

Future costs of long-term care for older people – some useful sources

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The websites listed here provide electronic resources relevant to different aspects of the costs of long-term care. Many include links to additional reports, research papers, reviews and other sources of information. They should be regarded as a representative sample rather than an exhaustive list of relevant information currently available on the Internet. Only English language sites have been included. All website addresses were available on 30 March 2007.

UK government sites

<http://www.royal-commission-elderly.gov.uk/>

This is the website of the Royal Commission on Long Term Care for the Elderly. It provides links to the Commission's terms of reference, members, reference group and final report 'With respect to old age: long term care – rights and responsibilities' (March 1999).

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/care/17655/background>

This webpage details the policy development of Scotland's 'Free personal care' policy for older people. It provides links to the Care Development Group, set up to consider implementation of the policy, and their final report. The webpage also provides links to other research commissioned by the Care Development Group.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/care/OlderPeopleCare/Intro>

This webpage provides links to the reports of the Range and Capacity Review Group, tasked with looking at the future provision of care services for older people in Scotland with a view to developing an appropriate model of care. Also provides links to other relevant publications and organisations.

http://new.wales.gov.uk/about/departments/dhss/publications/social_services_publications/reports/estimatingcostoffreehome?lang=en

This link accesses an electronic version of 'Estimating the cost of free home care for disabled people' (February 2006), by David Bell, University of Stirling, for the Welsh Assembly Government. The report examines the costs of free home care for all disabled people, including older people.

http://www.offt.gov.uk/advice_and_resources/resource_base/market-studies/care_homes

This webpage provides access to 2005 UK Office of Fair Trading (OFT) report 'Care homes for older people in the UK', which includes an Annex on 'Paying for care'. It includes links to responses to the report from the UK government, the Scottish Executive, the Welsh Assembly and the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Northern Ireland.

http://www.fsa.gov.uk/Pages/Library/Policy/Policy/2004/04_14.shtml

This webpage provides access to the 2003 UK Financial Services Authority Consultation Paper 'Regulation of long-term care insurance' and the subsequent 2004 Policy Statement incorporating feedback on the consultation paper.

International sites

http://www.oecd.org/document/61/0,2340,en_2649_37407_35490493_1_1_1_37407,00.html

This website details work undertaken by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2005–2006 on disability trends and costs of care for older populations. It provides brief details of the project and progress to date as well as links to key OECD publications and documents on the implications of population ageing for health and long-term care systems.

http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/care_for_me/long_term_care/index_en.htm

This is the 'Long-term care' webpage of the European Commission's Health–EU Public Health Thematic Portal. It provides links to relevant EU Activities and information resources.

http://europa.eu.int/comm/economy_finance/events/2005/events_brussels_0205_en.htm

This webpage provides links to electronic versions of presentations made at the joint European Commission/OECD workshop on 'Understanding trends in disability among elderly populations and the implications of demographic and non-demographic factors for future health and long-term care costs', Brussels, 21–22 February 2005.

<http://www.who.int/chp/en/>

This is the homepage of the World Health Organisation's Chronic Diseases and Health Promotion (CHP) Department, formerly known as the Observatory on Health Care for Chronic Conditions. The CHP Department provides information and resources to people around the world who aim to improve health care for chronic conditions. This page provides links to evidence, best practice and resources sections.

http://aspe.hhs.gov/_office_specific/daltcp.cfm

This is the homepage of the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Disability, Ageing and Long Term Care Policy (DALTCP). The DALTCP is charged with developing, analyzing, evaluating and coordinating Health and Human Services

policies and programmes that support the independence, productivity, health and long-term care needs of children, working age adults and older persons with disabilities. The website provides a link to downloadable full text versions of DALTCP publications.

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/>

This is the homepage of the National Institute on Aging (NIA), one of the 27 Institutes and Centres of the US National Institutes of Health. The NIA leads a broad scientific effort to understand the nature of aging and to extend the healthy, active years of life. This page provides links to NIA publications.

Research centres, think tanks, campaign groups

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/health_topics/wanless_social.html

This is the webpage of the Wanless Social Care Review. The Review team, led by Sir Derek Wanless, was tasked with examining future demand for and nature of social care for older people (aged 65 and over) in England, the resources required to satisfy future demand and how future social care might be financed. The site provides free electronic access to 'Securing good care for older people: taking a long-term view' (March 2006), the final report of Review, as well as to other supporting documents.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/research-and-policy/long-term-care/>

This URL accesses the project webpage for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's policy and practice development programme on long-term care of older people. This link provides electronic access to a number of cost-related publications from the programme.

http://www.euro.who.int/observatory/Studies/20040302_2

This webpage is the 'Funding health care' research topic page of the European Observatory on Health Care Systems and Policies. The Observatory is a partnership between the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, the Governments of Belgium, Finland, Greece, Norway, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden, the Veneto Region of Italy, the European Investment Bank, the Open Society Institute, the World Bank, CRP-Santé Luxembourg, the London School of Economics and Political Science and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The page provides links to related publications.

<http://www.aarp.org/research/longtermcare/costs/>

This is the webpage of the AARP Policy and Research web-pages' long-term care costs section. AARP (formerly the American Association of Retired Persons) is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organisation for people 50 and over based in the United States. As well as providing products and services for its 35 million members, AARP provides information and resources and advises on legislative, consumer and legal issues. This webpage provides access to a number of studies of AARP members' opinions on issues related to long-term care, together with a selection of AARP Policy Institute Issue Papers relevant to long-term care costs.

http://www.nasi.org/info-url2712/info-url_show.htm?doc_id=234056

This is the web address of the 'Long-term care' project page of the National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI), a United States-based non-profit, non-partisan organisation made

up of leading experts on social insurance whose mission is to promote understanding and informed policymaking on social insurance and related programmes through research, public education, training and the open exchange of ideas. The webpage contains links to project-related reports.

<http://www.ilcusa.org/>

<http://www.ilcuk.org.uk/>

<http://www.ilcjapan.org/>

<http://www.ilcfrance.org/>

<http://www.ilcindia.org/>

These are the websites of members of the ILC International Partnership, a multinational education and research consortium, committed to a positive and productive approach to longevity and population ageing. Individual International Longevity Centres (ILCs) are a not-for-profit, non-partisan research, policy and education organisations. Collaborating ILCs exist in the USA, Japan, the UK, France, Dominican Republic, India, South Africa and Argentina. Not all partners have websites, and English language content is limited on some websites. Electronically accessible information in website resources sections may be of interest.

Academic research centres

<http://www.pssru.ac.uk/>

This is the website of the Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU). The PSSRU is an academic research unit with host departments at the Universities of Kent and Manchester and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) that conducts research on social and health care issues including the costs of long-term care. Details of the Unit's publications can be accessed from this page, with abstracts and/or downloadable full text versions available for selected publications.

<http://bunhill.city.ac.uk/research/actprojects.nsf/All/435124F83084292F8025711100635E92?opendocument>

This website details a research programme at the Actuarial Research Centre, CASS Business School, City of London University aiming to analyse the main theoretical advantages and downsides of different public finance regimes and to estimate quantitatively the effects of trying out the different systems in the same country. Links to related research publications include a paper on comparison of long-term care systems in Germany, Japan, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States.

<http://www.enepri.org/>

This is the homepage of the European Network of Economic Policy Research Institutes (ENEPRI), a collaborative network of 22 European national economic policy research institutes. It provides links to web pages for the European Union-funded projects AGIR, Ageing, Health and Retirement in Europe (2003–2005) and AHEAD, Ageing, Health Status

and Determinants of Health Expenditure (2004–2007). Project webpages provide further links to project-related research reports and conference proceedings.

<http://healthpolicy.stanford.edu/CDEHA/detover.html>

This is the homepage of Stanford University's Center on the Demography and Economics of Health and Aging (CDEHA), established in 1999 to promote the study of trends in the demography, economics, health and health care of the elderly. It provides links to current research and publications.

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/burdenofdisease/>

This is the homepage of The Global Burden of Disease 2000 in Aging Populations programme, a multiple project programme in Harvard University's School of Public Health supported by the US National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health. The programme projects aimed to strengthen the methodological and empirical basis for undertaking comparative assessments of health problems, their determinants and consequences in aging populations. One project specifically addressed 'Health costs of aging, present and future trends'. The site provides links to programme publications and links to other sites.

Sources of collected information, news and reviews

<http://www.ageing.ox.ac.uk/>

This is the homepage of the Oxford Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford. From here you can access 'Ageing horizons', a review of current analysis and research on policy futures in an ageing society produced by the Oxford Institute of Ageing and funded by Help the Aged. The Health Policy section has links to research relevant to the costs of long-term care.

<http://www.counselandcare.org.uk/influence/policybriefings/>

Counsel and Care is a UK charity dedicated to getting the best care and support for older people, their families and carers by providing advice, information and financial support and by influencing future policies, services and funding. Their monthly briefings provide a round-up of recent developments and research on topics including the costs of long-term care.

<http://www.nber.org/aginghealth/>

This is the website of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), a US-based private, non-profit, non-partisan research organisation dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of how the economy works by both undertaking and disseminating economic research. It produces a free, quarterly online 'NBER Bulletin on aging and health'.

<http://www.allhealth.org/sourcebook2006/toc.asp>

This URL address accesses the contents page for US-based, non-profit organisation Alliance for Health Reform's downloadable 'Covering Health Issues 2006' guide to health

issues. Chapter 7 'Long-term care' and Chapter 8 'Health care costs' provide basic US-based information and sources of references.

<http://edirc.repec.org/healthecon.html>

This is a webpage from a site indexing and providing links to Economics Departments, Institutes and Research Centres around the globe. This page lists those Departments, Institutes and Centres with interests in health economics. The website is hosted by the University of Connecticut and populated and maintained by Christian Zimmermann and colleagues at the University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

<http://www.agedcareassociation.com.au/default.cfm>

This is the website of the Aged Care Association Australia, a professional, national industry association for providers of residential and community aged care services. The site includes links to a publications section providing general papers on cost-related issues.