

Can you tell us where Assisted Living developments will be located?

- It is too soon to say, but Fraser Health will be reviewing and selecting proposals for Assisted Living developments for Fraser East in late March. This process will be followed once again at a later date when we are considering new partnerships.

How will Fraser Health care for dementia and Alzheimer patients?

- There will always be complex care services. Patients with complex care needs will be cared for in residential care facilities. The first available bed policy ensures that people in need of 24-hour nursing care will receive it through the first available bed. Once a resident moves into that first available bed, if they wish they can then apply to move into their preferred facility of choice once a bed is available. This has proven to be a more responsive system than the previous "wait list" system.

Can you come and talk about Assisted Living to our community group?

- Yes, we would be happy to speak about home health and Assisted Living to community groups.

The Fraser Health's guide to Assisted Living is currently available on our website at www.Fraserhealth.ca.



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Assisted Living - Independent Living

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Who will monitor Independent Living operators to ensure they are providing appropriate services?

- The Provincial Government requires all Independent Living providers to register with an Independent Living Registrar's office. While the Assisted Living Case Manager will be the primary contact for residents and their families, Fraser Health will be involved through our staff who will work with clients on a daily basis.

Is Assisted Living expensive?

- It's important to note that each resident of an Assisted Living building will also be a Home Health Care client of Fraser Health. The cost for the housing and personal care for Assisted Living will be up to 70% of the resident's net income.

What do Assisted Living units look like?

- Assisted Living units are typical one-bedroom apartments with approx. 500-600 square feet. Residents live independently in their units and have access to care, meals, 24-hour help as needed and can participate in social and physical activities with others.

Can residents bring their own furniture into their Assisted Living apartments?

- Yes, an Assisted Living apartment is similar to other rented apartments in that tenants furnish their own units and make them more home-like.

What is the philosophy of Assisted Living?

- The philosophy is one that promotes independence, choices, privacy, shared responsibility and negotiated risk in a home-like environment.

How do I know if I am eligible for Assisted Living and what is the process for application?

- Above all, our goal is to help you maintain your independence in your own home. When you can no longer be supported in your home then you may be considered for Assisted Living. If you are currently a Continuing Care client then you should discuss your care needs with your Case Manager to determine suitability. If you are not currently a Continuing Care client of Fraser Health then you can call your nearby Fraser Health office for an assessment:

Abbotsford	(604) 556-5000
Chilliwack/Agassiz	(604) 702-4800
Mission	(604) 814-5520 mn,
Hope	(604) 860-7747

What Assisted Living information is available to public?

A great deal of information will be available to the public as we continue to share information about this new program. Information will be available through public information session, information sheets, a brochure, and newspaper announcements.