

The Home Care Promise

Every 15 minutes, someone in Ireland turns 65. Every 30 minutes, someone turns 80. It is a positive thing that more of us are living longer, and healthier lives, than ever before.

Some of us, though, require help as we age. Ireland's home care service is under enormous pressure with over 7,200 people on a waiting list for care. We need our politicians to step up and give home care the attention that other parts of the health system have long received.

We are asking all Dáil candidates to undertake the following if elected:

- Increase funding to provide 6M new home care hours by 2022 to meet rising demand and clear the current waiting list
- Commit to legislating for a statutory entitlement to home care in 2021
- Make home care workers a protected and licensed profession to increase career opportunities for hard working carers
- Back the phased creation of a quality ratings system for all home care providers, including the HSE's service, to help the public make more informed choices
- Acknowledge the vital contribution of private home care providers
- Include Health Care Assistants on the Critical Skills List to help alleviate the recruitment crisis

Candidate Signature

KEY FACTS ABOUT IRISH HOME CARE

53,700
CLIENTS

will get 19.2 million
hours in 2020

7,255

OLDER PEOPLE
WAITING FOR
HOME CARE

WAIT LIST
INCREASE OF

125%

SINCE 2016

FUNDING INCREASE BY 53% SINCE 2016

€490M for OLDER PERSONS IN 2020

KEY FACTS ABOUT HCCI MEMBERS

CONSTITUENCY

MAP

NUMBER OF
STAFF
EMPLOYED:

10,000

NUMBER OF
CLIENTS
CARED FOR:

21,000

