

Funding and Service Agreement¹

Respite Service

(as an attachment to the FSAs of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly)

This is a supplementary document applicable to the services of residential care homes for the elderly. It should be applied together with the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) of the related services.

I Service Definition

Introduction

Respite placement in residential care homes of the elderly is a form of temporary or short-term residential care service for elderly persons. It serves the objective of providing temporary relief to family members or relatives who are the main care-givers of elderly persons requiring a certain degree of personal care whilst residing in normal environment within the community. As such, it forms a meaningful component in a wide spectrum of social services aimed at encouraging and helping elderly persons to continue living in the community for as long as possible.

Nature of service

Nature of service is the same as the requirements of the FSA for the particular type of residential service.

Target group

The target group of the service is those elderly persons who require short-term residential care placement in order to provide temporary relief to family members or relatives who are the main care-givers of elderly persons.

Eligibility criteria

Elderly persons are eligible for the service if they are :

- (i) aged 60 or over;

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- (ii) in demonstrated need of short-term residential care, to enable family members who care for them to have a break from caring on a long-term basis;
- (iii) certified physically and mentally fit for communal living;
- (iv) free from contagious diseases;
- (v) requiring a level of personal and nursing care corresponding to the admission criteria of the particular type of residential services; and
- (vi) certain to be taken back into care by the family upon expiry of the respite period.

II Performance Standards

Essential service requirements and **Quality** are the same as the requirements of the FSA for the particular type of residential service.

For **Output**, “enrolment rate” is not set for respite places*.
“Individual Care Plan” should be formulated for those elderly persons requiring more than one month’s service.

III Obligations of SWD to Service Operators

They are the same as the requirements of the particular type of residential service.

IV Basis of Subvention

They are the same as the requirements of the particular type of residential service.

* For subvention purpose, **95% fee income** is calculated on total capacity (including respite places) less emergency places.