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**Points from the Norwegian presentation held by Senior Adviser Mr. Kjetil Leon Bordvik  
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Ageing and longevity presents challenges and opportunities for Norwegian Society and the health care system.

If the current way of operating the health care system continues we need 40% more health personnel, that one third of every high school pupil need to enter the health care workforce. This is not sustainable.

The Norwegian Government is meeting these challenges with comprehensive health reforms:

-White paper on primary care, with an emphasis on home care and patient choice. There is a need to emphasise early interventions to prevent costly hospital treatment.

-White paper on hospitals, emphasising accessibility and a clear division of labour between the hospitals. The distribution and competence of the hospitals must reflect changing demographics and the prevalence of common diseases.

White paper on pharmaceuticals, emphasising access, lower cost and correct prioritisation

White paper on public health. Broad health promoting measures at the population level necessary to keep the population healthy. Emphasis on mental health and active ageing. Senior citizens can contribute to the economy if they are healthy and wanted!

Norway is looking forward to her presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers. Projects on anti-microbial resistance, regional use of health data registries for research and healthy and sustainable cities.

Kind regards,



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