Peacehaven nursing home gets nod

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Plans for a nursing home that will have single and twin rooms will on
sum clear, alongside other facil-
ities to help the elderly
in their final years.

The failure to secure government
subsidies had led to the plans, by
the Salvation Army Peacehaven
Nursing Home, Love Foundation
and Khoo Chiew Sia Foundation,
being shelved in 2015.

But now, Jade Circle, a four-
story facility that will cater to
dementia patients, is expected
to be completed by the end of 2016.

The Ministry of Health (MOH)
gave its support when Peacehaven
agreed to add multi-bedded rooms
in its existing building as part of
the overall development of the site.

Plans for the extension were
hatched in December 2015, when
MOH said a continuing provide
emergency care is the proposed
site of a double-bedded room
had said "such parameters will
be built in order to be financially
viable if applied to the rest of the
site.

But an MOH spokesman said yester-
day: "Taken as a whole, Peace-
haven Nursing Home’s develop-
ment project will meet the mini-
stry’s requirements for an in-
creased capacity in nursing home
beds providing a good mix of bed
sizes for patients, as well as in day-
time social activities.

The Jade Circle extension to
Peacehaven Nursing Home in
Changi will cost $14 million to build,
with the two foundations contrib-
ting $9 million. They hope to get
the rest of the funds through the Com-
unity Silver Trust – a dol-
lar-free dollar donation main-
tained by the trust.

The new nursing home will be a
first home to operate without phys-
cal restraints, which are sometimes
used to keep dementia patients in
bed to prevent mishaps, and as far
as possible, drugs as well, the or-
ganizations said yesterday.

Such that can be lowered and
locked on a nursing bed, they said,
when their users get out of bed
have been specially important to
reduce the risk of falls.

Non-nurses will be trained as se-
ior care assistants, who will give
the target caregivers at the nurs-
ing home a boost.

The extension will house 22 beds
in single, double and twin-share
rooms, down from the 40 initially
planned.

There will also be a daycare cen-
ter that can accommodate 120 el-
derly people a day.

One four-bedded room, along
with a single-bed isolation room,
will be built as well.

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