

Aged Care Reforms A State Perspective

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- > Who we are
- > Same Same (history of reform)
- > What is different (what next)



Who We Are

Office for Ageing Well

- > Support the Minister for Health and Wellbeing
- > Office for Ageing Well administers:
 - Aged Care Strategy
 - Retirement Villages Unit
 - Ageing Policy
 - South Australian Seniors Card
 - Grants for Seniors, Positive Ageing and Age Friendly grants
 - Adult Safeguarding Unit
- > Under Aged Care Strategy are a number of national projects including
 - Aged Care Reform
 - Aged Care Assessment Program
 - Specialised Dementia Care Program
 - CCTV Pilot
 - COVID Response in Aged Care

Who We Are SA at a glance

Home and community



There are

531 retirement villages

in SA, with approximately 26,000 residents.⁵

73%

of Australians aged over 65 are home owners and about 7% live in private rental dwellings.⁶

74%

of South Australians aged 50+ live in metro areas.⁷



5%

of South Australians aged 50+ live in the Outback.⁸

26%

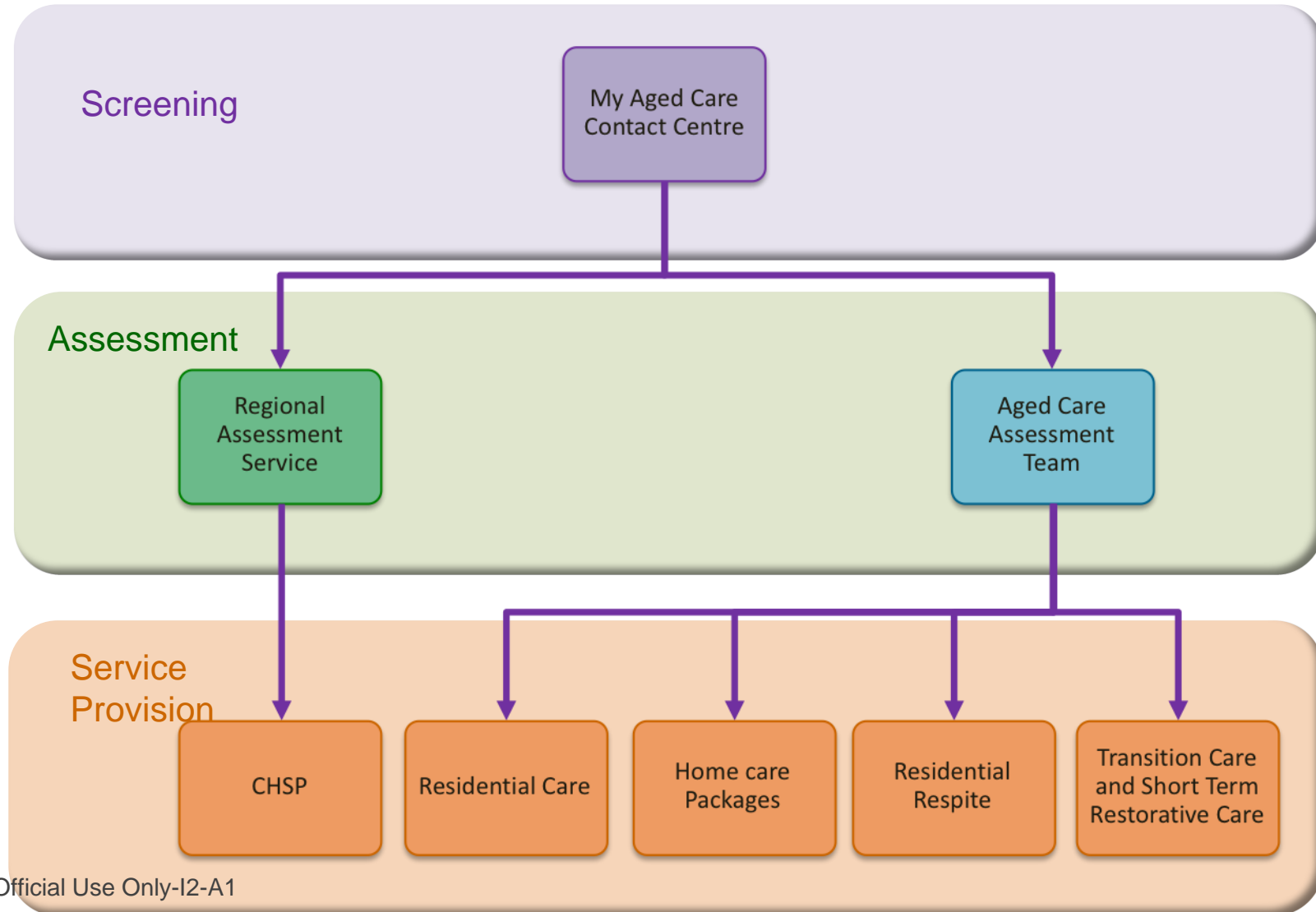
of all South Australians aged over 50 live in regional South Australia.⁹



The majority of older Australians live independently at home (95%): only one in four people aged 85+ live in care accommodation.¹⁰

Who We Are

My Aged Care





Same Same: Aged Care and the National Health Reform Agreement

- > Transfer of responsibility between national and state governments for:
 - National
 - People aged over 65 years (50 yrs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders)
 - National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for eligible clients from birth to 65 years
 - State
 - Services provided to people under 65/50 including those not eligible for NDIS
 - Community and residential aged care services for those under 65/50



Same Same Aged Care Reforms

- > The underlying principles of the reforms align with these core values:
 - Client at the centre
 - A Holistic view of the client/carer needs
 - Focus on maintaining independence/optimum function
- > Nationally consistent eligibility, assessment and service delivery pathways
- > This reform plan has been expanded as the Commonwealth respond to the Royal Commission



Same Same Aged Care Reforms

Four major changes implemented from 1 July 2015:

1. My Aged Care
2. Regional Assessment Services (RAS)
3. Introduction of the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP)
4. Consumer Directed Care (CDC)

Two major changes were implemented in February 2017:

1. introduction of the National Prioritisation System
2. Short Term Restorative Care Program



Same Same Aged Care Reforms

Two major reforms were implemented in 2019:

1. New independent Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission
 - Aged Care Complaints
 - Accreditation
 - Regulation
2. 8 Aged Care Quality Standards



Same Same Pre-Royal Commission

- > Optimising the National Prioritisation System for community care
 - Looking to the transition between programs and levels
- > Exploring a streamlined assessment workforce
 - > RAS, ACAP and ACFI
- > Specialist Dementia Care Program
 - > Specialist Dementia Care Units (Aldersgate/HammondCare + regional)



Same Same Royal Commission

- > Look at how older people are cared for and work out what needs to change to make aged care services better.
- > Public submissions and witnesses called to give evidence at hearings
- > Final report present on 26 February 2021 and tabled on 1 March 2021
- > Australian Government provided its response on 11 May 2021



Different Royal Commission

- > Of the Recommendations:
 - 107 were accepted
 - 19 were accepted in principle
 - 6 were not accepted
 - 1 was noted
 - 1 was partially not accepted and partially subject to further consideration
 - 10 are subject to further consideration
 - 4 were supported instead (the alternative recommendations)



Different Timeline for Reform

- > The Australian Government released its response which included 5 Pillars over 5 years with recommendations to be implemented from 2021 through to 2025.
- > The Pillars are:
 - Home care
 - Residential aged care services and sustainability
 - Residential aged care quality and safety
 - Workforce
 - Governance.



Different What we know

- > Commonwealth consultation underway and will continue
- > Single Assessment workforce
- > New integrated assessment tool
- > One home care program
- > Integrated home respite
- > Individualised (person centred) care plans
- > Focus on choice and independence
- > More Specialist Dementia Care Units



Different What we anticipate

- > Renewed tender process
- > Clarity around assessment tool and timeframes
- > New approach to care, more similar to NDIS
- > Integration of dementia supports into home care
- > Greater supports for information carers
- > Greater support in finding care

- > Role of the state/providers/consumers/acute interface...?



Different Caretaker

- > Federal election tomorrow
- > Commitments by both parties on Aged Care:
 - Most election commitments are around residential care
 - ALP has a policy on capping home care administration and management fees; introducing a new registration scheme; improvement in continuity of care, and supporting care workers in the Fair Work Commission
 - The LNP will continue with the reform agenda, including the new at-home support program, more home care packages
 - Minor parties will possibly have an influence on the directions.



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