

Healthcare Assistance at Home for Elderly in Ras Al Khaimah

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RAS AL KHAIMAH - Elderly Emiratis in Ras Al Khaimah now have access to healthcare services from their homes.

Two specially trained teams will be available to assist the elderly and provide them with the necessary medication.

Julfar Medical Centre is behind the programme with the assistance of a special clinic that was recently set up in the emirate for this service.

The programme aims to provide better services to the elderly covering the medical, social and psychological aspects.

Khaleej Times had highlighted, in a report 'Old and Abandoned' on Friday, of the several instances of the elderly being abandoned in care homes.

Ministry of Health Primary Health Care Department director Dr Mona Al Kuwari, speaking at the initiative's launch, said the number of aged Emiratis in the country is nearly 12.6 per cent of the total population.

Al Kuwari said the initiative to provide assistance at the homes was the first of its kind in the country and would be launched in the other emirates later.

Shaikh Faisal bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Chairman of Ras Al Khaimah Free Trade Zone, who inaugurated the programme, hailed the initiative and appealed to the health experts and researchers in the country to come up with the relevant medical skills that would improve the health of elderly people in the community.

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