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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million (1990-2000) (ONS 2001).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the UK. The Department of Health (2000) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out a vision for the future of health care for older people. The strategy is based on the following principles:

• To ensure that older people have access to the services they need to live well and to die with dignity.

• To ensure that older people are treated as individuals and that their views are taken into account in decisions about their care.

• To ensure that older people are able to live independently and to participate in the community.

• To ensure that older people are able to live in their own homes and to receive the support they need to do so.

• To ensure that older people are able to receive the care and support they need when they are in hospital or in a care home.

• To ensure that older people are able to receive the care and support they need when they are at the end of their lives.

The strategy also sets out a number of key objectives for the future of health care for older people. These include:

• To reduce the number of older people who are in hospital or in a care home.

• To reduce the number of older people who are in residential care.

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