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Abstract:

This dissertation paper outlines the lives of senior citizens in residential establishments.

The object of the paper is to set out how seniors living in care homes perceive the issues relating to suicide rates amongst the elderly.

Characteristic suicidal statistics are outlined in the theoretical part of this dissertation. In subsequent chapters, the paper explores the topics of aging, major life events and the levels of risk factors associated with suicides in the elderly generation. The final aspects of the theory section of the paper outline the requirements and essential needs for the elderly within care homes.

The empirical section initially focuses on the essential characteristics of care homes for the elderly. This formed the foundation of my qualitative research and includes an outline of the qualitative research method used.

The final part of this paper concludes the research based on interviews of seniors, their own view on suicides within old age population together their own suicidal thoughts. Their own triggers of personal satisfaction and fulfillment are also included.