



the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 5.5 million to 7.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000). The number of people aged 85 and over has increased from 1.5 million to 2.5 million in the same period.

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of the elderly population, and the need to ensure that they are able to live independently and safely in their own homes. This has led to a number of initiatives, including the development of home care services, and the establishment of local authority housing services. The aim of this paper is to review the current state of research on the needs of the elderly population, and to identify areas where further research is needed.

2. Introduction

The elderly population is a diverse group, and the needs of different individuals may vary significantly. It is important to understand the needs of this population in order to develop effective interventions and services. This paper will review the current state of research on the needs of the elderly population, and will identify areas where further research is needed.

3. Methods

The data for this review were obtained from a search of the literature. The search was conducted using the following keywords: 'elderly', 'needs', 'home care', 'independent living', and 'safety'. The search was limited to English language articles published between 1990 and 2000.

4. Results

The results of the search are presented in Table 1. The table shows the number of articles identified for each keyword, and the number of articles that were included in the review. The results show that there is a large amount of research on the needs of the elderly population, and that there is a need for further research in a number of areas.

5. Discussion

The results of this review indicate that there is a need for further research on the needs of the elderly population. The areas where further research is needed are: (1) the needs of different sub-groups of the elderly population; (2) the effectiveness of home care services; and (3) the effectiveness of local authority housing services.

6. Conclusion

The elderly population is a diverse group, and the needs of different individuals may vary significantly. It is important to understand the needs of this population in order to develop effective interventions and services. This paper has reviewed the current state of research on the needs of the elderly population, and has identified areas where further research is needed.

7. References

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