

LITHUANIA

Diversification & job creation

Location

Švėkšna eldership

Programming period

2014 – 2020

Priority

P6 - Social inclusion & local
development

Measure

M06 – Farm & business
development

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 30 690

EAFRD 21 220

National/Regional 3 745

Private 2 500

Other 3 225

Project duration

2018 – 2019

Project promoter

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A project used Rural Development Programme (RDP) funding to ensure easy access to medical and aftercare services for rural residents.

Summary

Rural residents require a combination of services provided by family doctors and aftercare specialists. Aftercare services are needed by people of all ages, but especially the elderly in remote rural areas, who may not have their own means of transport.



In response to the lack of specialised healthcare services in remote areas, this RDP funded project supported the establishment of a healthcare centre for the elderly in Švėkšna, Lithuania, offering medical and aftercare services. The financial support helped purchase the necessary equipment.

Results

Currently there are nine staff members in the clinic / centre with specialists also providing home-based care to the elderly residents of Švėkšna.

According to the agreement with the Lithuanian institution of medical services, some medical services such as family doctor consultations, nursing services and examinations are offered free of charge.

Aftercare services are paid for by the patients.

Context

Rural residents require a combination of services provided by family doctors and aftercare specialists. However, aftercare services were not available in Švėkšna, a village in Lithuania. These aftercare services are needed by people of all ages, but especially the elderly in remote rural areas, who may not have their own means of transport.

Initially, medical aftercare is prescribed by doctors who can decide whether aftercare services should be provided on an outpatient, or inpatient basis. Patients can choose the aftercare institution themselves or follow a doctor's recommendation.

This led to the idea of a one-stop-shop offering medical and aftercare services in one place. This would encourage local residents to make the most of the opportunity to access a new integrated service.

Objectives

The project aimed to bring medical services closer to rural citizens, improve their accessibility and create new jobs in rural areas.

Activities

The project supported the establishment of a business offering healthcare-related services. The services will be provided in a rented building which will be equipped to provide specialist support and customer reception.

The business plan was prepared and the application was submitted to receive RDP support. Upon approval the

equipment was purchased and the request for payment was filed in February 2018.

The equipment bought included an examination lamp on wheels, a urine analyser, medical electronic scales, a spirometer, a printer, an ear wash and an otorinophthalmoscope, a chair for taking blood, a medical bag, a drip stand, a visual acuity table, a baby height measuring chart, a computer, a haemoglobin meter, a three section examination couch, a gynaecological kit, a cardiograph, an ECG table, a defibrillator, a surgical kit, an analyser, an ambulance bag, a large Swedish wall exercise frame, a paraffin bath, two-step stairs, a massage chair, a magnetotherapy machine, a lymphatic drainage compression machine, an Intellect Neo Base Unit and an electric two part therapeutic massage table.

All the equipment purchased was energy-efficient and environmentally friendly.

Main results

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Additional sources of information

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