

Home Care Promise

Ireland is ageing faster than we expected. Access to home care is more important than ever before.

Ireland has made good progress in the last 5 years. 65,000 people receive home care every day and we expect to deliver nearly 6 million more hours of care in 2024 than we did in 2020.

But there is a lot more work to be done if we want to deliver high quality home care to everyone who needs it. Rural Ireland is being left behind. More than 5,500 people are on the waiting list for home care.

Every week, older people and people with disabilities enter residential care because it easier to access nursing homes than it is home care. We need a Fair Deal system for home care.

We need to recognise and reward our home care workers, the unsung heroes of the health service.

HCCI are asking all Dáil candidates to prioritise home care and commit to the following:

Access: Implement the Statutory Home Support Scheme to improve access and give a legal entitlement to care

Expand: the number of home care hours and workers.

Housing: Develop a standalone housing policy for older people.

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