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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 (15% of the population).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people, and the Government has set out a strategy for the 21st century in the White Paper on *Ageing Better* (Department of Health 1999). This sets out a vision of a society in which older people are able to live well, and to contribute to society. The White Paper sets out a number of key objectives, including:

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- to ensure that older people are able to live independently and to participate in society;
- to ensure that older people are able to live in their own homes and communities;
- to ensure that older people are able to access the services and support they need.

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