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MOH says these homes will take the lead in providing a comprehensive range of aged care services, developing local staff and implementing enhanced nursing home standards.

SINGAPORE: The first Government-run nursing home is targeted to be operational by 2016, and the Health Ministry has said these homes will take the lead in providing a comprehensive range of aged care services.

Such services will include home care that uses the nursing home as a hub. Said Associate Professor Alan Wong, cluster coordinator and programme director of Health Sciences at the Singapore Institute of Technology: "Having a nursing home as a hub is really a good direction because it can be viewed as a resource centre, in which we can help train lay people or people in the neighbourhood ... even engaging more local people to be in the care profession."

The Health Ministry said these Government-run homes will also take the lead in developing local staff and implementing enhanced nursing home standards.

The homes will be located within the community and in different regions of Singapore. The Health Ministry said it will work with grassroots leaders to engage residents, and the exact sites will be made known as part of the local resident engagement.

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