

Chancellor 'does not confirm claims'

The chancellor, Alistair Darling, has not yet confirmed claims that the government may abolish means testing for elderly care in the UK.

Proposals for a green paper on the issue were included in the Comprehensive Spending Review from the government, reports the BBC.

At present, the government only gives funding for people who have total assets worth less than £13,000 and many have to sell their properties.

Chief executive at health think-tank The King's Fund Niall Dickson stated that changes may be a great move and represents a new approach to funding the elderly.

"The government has committed to major reform of social care and the much despised means-tested system, which for many years has caused distress and misery to older people and their families," he commented.

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