

Care Services for the Future

A debate about choice of value, quality, and effectiveness in the municipal nursing- and care services.

A short summary

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What will the next 15 – 20 years offer?

By the year 2020 there will probably be at least 44 % more inhabitants over 90 years of age than in 2004. This can present special challenges when it comes to measures and services for the inhabitants with dementia. Today we know that the occurrence of dementia in this age group is more than 50 %.

The growth in the number of inhabitants in the age group 67 to 79 years will be 40 % towards 2020. This should indicate that the age group 80 – 89 years will have a strong corresponding increase towards 2030. It is first from 2015 to 2035 that the large age-wave will occur with the consequences this will bring about. Those who are old today have a better function ability than those who were old earlier. The ability to manage daily tasks am