Pathways to care for retirement village residents





residential care facility

Access to residential care subsidy if eligible.

May need to fund retirement village weekly fees until unit is sold, and possibly premium room charges.

Tips: Thinking about the cost of care later on

- Consider your ageing in place options. If you can afford to stay in your home, or downsize in another private home, you might generate greater long-term capital to supplement publicly-funded support with privately-funded care in your home.
- Residential care and retirement villages are different. The purchase into a retirement village is a lifestyle choice. Residential care is for people with high dependency needs who have been needsassessed by a District Health Board assessment team.
- Check what levels of residential care are available at a village. Not all villages have care facilities co-located on site.
- If you are eligible for a residential care subsidy in a long-term care facility within a retirement village, the subsidy is unlikely to meet all of the costs.
- Many care rooms offered by retirement village operators are premium level rooms. Premium room fees apply. There is no publicly-funded support for these rooms. You need to cover these costs privately.
- Discuss possible care needs with family and whomever you appoint as your attorney before you become a retirement village resident.

Further information about the cost of care

- seniorline.org.nz
 0800 725 463
- Work and Income residential subsidy unit
 0800 999 727
- eldernet.co.nz
- ageconcern.org.nz
- findaresthome.co.nz

