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**Christian Family Service Centre** along with Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council will provide physiotherapy and occupational therapy to the severely disabled and those on the waiting lists of care homes.

The three-year scheme will also train primary caregivers to improve the quality of home care.

The scheme is funded from the HK\$163 million given to the Social Welfare Department following last Wednesday's budget announcement.

Currently 10 staff are ready to provide the service and that number will be gradually increased.

Families will have to pay HK\$998 a month for a "package," which includes physio and occupational therapy, specialized training for the caregiver and transport service.

**Christian Family Service Centre** chief executive Kwok Lit-tung said: "Some families are unwilling to commit because of the cost. But even if they can't afford it, we'll still provide the services because that's what we're here for." ELIZABETH LAW

