

SAVE OUR NURSING HOMES

CRISIS IN CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Dear Taoiseach,

We are nursing home providers across Ireland and are writing this open letter because private and voluntary nursing home care is in crisis.

This year, 17 nursing homes have been forced to close their doors. 489 residents have lost their homes and over 600 people their jobs. People have lost their livelihoods; generations who have provided nursing home care have been abandoned.

Residents and staff in private and voluntary nursing homes are being clearly discriminated against under your Fair Deal scheme. Fair Deal is ultimately responsible for funding nursing home resident care.

€692 per resident, per week, is the average additional payment under Fair Deal to HSE nursing homes for resident care. You are providing on average 73% - €35,000 per resident, per annum - more to HSE nursing homes. Resident care in private and voluntary nursing homes is chronically underfunded.

Soaring inflation costs are intensifying an existing crisis.

Year-on-year cost has increased by €194 per resident, per week, for resident care but the Fair Deal is not recognising or addressing this significant cost.

Nursing home care is in a state of distress. We are filled with concern and worry.

More closures are inevitable without urgent Government intervention. If you fail to respond appropriately, continued closures will be catastrophic for older person care and the State.

An immediate fit for purpose stabilisation fund is critical to stem the tide of nursing home closures.

The consequences of inaction will be felt in communities across Ireland and across the health service.

Multiple reports, including Government reports, inform Fair Deal fees do not meet the reality of resident care costs. Act upon them. Ensure Fair Deal is truly fair by prioritising its reform to reflect residents' care needs.

Please stop the crisis.

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