



Comparison among different European regional systems

The Catalan healthcare system

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Socio-demographic characteristics

Autonomous Community

Area: **31,895 km²**

Population: **7,196,168 inhabitants**

Life expectancy: **80.10 years**

Birth rate (2004): **11.41**

Gross Mortality rate (2004): **8,49**

Infant mortality: **3.22**

GDP/Capita (PPP 2003): **US\$ 28.740**

High urban concentration

Own language and culture

Tourism: **22,669,000 visitors**

Employment by sectors :

- Services 59.4 %
- Industry 28.8 %
- Construction 8.3 %
- Agriculture 3.5%



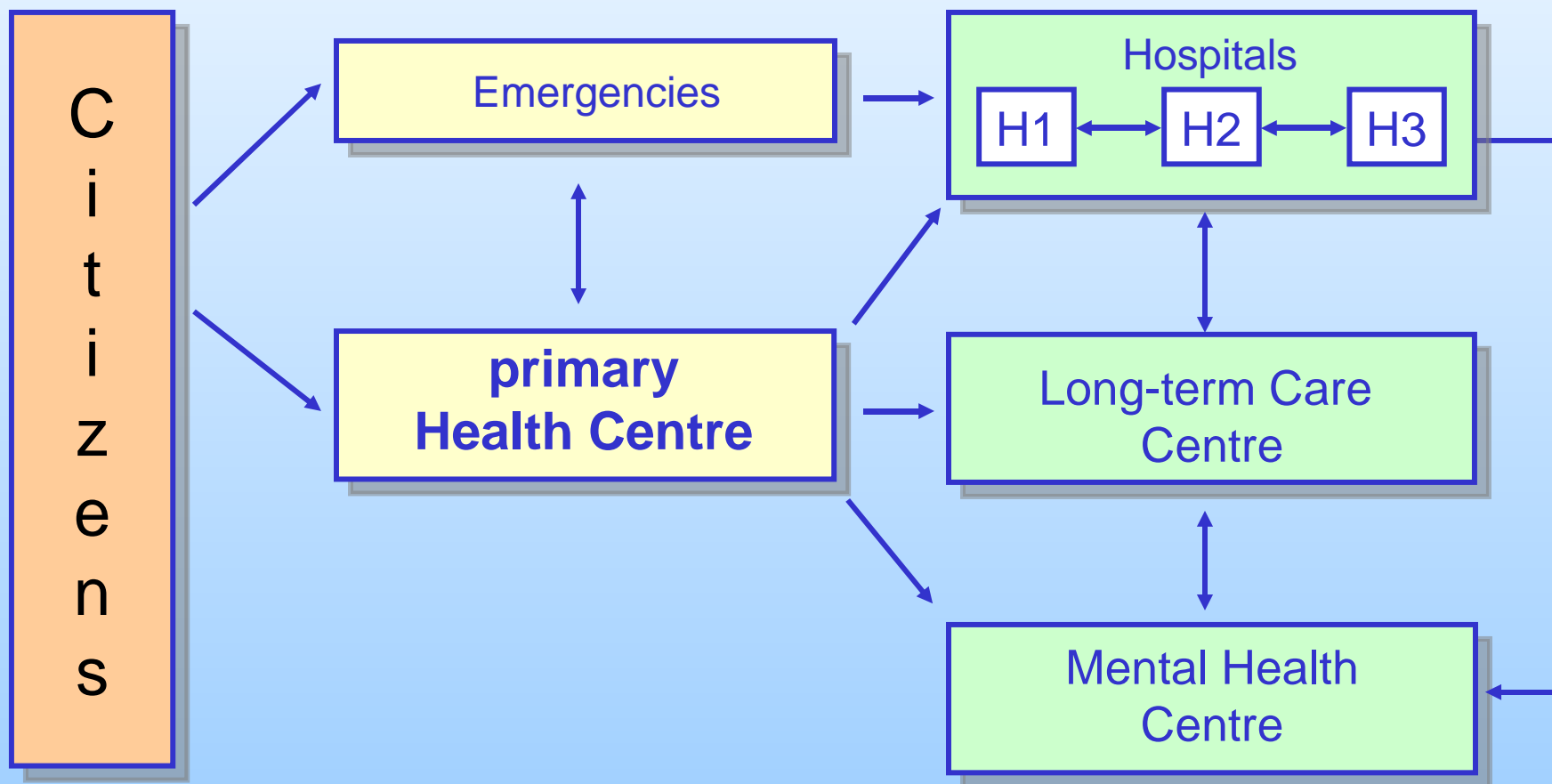
The Catalan Health Care System

- **Funded by taxes**
- **Decentralized**
- **Universal coverage**
- **Free access**
- **Very wide range of publicly covered services**
- **Co-payment in pharmaceutical products**
- **Services provided mainly in public facilities**
- **General practitioner as the gatekeeper of the system**



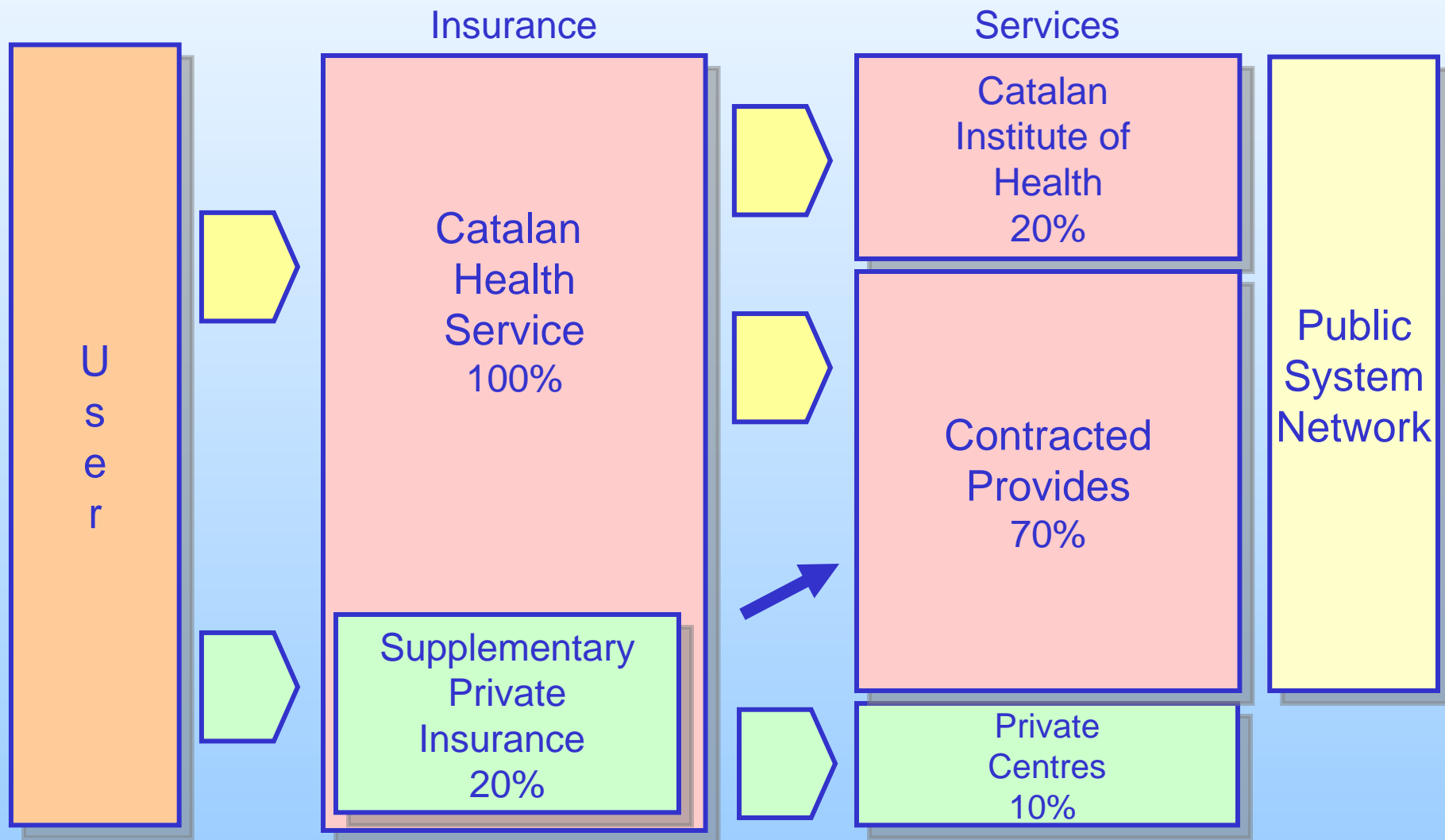


Customer-oriented organization



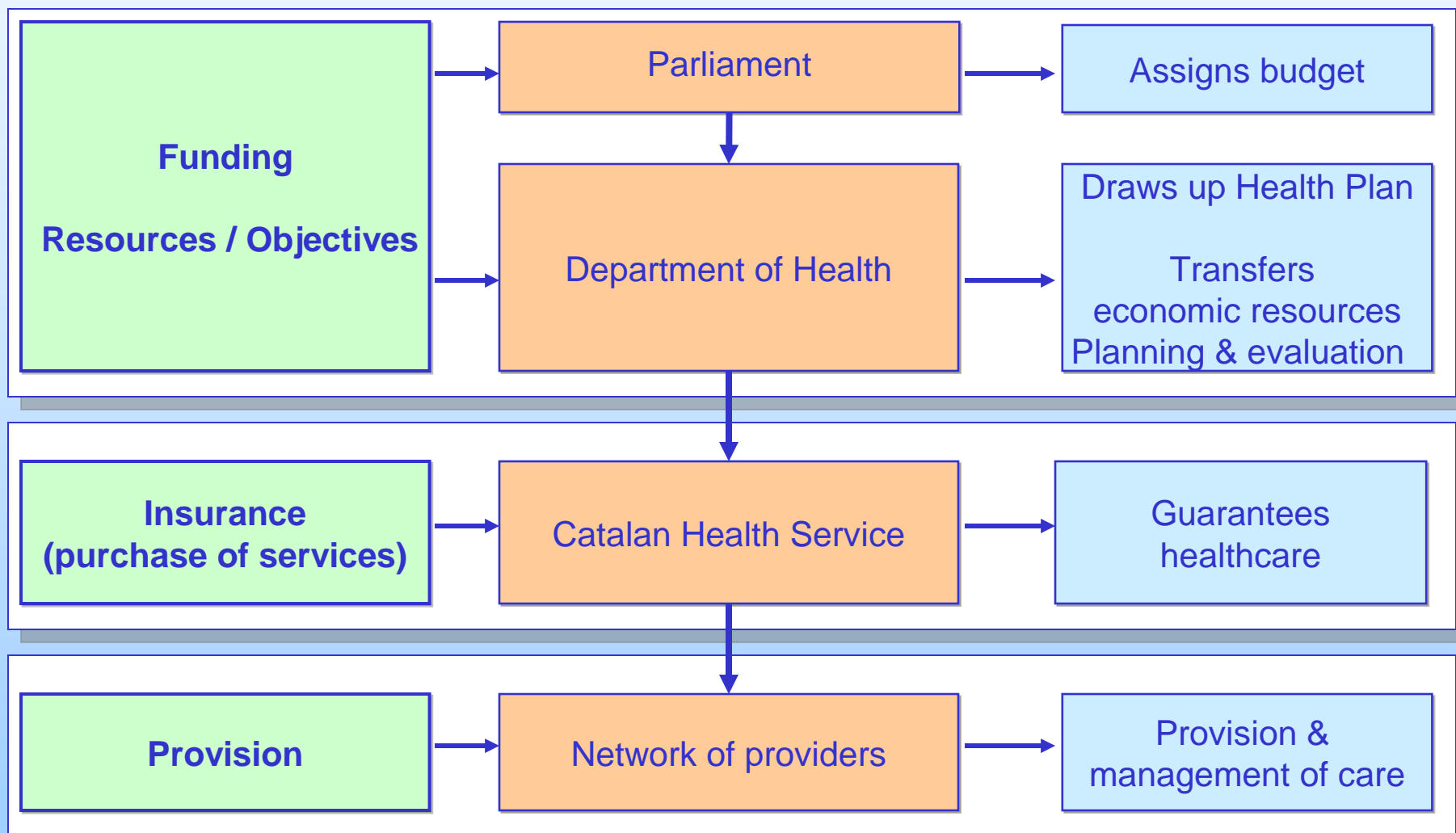


General diagram of the Catalan Healthcare System





Scope of functions





The budget of the Catalan Government

Budgets (million €)	2003	2004	2005	2006	Increase '03-'06
Dept. of Health	5,596	6,616	7,229	7,949	42%
Dept. of Education	2,904	3,376	3,759	4,177	44%
Dept. of Welfare & Family	601	915	1,082	1,285	114%
Dept. of Culture	173	195	240	275	59%
TOTAL	9,273	11,102	12,310	13,686	48%

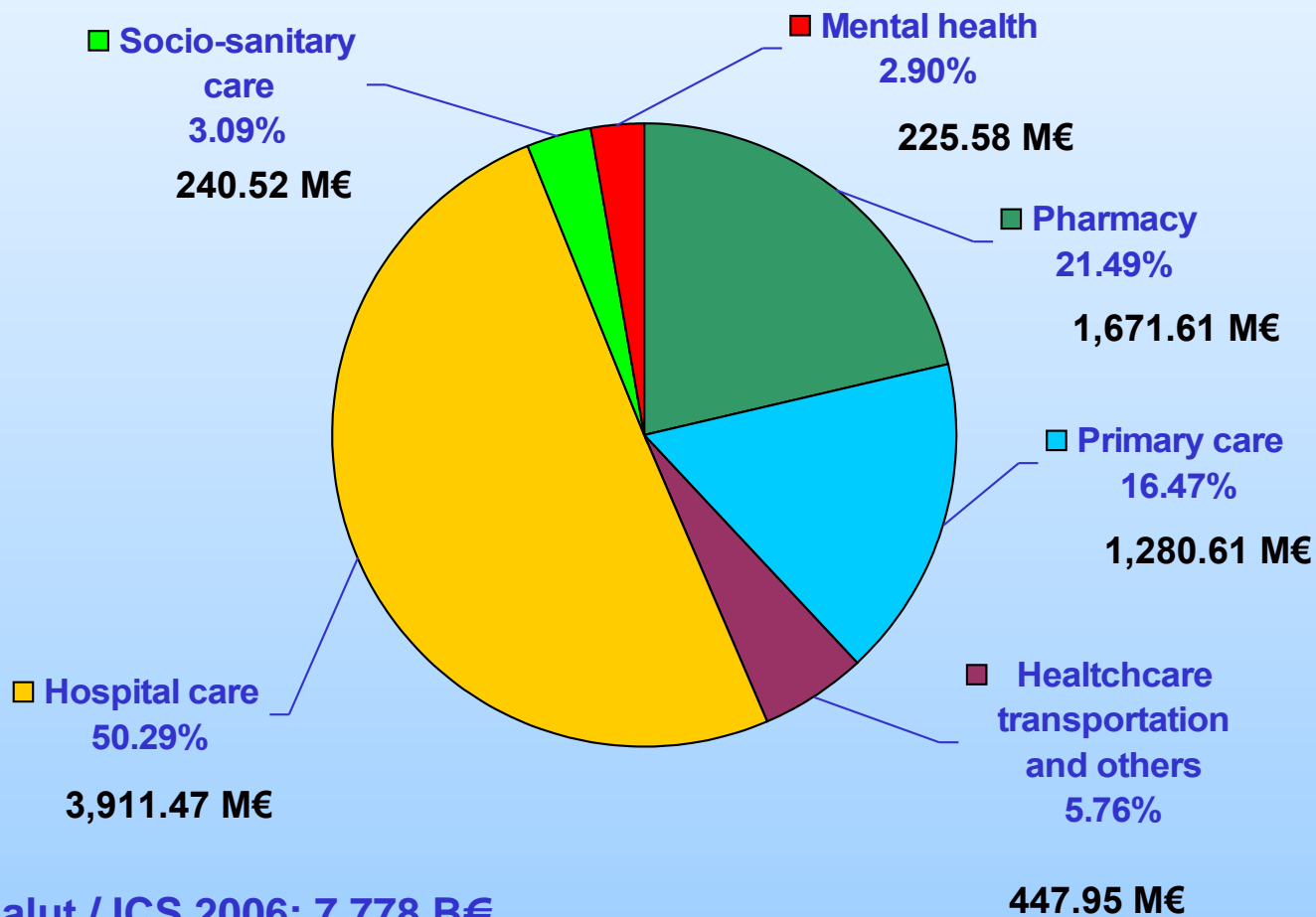
Public expenditure in health
as a percentage the GDP (2002)



EU average	6.4%
Spain	5.4%
Catalonia	4.7%



Functional structure of the budget for health (2006)



Budget CatSalut / ICS 2006: 7.778 B€

The social and health care model

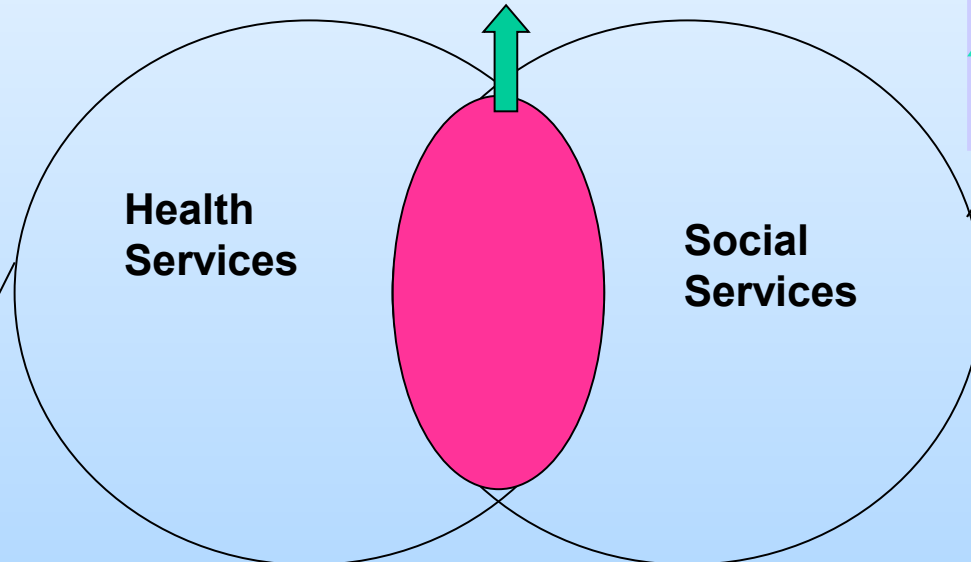
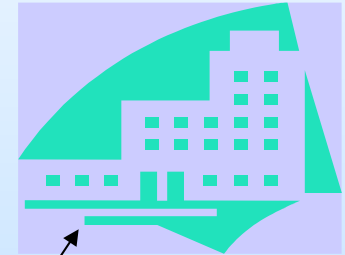
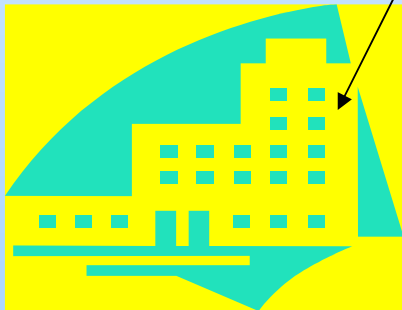
**People who needs
social and health care**

**Health
Services**

**Social
Services**

**Department
of social affairs**

**Department of
Health**





Main areas of work in the social and health Care system in Catalonia

Geriatrics

Alzheimer disease and other dementia

End of live care-Palliative care

Dependency caused by neurological disease

Cartera de servicios sociosanitarios

Units with admission

- Long-care
- Mid-care: Convalescence
 Palliative care
 Polyvalent care
- Geriatric acute care (in general acute care hospitals)

Units without admission

- Day care hospital
- Integral ambulatory teams

Support teams

- PADES (in primary health care)
- UFISS (in hospitals)



Main challenges facing the Catalan Social and Healthcare System

- **Demographic and cultural changes:**
 - Aging → Dependency
 - Immigration
 - Birth rates
- **Sociological and epidemiological changes**
- **Scientific and technological advances**
- **Economic sustainability**
- **Implementation of Dependency act**