

the 1990s, the number of people aged 65 and over in the United Kingdom has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million, and is projected to reach 17.5 million by 2020 (Office for National Statistics 2000). The number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 3.5 million in 1990 to 5.5 million in 2000, and is projected to reach 7.5 million by 2020 (Office for National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the health care needs of the elderly population. The Department of Health (2000) has set out a strategy for the care of the elderly, which includes a commitment to improve the quality of care for the elderly. The strategy is based on the following principles: (1) to ensure that the elderly are treated as individuals; (2) to ensure that the elderly are treated with respect and dignity; (3) to ensure that the elderly are treated as equal citizens; (4) to ensure that the elderly are treated as active members of society; (5) to ensure that the elderly are treated as equal partners in their care.

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