Ageing population - the average life span among Swedes is now 84.29 years for women and 80.6 years for men.
Health care is: TAXFUNDED, PUBLIC AND DECENTRALIZED

Reports from WHO and OECD show that the Swedish health system performs well in general, life expectancy in the country is high and the general health among the population is good.

The Swedish health care is mainly:
- Tax funded,
- Universal for all citizens and
- Decentralized with 21 councils

Although health care is taxfunded, public care buys approximately 15 % of private providers.

Health spending 10.9 % of GNP

COVID 19 STATISTICS
9 March 2022

CASES PER DAY
IN TOTAL 2 455 966

NEW PATIENTS IN ICU
IN TOTAL 8 901

DEATHS
IN TOTAL 17 512
People in lower socioeconomic groups have a higher risk of suffering from serious illness and death in covid-19.

The left Figure shows the coverage rate per income level divided into five groups, where 1 corresponds to the lowest income and 5 the highest income.

The higher the income, the higher the proportion who have been vaccinated.

The Corona Commission submitted its report on 25 February 2022

To few
To late
Deficiencies in national governance

In particular, initial shortcomings in care for the elderly and the abolition of emergency stocks and "just-in-time logistics" were pointed out.
COVID 19 DEFERRED CARE

161 334 people were waiting for surgery or other specialist action in December 2021.

This can be compared to 80 000 measures normally being taken monthly.

During the second half of 2021, the care queue grew by 8 000 people.

In 2022, the government has set aside EUR600 million for their continued work with covid-19 care and deferred care.

LOWEST NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS PER CAPITA

In March 2022 the Government instructs the National Board of Health and Welfare to propose target values for care places and an appropriate average occupancy rate - broad political consensus that the “healthcare suit” needs to be larger.
LOW NUMBER ICU BEDS

The number of intensive care units has also fallen sharply. This was made clear especially during the corona pandemic,

The profession managed to approximately double the number locally, but with significant shortcomings in working conditions.

The duplication meant that a facility prepared with the support of the military did not have to be taken into use.

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

Last decades private health insurances have increased, with appr. 690 000 Swedes

- The government has expressed concern that patients with private health insurance receive advantages for publicly funded care
- It is uncertain how the population's confidence and willingness to pay taxes can be affected in the long run
- An investigator recently submitted proposals on how private insurance can be regulated to ensure equal care based on medical needs
DIGITAL VISITS

Since the start in 2016, the scope of digital visits has increased successively. In 2019, close to 1.2 million visits were made to these companies, and by 2020, the number had doubled.

The regions paid the private providers EUR 90 million in 2020.

REFORM – PRIMARY HEALTH

Today's primary care is lacking when it comes to accessibility, participation and continuity.

Stronger primary care has long been a priority issue in Swedish Healthcare.

Against this background, the government took the initiative in 2018 for a change in health care towards more good and close care.

Hospital doctors are worried that resources will be transferred from the hospitals before primary care is put in order.