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Hiraeth: The experience of older Welsh speakers living in care: A Systematic Literature Review

Abstract

Background

Welsh Government has a commitment to giving equal status to Welsh and English language in social and health care services and a number of strategic and legislative requirements have been introduced to achieve this. Despite this, there exists a mismatch between the policy agenda and practice.

Objectives

To conduct a systematic review of minority language speakers in care home settings.

Data Sources

Electronic databases including ASSIA, CINAHL, Ethos, Proquest, PsychInfo and Web of Science were searched as well as review of references to identify further texts. Governmental and specific interest websites were reviewed for policy and reports. Media reports on the subject were also included.

Selection Criteria



Studies were included if they addressed older adults aged 50 or over and who resided in residential care settings. The paucity of studies into needs of older Welsh speakers meant the search criteria was extended to include all minority language speakers.

Search terms used included 'Welsh,' 'minority language,' 'bilingual,' 'elder' and 'care'. Studies of people aged under 50 and those undertaken prior to the 1995 Welsh Language Act were also excluded.

Results

Database searching found 2899 records (without duplicates), an additional 32 records were identified through other sources. Following screening, 59 texts were identified as potentially eligible.

Implications

There exists a lack of awareness among practitioners about minority language provision and service users do not routinely have their linguistic needs considered. More robust evidence is needed on the impact this has on the quality of care and the wellbeing of older people.

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