



Long-term care facilities – quality and supervision

Examples from Polish system of social assistance

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LTC services within social assistance system

- Legal basis: The Act on Social Assistance of 12 March 2004
 - Home care / community care, residential facilities
 - Standards setting
 - Control and supervision arrangements
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Social assistance homes

- Residential care facilities
 - Social assistance homes for:
 - **elderly persons**
 - chronic, somatic patients
 - chronic, psychotic patients
 - intellectually disabled adults
 - intellectually disabled children and youth
 - physically disabled persons.
 - Financing rules (participation of family and local community)
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Social assistance homes – Figures (2007)

- Number of establishments: 794
(therein 159 for elderly persons)
 - Number of places in those institutions:
78 377
(11 636 for the elderly)
 - Number of persons living in those
institutions:
77 246 (11 403 elderly persons)
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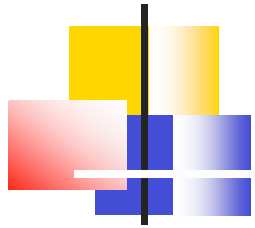




Private residential care establishment

- Registered private residential homes for disabled persons, chronic patients or elderly persons (in 2008)
- Number of establishments: 130
- Number of care recipients: 4000





Standards Control and supervision

- Licence granted by regional governmental administration (voivode); legal requirements set in Law on Social Assistance
- Control and supervision services within system of social assistance institutions
- Responsibility, sanctions and fines

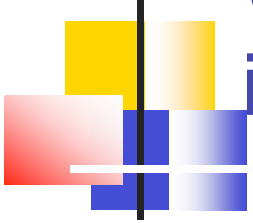




Private sector in long-term care for the elderly

- Limited possibility to control and supervise private care facilities
- Authorisation requirement for private providers
- Standards of services set by Law on Social Assistance





Ways of improving quality of services in LTC for the elderly

- Financial support , investment in infrastructure and equipment
- Training programmes for staff and future personnel
- Efficient supervision system
(included in private establishments)

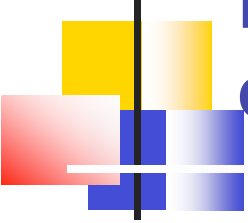




Flexibility of supervision system – in view of reducing negative consequences of facilities closure ?

- Recovery plans
- Temporary permission
- Licence withdrawing as a last-resort solution
- Crucial role of control and supervision services

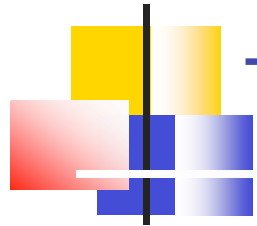




LTC services for the elderly – current challenges

- Work on new comprehensive system of LTC
 - Cooperation between social assistance and health system
 - Standards of services, good quality, supervision and control of private providers
 - Modern training schemes; support from EU funding
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- Incentives for community care



Thank you!

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