

Home Care and Nursing Home Synergies

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Positive Ageing

Need celebrate the fact that people are living longer

Need to address the language and public discourse

- 'Demographic time-bomb'
- 'Burden of ageing'

Required: Continuum of high quality care services and supports that are responsive to the changing needs and preferences of people as they age

This is you and I we are talking about – citizens A challenge – yes.....and as a Society we need to plan.



Health and Social Care

Health and Social Care integration?

 \circ The poor relation – social care

 \circ Health service overly focussed on acute

This manifests in budgetary terms and also in terms of response (crisis in A&E/ trolleys)

System is too crisis based!





Essential within a proper functioning health service

22,949 – Financially supported by Fair Deal year-end 2017 (343 less than projected – actual reduction of 193 on 2016)

8,238 – New residents supported by Fair Deal in 2017

-584 – Net new persons financially supported by Fair Deal 2013 V 2017

82.9 years — Average age of a nursing home resident (*Health in Ireland Key Trends 2016, Department of Health*)

664% - Average cost differential weeks care - acute hospital / private or voluntary nursing home

€7,000 – acute hospital / €917 average Fair Deal fee in private/voluntary nursing home



Transitional Care

8,930- patients in Irish hospitals who were approved for transitional care funding to enable them avail of care within private and voluntary nursing homes. (Average 744 per month)

1,588- increase on the number that were approved in 2016

57% - Increase in the number of people funded for transitional care over two-year period 2015 to 2017

'Minister Harris announced an additional €5m to HSE in March 2018 to address the increasing numbers of patients in acute hospitals requiring home care and transitional care beds (nursing homes)'







€408m – overall state funding for Home Care in 2018 an increase of €32m from 2017 €962million – Nursing Home Support Scheme Budget for 2018- an increase of €21.7 million from 2017

50,000 people - (or about 8% of over 65s) are in receipt of publicly funded home care. While more than 23,000 people (about 4% of this age group) in residential care





Activity levels

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Service / Scheme	No. of people	Proportion over 65s (approx.)
Nursing Home Support Scheme	23,334	4%
Home Help and Home Care Packages (10.57m home help hours, 20,175 Home Care Packages and 235 Intensive Home Care Packages**)	50,000 (approx.)	8%

No. of home help hours provided (millions) and no. of clients 2008-2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016*	2017*
No. of hours (millions)	12.63	11.97	11.68	11.09	9.88	9.74	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.6
No. of clients	55,366	53,791	54,000	51,000	45,705	46,454	47,061	47,915	49,000	49,000

Source: HSE Annual Reports and Financial Statements 2008-2015; and HSE Annual Service Plan 2017.

*2016 data – expected outturn; 2017 data – target.

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Demographics and Demand

A growth in life expectancy is driving growth in the older population – with significant expansion expected in the number of older people (aged 65 and over) and especially those aged 80 years and over in the coming decades (2016 to 2036).

Population growth projections 65+

Population growth projections 80+







Projections of demand for healthcare in Ireland, 2015-2030: ESRI

The demand for home care packages is projected to increase by between 44-66% by 2030, from a level of 15,000 in 2015; and
The demand for home help hours is projected to increase by between 38-54% by 2030.

The ESRI stated:

"The additional demand projected...for the years to 2030 will give rise to demand for additional expenditure, capital investment and expanded staffing and will have major implications for capacity planning, workforce planning and training."

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Changing role of nursing homes

- Increased Dependency levels/ complex care
- Dementia Care
- Age profile
- Reduced length of stay
- Role of nursing home sector in complimentary services (homecare/ day care/ meals and wheels)
- Nursing homes a hub of community services?





- Sláintecare Oireachtas Committee on Future Health
- Focus on Primary and Community Care
- Consensus action and implementation required
- Statutory homecare scheme
- Health Service Capacity Review positive to include community for the first time

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- Not about Homecare V Residential
- Shift from Acute to Community
- Development of a true continuum of care person centred (not system)
- Independent regulation (registration and inspection) of homecare must be a priority



Statutory Scheme Review

NHI recommends that a new scheme mirroring Fair Deal with dedicated funding should be introduced on a statutory basis for community care.

This scheme could mirror the principles of Fair Deal and Money Follows the Patient:

- A uniform assessment (SAT)
- Equitable access to those assessed as requiring such care
- Dedicated ring-fenced funding
- A co-payment model that makes such care affordable and accessible?





• Financing

Funding and commissioning Who pays?

• Regulation

Proportionality Regulation/ Oversight of commissioners

Workforce Planning

Recruitment and Retention



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