

What are social workers' roles in Singapore's nursing homes?

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Abstract

Singapore is one of the fastest ageing populations and eventually more elderly need to cope with their care on their own. Otherwise, institutional living is one of the care options. As there is an increasing demand on nursing home beds, there will be a rising concern on the quality of care in the institutions. However, there are very few literatures that study the various types of care provided in nursing homes. This study aims to examine the roles of social workers and explore the contributing factors that affect social workers from performing their roles effectively. The research uses a qualitative approach where nine social workers from different voluntary nursing homes are interviewed.

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