve the quality of residential care services and to enable residential care homes to better achieve the objective of continuum of care

Initiatives

We will train up by a blister programme 2 0 enrolled nurses in 1998-2000 to serve in residential care homes and other facilities.

We will provide resources to enable 2 large residential care homes to employ experienced physiotherapists.

We will create a new rank of hysiotherapy Artisan.

Beneiiis

- ✓ This will increase the supply of enrolled nurses for residential care homes.
- ✓ This will enhance the care services in large residential care homes for 00 elderly people.
- ✓ With the support of a hysiotherapy Artisan, the hysiotherapist will be able to make better use of his time and render professional services to his clients more regularly.



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To improve the quality of residential care services and to enable residential care homes to better achieve the objective of continuum of care

Initiatives	Benefiis
We will introduce a new Dementia Supplement for subvented residential care homes.	✓ This will provide additional resources for residential care homes to improve services to demented elderly residents.
We will maintain the Infirmary Care Supplement to allow the frail elderly to age in place.	✓ This will obviate the need for about 460 elderly residents in residential care homes to move to other institutions upon deterioration of health, thus enabling them to be cared for in a familiar environment.
We will explore the possibility of implementing the concept of continuum of care by developing a prototype of home that can look after elderly people of different degrees of impairment.	✓ Our ultimate aim is to enable all subvented residential care homes to acquire the ability and flexibility in offering care services to elderly residents of changing health conditions.