

Information Note on Infirmarv Units in Subvented Care and Attention Homes

(A) Introduction

Infirmarv Units are an integral part of some subvented care and attention homes with a provision of additional nursing staff. They maintain and support elders who are assessed to be so chronically ill or disabled as to require infirmarv service, so that the elders may remain in their existing homes. They may also help to tide over the elders for admission to medical infirmaries if the elders so wish.

There are currently 19 subvented care and attention homes providing Infirmarv Units with a total capacity of 559 places.

(B) Nature of Service

Infirmarv Units in care and attention homes provide constant nursing care, some medical attention/consultation as well as supporting therapeutic services for residents.

(C) Eligibility Criteria

Elders eligible for admission to Infirmarv Units are:

- (a) existing residents of subvented care and attention homes or subsidised places in private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme;
- (b) certified by Community Geriatric Assessment Teams of the Hospital Authority to be in a condition requiring infirmarv placement. (Cases assessed by Community Geriatric Assessment Teams to be not in need of infirmarv service may also be considered for admission to Infirmarv Units if assessment results indicate a service option of 'Beyond Nursing Home'); and
- (c) currently not registered for Infirmarv Care Supplement.

(D) Referral Procedures

In respect of residents of subvented care and attention homes, referrals for admission to Infirmarv Units may be made by the social workers of the homes concerned. For residents occupying subsidised places in private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, referrals may be made by casework service units such as Integrated Family Service Centres and Medical Social Services Units.

(E) Discharge policy

Based on the principles of 'ageing in place' and 'continuum of care', elders residing in Infirmiry Units may choose to stay, or request transfer to medical infirmiry placements provided by Hospital Authority if available.

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