

Home Care and Support Services for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment

The Home Care and Support Services for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (HSMI) aims to provide home care and support services to elderly persons aged 60 or above, who are assessed to be at least with mild impairment under a designated assessment tool^{Note¹} and waitlisted for Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (Ordinary Cases) [IHCS(OC)], according to their needs to facilitate their ageing in place.

Scope of Services

- Services provided to elderly persons at least with mild impairment include:
 - Personal care
 - Household cleaning service
 - Environment risk assessment and home modifications suggestions
 - Meal service
 - Simple nursing care
 - Escort service
 - Elderly sitting
 - Purchase and delivery of daily necessities
 - General physical exercise
 - Other services, e.g. carer support services, etc.
- The scope and frequency of services will be designed by the IHCS Teams according to the needs of individual service users.

Target Group

- aged 60 or above living in the community and not receiving institutional care;
- waitlisting for IHCS(OC); and
- assessed to be at the state of mild impairment or above under a designated assessment tool; or
- assessed and recommended for “Home Support Services” under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services, and referred to the respective IHCS team by social worker.

Fees

Service users are required to make co-payment with amounts determined on the basis of their household income, and may be revised annually.

Enquiry

- Integrated Family Service Centres / Integrated Services Centres
- Medical Social Services Units
- District Elderly Community Centres / Neighbourhood Elderly Centres
- SWD hotline : 2343 2255
- Enquiry telephone numbers and addresses of all IHCS Teams can be downloaded from the SWD homepage at www.swd.gov.hk

Note¹ The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned a consultant to formulate the Simplified and Standardised Assessment Tool, with a view to identifying elderly persons with mild impairment and their service needs.