

Care funding 'ought to be changed'

An advisor to the government has said that the current funding in the care sector could be improved so that all elderly people get access to a better quality of living.

Securing Good Care for Older People advisor Sir Derek Wanless commented that growing care needs on behalf of people are putting a strain on the existing system, reports the Guardian.

He suggested that many needs have not been met by the government as part of the current funding set-up.

Sir Wanless added that a new funding model could be introduced in order to help those who are perceived as having lower requirements.

The good news is that we found a general acceptance of a joint responsibility between the individual and the state while researching the report ... but there was little agreement about who should pay what proportion, he commented.

He added that a full solution should be found before the problem improves.

In related news, the minister for social care Ivan Lewis said this week that the government is to review the funding model for those in social care, which could include people in residential care homes.

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