

NURSING HOME CARE



23,000 people are provided with specialist care in 'homes from home' by **430+ private & voluntary nursing homes**.



These dedicated health and social care settings **employ 25,000 people**, directly contributing over **€190m annually to economy through direct taxation**.



Cost of care in acute hospitals is **up to eight times** fees payable to private and voluntary nursing homes.

75%

Circa **75% of 'delayed-discharge'** patients in acute hospitals are **awaiting long-term nursing home care**.

+46%

Our population **aged 85+**, those most dependent upon nursing home care – will **grow by 46% by year 2021**.

THE POLICY DEFICIT. WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- 1 A funding model that recognises the reality of costs incurred to provide nursing home care is imperative. The current NHSS (Fair Deal) funding model is threatening the sustainability of current provision and stifling the ability of nursing home providers to meet the growth in requirement for nursing home care.
- 2 Nursing home operators dissatisfied with the fee proposed by the NTPF must be afforded the opportunity for fair right of independent appeal.
- 3 There is urgent and imperative requirement for a workforce plan for the entire health service (public, private and voluntary) that will place the substantial growth in requirement for gerontological care at the centre of it.
- 4 Government must take a lead in bringing stakeholders around the table through a 'Forum on Long Term Care' to consider and advise re the appropriate planning and policy required to ensure we sustain current provision and enable providers expand to meet future growth.