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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 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000). The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase to 15.5 million by 2020, and the number of people aged 75 and over to 8.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000).

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 the government's commitment to improve the health and social care of older people. The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to improve the health and social care of older people; (2) to ensure that older people are able to live independently and actively; and (3) to ensure that older people are able to participate in decisions about their care and services. The strategy is being implemented through a number of measures, including: (1) increasing the number of health and social care professionals who specialise in the care of older people; (2) improving the training and education of health and social care professionals; and (3) ensuring that older people are able to access the services and support that they need.

The Department of Health (2000) has also published a number of guidance documents, which set out the standards and requirements for the care of older people. These documents are being used by health and social care providers to ensure that they are providing the best possible care for older people. The guidance documents cover a range of issues, including: (1) the assessment and care of older people; (2) the rights and responsibilities of older people; and (3) the role of families and carers in the care of older people.

The Department of Health (2000) has also published a number of reports, which provide information about the health and social care of older people. These reports include: (1) the *Report of the Expert Group on the Health and Social Care of Older People* (2000); (2) the *Report of the Expert Group on the Health and Social Care of Older People: The Role of Families and Carers* (2000); and (3) the *Report of the Expert Group on the Health and Social Care of Older People: The Role of Health and Social Care Professionals* (2000). These reports provide a comprehensive overview of the issues facing older people in the UK, and they provide a number of recommendations for how these issues can be addressed.

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