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The tragedy of old age is not the fact that each of us must grow old and die, but that the process of doing so has been made **unnecessarily** and at times **excruciatingly** painful, humiliating, debilitating, and isolating through insensitivity, **ignorance**, and poverty

*Why Survive? Being Old in America*



Robert N Butle  
1927-2010

Competent!



## Humane and compassionate elder care as a human right

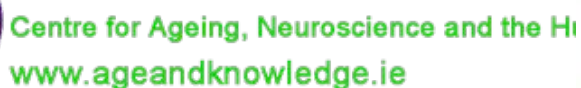
Last week, in a courtroom in Louisiana, the first criminal trial to arise from deaths that occurred during Hurricane Katrina, which struck New Orleans 2 years ago, got underway. Mabel and Salvador Mangano, who owned St Rita's nursing home in St Bernard Parish, have been charged with the deaths of 35 of their residents, all of whom drowned, some in wheelchairs, others in their beds, when the home was rapidly flooded. They have also been charged with cruelty to the 24 residents who survived after family members and aides evacuated them using two nearby boats. The couple, who have pleaded not guilty, refused an offer of two buses to

widespread. The government committee focused on the problem through a human-rights lens, with particular reference to the European Convention on Human Rights and the UK's Human Rights Act of 1998, which came into effect in 2000. Human-rights principles affirm common-law rights to humane and equitable care that is free from discrimination. In addition, by statute or through litigation, human rights have evolved to include the right to life, freedom from degrading treatment, dignity, and respect for private life, including physical and psychological integrity. Human rights impose positive obligations on public authorities,



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# 5 years on...



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## The first-time buyers

Deeply in debt in quest for a house ♦ WeekendReview



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**TOM HUMPHRIES** ♦ *Sports*

OUT OF THE BEDROOM:  
DAYWEAR ♦ Magazine

## NewsDigest

### Mayo protesters must obey law, says Ahern

European North America with "the role of use has to be emphasized" and "the main goal" of the courts are national in scope. These courts will future planning in different countries. [more](#)

Assembly may be dissolved, warns Hain

The next deadline for implementation of the proposed 10 business days' requirement is November 2010, and will be that of the Agency and its interested, national country-level staff. See [page 4](#).

HomeNews

**Man held after the death** A man has been charged following the death of Thomas (17), who was killed with a knife and an axe along with his partner at their home in the village. [Scroll through page 4](#)

**Five gangland murder convictions.** More than 40 years worth of gangland murders and convictions in the Magdalen area. 1,000 miles, 100 years to reveal a community's dark, unrelenting history. The Department of Justice is seeking a team to produce a documentary about the gangland murders in the Magdalen area.



**Transients and wildlife:** It is important to the high incidence of sickness among Transients in that Transients have been quarantined. There have been outbreaks in the area, such as an outbreak of influenza with Transients. [more](#)

## BusinessNews

## Garda given report on deaths at Leas Cross

### Alarming deficits found in nursing home care

Stevens, E. and J. W. Stevens, 1982. *Stevens, E. and J. W. Stevens*.  
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The report on deaths at the Love Canal, written by a local newspaper, was the first to be published in Albany. It was the only one to be published in Albany. It was the only one to be published in Albany.

Following its publication process, it was sent to the Family Commission by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and it has also been sent to the health professionals for putting the warning and medical precautions, the Royal Society and the Medical Council.

The IMF, which commissioned the report, says it registered when launched at the primary market before its launch and was underwritten.

The authors of the report, one retired politician, find the O'Hair gap is his failure due to several things: too cautious with a feeling of isolation.

In one case he found women had difficulty contacting a doctor for a condition which attended the disease. But having contacted the man



is consistent with a faster escape from the stress than previously proposed in *Caenorhabditis* feeding studies. Perhaps resolution of the

"It would be a very major error to presume that the deficits in care shown in Leas Cross represent an isolated incident."



— Prof David O'Neill  
report author



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# Nursing Home and Community Care Special Interest Group





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## Profiling disability within nursing homes: a census-based approach

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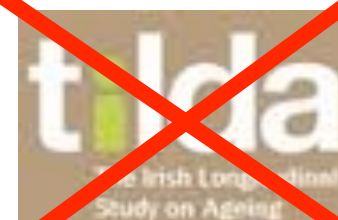


RESEARCH ARTICLE

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## Stroke and Nursing Home care: a national survey of nursing homes

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## SOCIAL CARE HOMES DEBATE

# State of social care homes is a national shame

David J Jolley *psychiatrist*

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The problem is that the Care Quality Commission is not trusted. Excellent care is available in good homes, such as those that can be afforded by national celebrities, although even some of these have reported their despair at the care received by parents or other relatives. The real problem is the underfunding and undervaluing of the care available to ordinary older people. They are ineligible for placement until they are severely impaired or disturbed and then receive care that is inadequate because the staff are too few and so poorly paid that attracting and retaining people of quality and cultural competence is nigh impossible.

This underfunding is rooted in inadequate severely rationed

served by a system that segregates them from life and systematically denies their healthcare needs. Geriatrics Society report and Mulley's article are but we have here a national shame and action as we can get to grips with it is the question.

Competing interests: D.J. is a patron of Dementia UK, a Alzheimer's Society, and retired from full medical practice.

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## PERSONAL VIEW

# Social care homes: what the media forget to tell us

Graham Mulley *emeritus professor of elderly care, University of Leeds*



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# Can Gerry Robinson Fix Dementia Care?



eh,...no





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"What doesn't kill you, makes you a burden."





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- Institutional abuse:
  - poor care standards
  - lack of a positive response to complex needs
  - rigid routines
  - inadequate staffing
  - an insufficient knowledge base within the service





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With a few honourable exceptions there has been systematic failure by government, health boards and **professional bodies** to address the issue of appropriate quality of care for older people with the highest level of health and social needs in Irish society

# Recommended.

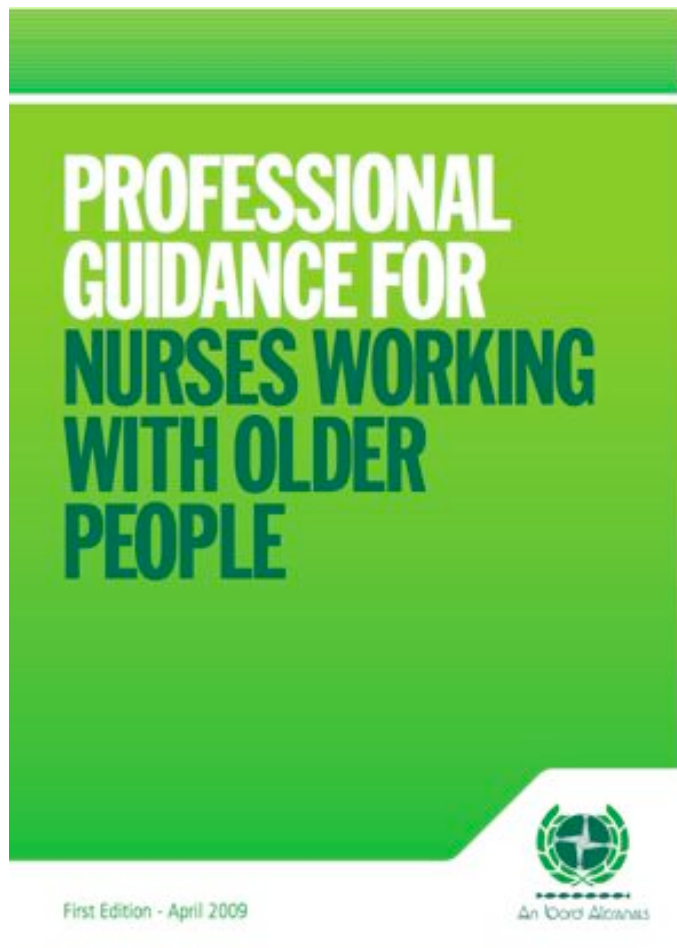
- Formal policy by DoH and HSE
- Independent inspectorate
- MDS-interRAI
- Nurses and GP's to clarify roles and responsibilities
- Development of therapist and specialist support



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- 2009
- Not a **single** word on specialist/gerontological nursing....
- Last (small) declaration years previously

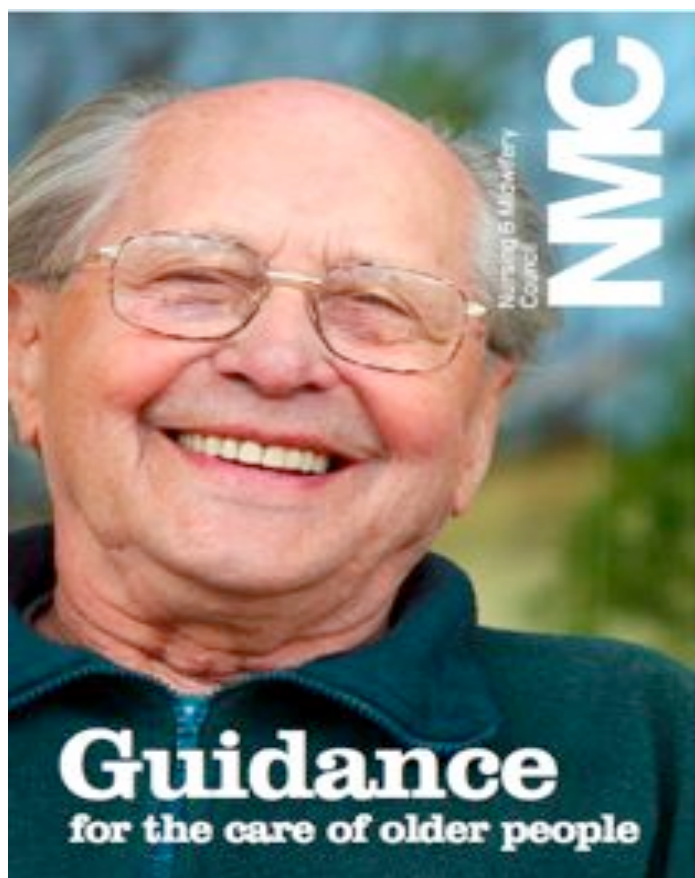




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- UK
- The guidance recognises the fact that nursing older people is a specialism that requires highly skilled nurses who deal with the complexity of health and social care needs that older people can present you with.



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# Irish GP's National Meeting



- Pointed out complexity and need for either upskilling or bailing out

Thanks, Prof O'Neill, but we've looked after people in nursing homes for years....



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# Nursing Homes

- 37% had witnessed sub-standard care
- 53% of those looking after >10 NH patients
- Reporting
  - 53% to NH management
  - 18% to health board
  - 3% to Department of Health
  - 26% no report
- Those with fewer NH patients less likely to report sub-standard care

Corroon-Sweeney, IMJ, 2009



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- 40% felt 'inadequate geriatric medicine training'



# The Irish Medical Journal

March 2001 Volume 94 No 3

Responding to care needs in long term care

Author: O'Neill Desmond, Gibson John, Mulpeter Ken



## National Quality Standards for Residential Care Settings for Older People in Ireland

17 February 2009





## Policies on medical standards of care

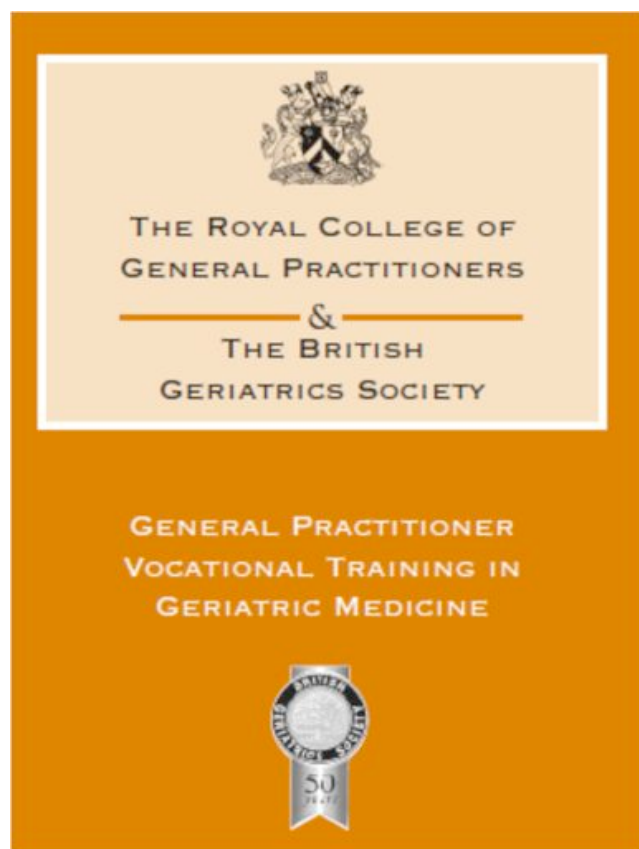
- GP Bodies
  - 0/22
- Geriatricians
  - 12/22



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1997

- Develop policies for the primary care team, so as to ensure control of repeat prescriptions, the appropriate use of screening or case-finding programmes, and the care of old people in all forms of residential accommodation
- Develop systems and policies for the care of older people in all forms of residential accommodation.



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## So, how to.....

- Enhance and support those doing great things in a hugely unsupportive system
- While simultaneously
- Creating radical change towards a true person- and needs-oriented service?





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# What has it got to do with me?

- Engagement and agency
- Science - Gerontology
- CPD
- Professional Bodies
- Only connect....
  - Gerontological Nursing
  - GP's
  - Clarify governance



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# Support MDS interRAI

- Valid
- Reliable
- Fit for purpose
- Compatible with ICF
- Compatible with ICD-10
- Compatible with SNOMED
- Generates dependencies and care plans
- Evolves with change in ageing science



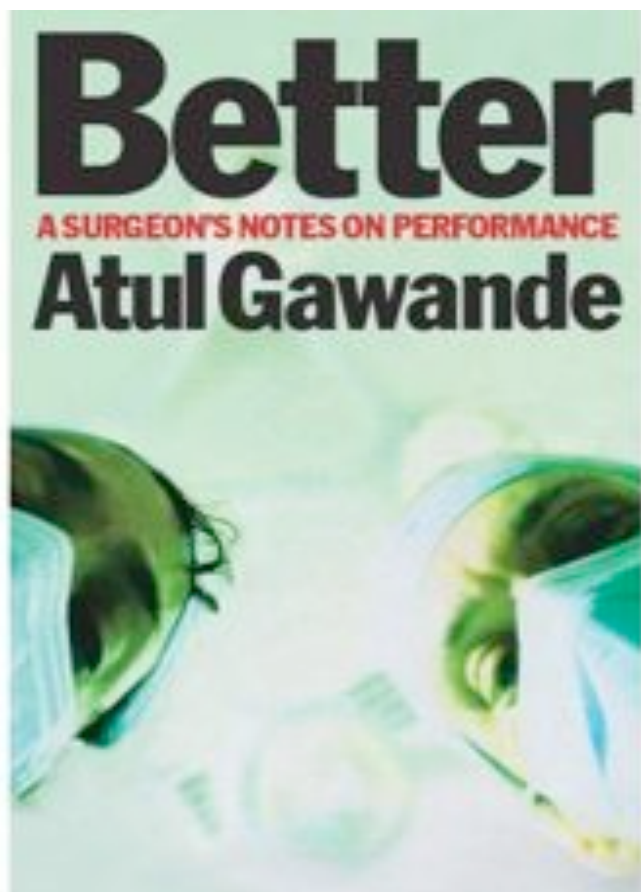


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# Strategies



- Diligence
- Do the right thing
- Ingenuity





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# Forces for change

**Increased  
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Human rights

Political will

Standards

Advocacy



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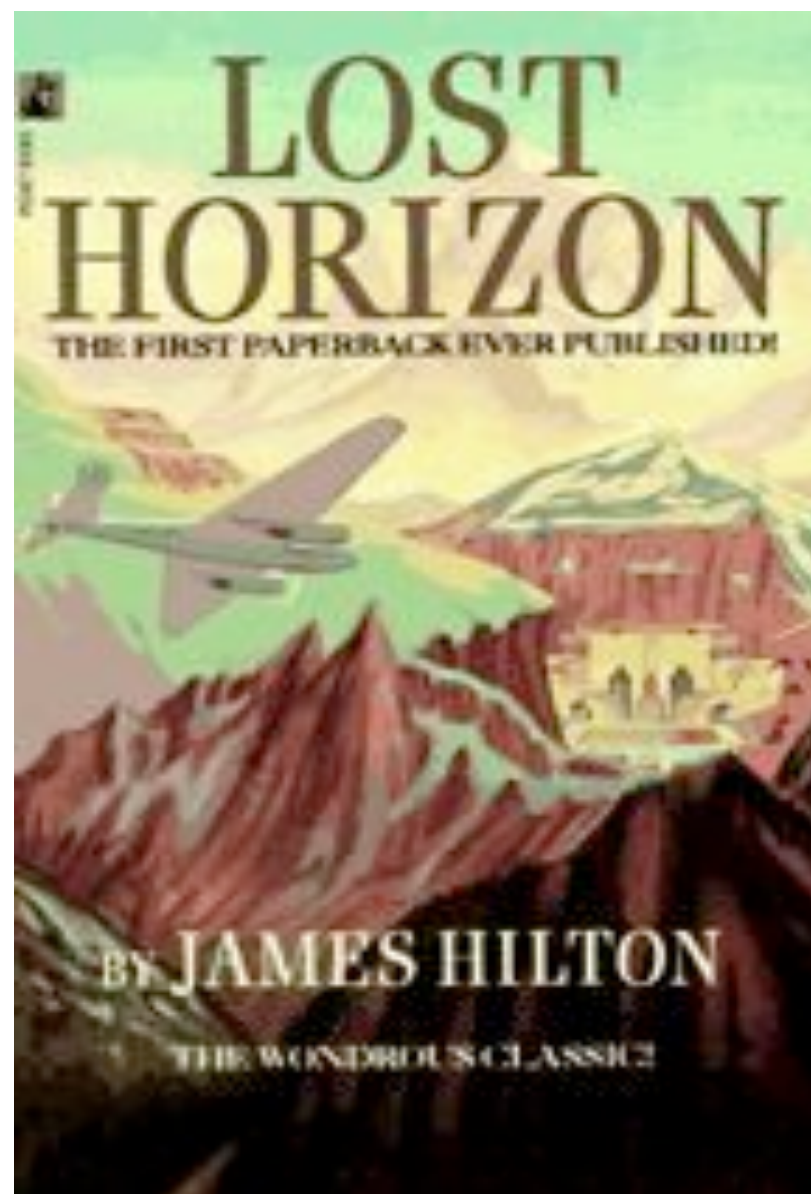
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