

Overview of the UK Care Sector

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The Need for Care in the UK

The simple fact is that the UK has an increasingly ageing population. Higher living and healthcare standards means life expectancy, particularly for people aged 65-85, has been rising consistently. With this comes a greater need for adult social care.

Estimates from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) suggest that 1 in 4 people will be aged 65+ by 2050, representing a 56.3% increase from 2012, while 8 million people in the UK will be aged 80+ by 2050.

There are 1.6 million people in the UK aged 85 or over, a figure that is predicted to more than double in the next 23 years to over 3.4 million. (1)

More than a third of people aged over 85 have difficulties undertaking five or more tasks of daily living without assistance, and are therefore most likely to need health and care services. (2)

The need for care services and facilities in the UK is increasing. Additional investment and growth is required within the sector to meet current and future demand.

Life Expectancy

Rising amongst ageing population

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Growing Demand for Dementia Care

Dementia describes different brain disorders that trigger a loss of brain function. These conditions are all usually progressive and eventually severe.

The number of people diagnosed with dementia is rising, and with it there is an increasing need for specialist dementia care.

Alzheimer's Society says there are 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to more than 1 million by 2025, soaring to 2 million by 2051. (3)

There are over 40,000 people under 65 with dementia in the UK.

A staggering 225,000 will develop dementia this year – that's one person every three minutes – with 1 in 6 people over the age of 80 having dementia.

70 per cent of people in care homes have dementia or severe memory problems. Specialist care provision is needed across the UK to ensure those in need get the care that is right for their needs.

Dementia is now the leading cause of death in England and Wales with 61,000 fatalities in 2015. (4)

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Investment in Social Care

Adult social care is estimated to contribute £20 billion to the UK economy (5) and employs around 1.4 million people – 5.3% of the total workforce in England. (6)

The majority of social care is funded by the government, a figure which is due to increase as the UK population ages. Councils in England spent £16.97 billion providing social care services in 2015-16.

The government has announced an extra £2billion of funding for social care over the next three years (2017-2020), and is allowing local authorities to raise council tax precepts by up to 5% which, combined with a new £240million grant, adds up to £900million over the next two years.

This follows the introduction of the Better Care Fund, which provided £5.3billion in 2015-16 and £5.9billion in 2016-17 to foster greater integration between health and social care.

It is estimated that 57% of all care home residents in the UK contribute to the cost of their care. (7)

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Opportunity in the UK Care Industry

Social care funding and supply within the UK is currently under intense pressure, a fact reflected in a recent report (8) by the health watchdog the Care Quality Commission (CQC). While four out of five adult social care services in England were rated as Good or Outstanding overall, nearly a fifth of services were rated as Requires improvement and two % – some 373 homes – were deemed Inadequate. Crucially, 37% of care homes failed on Safety.

It's into this market that Qualia offers its innovative and sustainable model. With supply dwindling and owners and operators under increasing pressures, relying on the old models of supply and finance is no longer a valid option.

Your purchase helps to maintain the supply of care while providing the opportunity for people who require care to benefit from quality facilities and considerate, effective care.

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