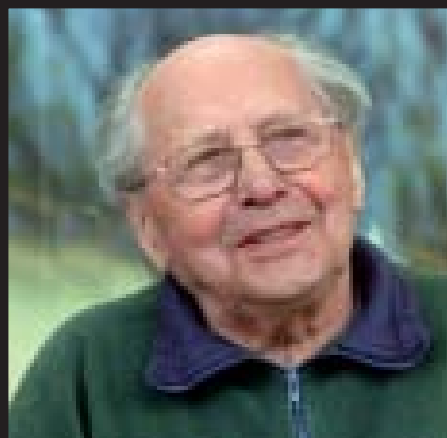




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1 Introduction and Forewords

1.1 Introduction

This is the fifth consecutive Annual Private Nursing Home Survey which Horwath Bastow Charleton Limerick has undertaken. We are delighted to produce the Survey this year on behalf of the newly formed Nursing Homes Ireland, having undertaken the Survey in previous years on behalf of the Irish Nursing Homes Organisation.

The new national private nursing home organisation has formed from the consolidation of the four existing representative organisations, namely:

- **THE IRISH NURSING HOMES ORGANISATION**
- **THE FEDERATION OF IRISH NURSING HOMES**
- **NURSING HOMES ASSOCIATION SOUTH EAST**
- **NURSING HOMES WEST**

As the four representative bodies amalgamate to provide a strong unified voice for the private nursing home sector, we believe it is more important than ever to produce a comprehensive and authoritative report on the key issues affecting the industry. It is also important to carry out a thorough examination of the state of the industry in the context of the significant changes which are taking place at present, and those likely to take place in the near future.

This Survey was undertaken in late 2007 when a detailed questionnaire was sent to every registered private nursing home in the country. The comprehensive questionnaire covered areas such as occupancy, rates, income and costs. Also included were questions to allow us develop a profile of nursing homes in terms of their layout, size, design, facilities and services offered. We examined the independent living unit sector in greater detail and covered questions on a range of other topics including staffing, dependency levels amongst residents and contracts with the HSE.

We are very pleased that, again this year, an increased number of nursing home operators have participated in the Survey. This year we received responses from 152 nursing homes. This equates to a 35% response rate, our highest response rate to date. This level of response provides a sample population which is considered representative of the overall population.

We would like to express our appreciation to those nursing home operators that took the time to complete the questionnaire. Without their efforts, the production of the Survey would not be possible.

1.2 Foreword by **Tadhg Daly** (Chief Executive Officer, Nursing Homes Ireland)

Nursing Homes Ireland is pleased to publish the 2007 Annual Survey of the private nursing home sector.

The Irish Nursing Homes Organisation, the Federation of Irish Nursing Homes, Nursing Homes Association South East and Nursing Homes West have worked closely over the last twelve months on the establishment of a single national nursing homes organisation to represent the private and voluntary nursing home sector - NURSING HOMES IRELAND.

Clearly, the nursing home sector is facing ever increasing challenges and pressures, and it is vital that Nursing Homes Ireland is strong and vocal in defending the legitimate rights of nursing home operators, and ensuring that our side of the story is heard.

The challenges facing the nursing home sector requires that a strong organisation represents the interests of the sector, to promote standards and to assist members in achieving these.

There are a number of immediate challenges including;

- In 2008 the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) standards for residential care settings for older people will come into effect together with new regulations governing the sector.
- The Social Services Inspectorate (SSI) will become the independent regulator and inspector of both the public and private sector.
- New arrangements for the funding of residential care for older people under the Fair Deal will come into effect in 2008 with the contract negotiations for nursing home beds undertaken by the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF).

Nursing Homes Ireland will represent the sector and will campaign vigorously to achieve a fair and just system for all nursing home operators.

Membership of Nursing Homes Ireland will ensure that members are kept fully informed about all of these challenges, opportunities and developments and will assist members in meeting the challenges facing their business.

A strong and united nursing home sector, with a vibrant and united organisation representing the interests of all is imperative.

We are committed to a true partnership between nursing home operators and the Department of Health, the HSE, HIQA, the NTPF, as well as residents and their families to facilitate a root and branch reform of the present system. The terms of that engagement, however, must be fair to all sides.

I look forward to the active participation of all members of Nursing Homes Ireland. A committed and united membership will enable the new organisation deal with the many challenges and opportunities in the year ahead.

I would like to thank all the nursing home operators who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire without whom the 2007 survey could not have been published.

I would also like to thank Homecare Medical Supplies and Ulster Bank for their commitment to the private nursing home sector and in particular for their financial support of Nursing Homes Ireland through the sponsorship of this Survey.

Finally I would like to thank the Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney, T.D. for her foreword and once again restate our commitment to working with all stakeholders including the Minister, the Department, the Health Services Executive and the Health Information and Quality Authority to ensure best practice in care of the older person.

Tadhg Daly,
Chief Executive Officer,
Nursing Homes Ireland.



1.3 Foreword by Minister for Health & Children, **Mary Harney T.D.**

One of the great achievements of our times is that most of us are living longer and staying more active than ever before. The recent publication **Health in Ireland: Key Trends 2007** highlights that the population of Ireland has been growing more rapidly than any time since the foundation of the State. In addition to this growth in recent years the numbers of people over the age of 65 are projected to increase to over 800,000 between now and 2025. These projections have clear implications for the health system and for health service planning. We must ensure that our older people receive an appropriate level of care which is underpinned by a desire to treat them with dignity and respect. Health Information is a valuable resource and as Minister for Health and Children I welcome the publication of Nursing Home Ireland's 2007 survey which provides up-to-date industry information and statistics.



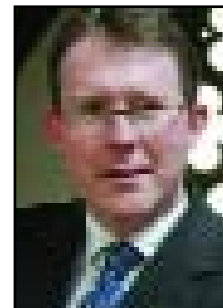
I firmly believe that improvements in services will only be achieved through partnership between Government, service providers, both public, private and voluntary organisations and older people themselves. It should not matter whether care is provided in the public, private or voluntary sector as long as residents receive the best quality care. To ensure quality we must have evidence-based standards. Therefore, our agenda continues to focus on standards. Last year I published *"Draft National Standards for Residential Care Settings for Older People"*. The draft standards were formally referred to the Health Information and Quality Authority for consultation and finalisation. I would like to compliment HIQA and in particular the Working Group, including representatives from your Organisation, on the commitment, effort and time invested in this process.

Finally, I would like to congratulate you on the establishment of Nursing Homes Ireland as the new unified voice for the former Federation of Irish Nursing Homes, The Irish Nursing Homes Organisation, Nursing Homes Association South East and Nursing Homes West. 2008 will be a busy and important year for us all as we continue to work together to ensure the best health care for older people in our country.

Mary Harney T.D.

Minister for Health and Children.

1.4 Foreword by **Brian McEnergy** (Partner, Horwath Bastow Charleton)



INTRODUCTION

This is the fifth Annual Survey of the private nursing home sector which Horwath Bastow Charleton Limerick has undertaken. We are delighted to produce this year's Survey on behalf of the newly formed Nursing Homes Ireland. We welcome the formation of a single national nursing home representative organisation and believe that it will provide enhanced recognition for the sector.

HORWATH BASTOW CHARLETON

Horwath Bastow Charleton is one of Ireland's leading accountancy and business advisory firms. The firm has offices in Limerick, Dublin and Belfast. Horwath Bastow Charleton is the Irish member firm of Horwath International, which is one of the largest global accountancy and advisory firms.

Horwath Bastow Charleton – Healthcare Consulting is led from our Limerick office and has a team of corporate finance, audit and taxation experts to provide quality advice to our clients, service providers, financial institutions and investors. We are one of the largest practices nationally focussing on healthcare and particularly care of the older person. We advise some of the leading providers of nursing home care in Ireland.

SURVEY SPONSORS

We would like to thank Ulster Bank and Homecare Medical Supplies for their continued commitment to the private nursing home sector through their sponsorship of the Survey. We would also like to thank the private nursing home operators throughout the country who responded to our Survey questionnaire. Without their co-operation, it would not be possible to produce this report. We are particularly appreciative that, again this year, an increased number of operators participated in the Survey. This resulted in the highest response rate to date since the inauguration of the Survey in 2003.

DRAFT CARE STANDARDS

The private nursing home sector has entered a period of significant transition. Change and development of virtually all things in life is necessary and desirable and this is indeed the case with the provision of care to our older population.

The publication, in August 2007, of draft standards of care for older people in residential care settings represents the most significant and welcome advancement in the industry to date. The publication of the standards is a necessary step in restoring public confidence in a sector that has experienced difficulties in the recent past. Recognition must be given to the efforts of those involved in the development of these draft care standards.

A period of consultation with interested parties followed the publication of the draft standards and a set of final draft standards were published in early March 2008. Whilst there are standards included that are completely appropriate, some ideally need refinement and unquestionably there is unfinished work in relation to the staffing of care delivery.

Undeniably there will be practical and financial implications connected with the introduction of the proposed standards and this is something that needs to be addressed at the outset.

In summary, the draft standards represent a very welcome start and with appropriate efforts we will have quality, lasting standards for the long term.

A FAIR DEAL

2008 is expected to see the introduction of the new nursing home care support scheme – A Fair Deal. This initiative is both welcome and overdue. The Fair Deal includes a role for the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) and in that context we welcome the contribution to this publication of David Allen, Director of Finance of the organisation.

The challenge in the year ahead will be the development of a positive and constructive relationship between private nursing home operators and the NTPF to ensure that quality care is available for the older person.

INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS

We believe that home-care packages should be made available to residents of Independent Living Units (ILUs). Clustered developments of ILUs will unquestionably lead to the more efficient delivery of supports for people living in the home. Home-care, in structured environments such as ILU villages, will become more important, when the Fair Deal initiative, as currently proposed, is operable. This is because low and medium dependency residents will not receive subvention in nursing homes.

THE YEAR AHEAD - 2008

The private nursing home sector has evolved significantly in the last decade. Changes which will come on stream in the near future present a tremendous opportunity for the industry to move forward and regain public confidence. Whilst change is inevitably challenging, it is important that the opportunity to advance the sector is embraced by all private nursing home operators. The amalgamation of the four nursing home bodies is a positive step towards hopefully shaping the future of the sector in this country.

COMPILING THE 2007 SURVEY

The Annual Private Nursing Home Survey takes approximately four months of intensive work by my colleagues. I wish to thank Eoin Ryan and Mary McNamara for their dedicated work on this year's Survey. I also wish to thank Nursing Homes Ireland for providing us with the opportunity to complete the Survey and for the assistance provided throughout the assignment.

Brian McEnery

Partner,
Horwath Bastow Charleton.

1.5 Co-sponsor Foreword - **Gemma Lynch** (Ulster Bank)

Ulster Bank Corporate Banking is very proud to be a co-sponsor to the 2007 Nursing Home Ireland Annual Survey.

We understand that Irish nursing home operators face unique challenges in running their businesses and that a changing and uncertain regulatory and funding environment may increase these challenges. In this context, we believe that accurate and professionally assembled industry data can be a vital business tool, be it for reference, negotiation or research. This is why we are continuing to support the production of the Survey.

Ulster Bank Corporate Banking has a dedicated Healthcare team which understands the challenges, dynamics and opportunities facing you. We are the leading provider of banking solutions to the Irish Nursing Home Market and with the support of our parent bank, the RBS Group, one of the foremost financial services groups in the world, we can draw on sector expertise and product capability to deliver world class banking solutions to the Irish healthcare market.

2008 will be an important year for the industry and despite the well documented challenges we believe there will also be many opportunities for those looking to expand existing businesses and for those entering the industry. We look forward to continuing support the sector through our dedicated healthcare team in order to allow you focus on what matters most – providing the highest quality nursing home care.

Gemma Lynch

Head of Healthcare,
Ulster Bank Ireland Ltd.

 **Ulster Bank**



1.6 Co-sponsor Foreword - **Peter McGuinness** (Director, Homecare Medical Supplies Ltd.)

Homecare Medical Supplies is delighted to co-sponsor the 2007 Nursing Homes Ireland Annual Survey. Having been a sponsor since the inaugural INHO Survey in 2003, we have seen the Survey improve in its content year on year and believe it provides a wealth of important information for nursing home owners.

Based in Kiltimagh and Ballyhaunis in County Mayo, Homecare supplies a wide range of competitive priced products and services to the Irish Nursing Home sector including:

- daily consumables
- equipment and furniture
- aids to daily living and service
- maintenance contracts

Being in daily contact with literally hundreds of private nursing homes we notice certain trends within the industry. Increasingly during 2007 more and more nursing homes sought to take out service and maintenance contracts with a service provider such as ourselves. As uniformity of standards within the industry become more commonplace, the need for such contracts has increased. We in Homecare have invested heavily in the area and are now the largest service contract provider in the country.

As margins become tighter for operators, the one stop shop becomes increasingly more relevant and Homecare continues to try and provide a solution for its customers in this regard.

We would congratulate all concerned in the formation of Nursing Homes Ireland and believe the interests of all parties will be best served by such a union. Similarly we wish Nursing Homes Ireland and its members well for the future and congratulate them on the publication of the 2007 survey.

Peter McGuinness

Director,
Homecare Medical Supplies Ltd.



1.7 National Quality Standards - Dr. Marion Witton (Health Information and Quality Authority)

The Government is committed to promoting the welfare and safety of vulnerable people. National Standards represent a baseline of quality below which no provider may fall. They are also intended to underpin a continuous improvement in quality in all care settings. The National Quality Standards for Residential Care Settings for Older People have been developed through an expert working party, taking legislation, best practice and research findings into consideration.

The present requirements for Nursing Homes are set out in the 1993 Care and Welfare Regulations and have only been amended twice since, in regards to fire safety. There were no national standards to accompany the regulations. It is now widely recognised that standards need to be published to ensure protection and consistency of service to people who have contributed so much to our society. The standards also ensure that everyone is clear about what can be expected for service users and what providers need to do to meet their registration requirements. The new draft standards are objective and apply to all care providers of nursing and residential care homes for older people, for the first time including the public sector.

The National Quality Standards are a set of 'outcomes' that providers should aim to achieve. Providers will reach those outcomes for service users in different ways, depending on the particular circumstances they operate in. The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) will expect providers to demonstrate how they achieve each of the standards. Each standard has supporting criteria which give indicators about how it can be met. Providers must have regard to these criteria when deciding how to meet the standard. In addition to meeting the National Quality Standards, the provider must also meet a set of regulations. The National Quality Standards do not override the need for providers to comply with other legislation such as health and safety, food hygiene, fire or planning requirements.

A number of new initiatives are included in these new standards which include the preparation of individual care plans for residents, a minimum qualification for care staff dealing with residents and continuous quality assurance mechanisms.

The draft standards are driven by a respect for the rights of older people and the principle that older people in residential care settings should be able to lead full lives that reflect, as far as possible, the lives they led prior to admission into what will be their home - the residential care setting. Consequently, the standards promote a person-centred ethos and culture that should govern the provision of residential care for older people.

The standards are grouped into seven sections to reflect the dimensions of a quality service. Thus, there are sections on the rights of older people, on protection, health and social care needs, quality of life, staffing, the care environment and management and governance. The 32 draft standards within these sections set out the rights of residents and include their entitlement to protection, high quality, safe and respectful care.

A major change brought about by the Health Act 2007 is to extend inspection and registration to residential care settings run by the Health Service Executive. This ensures equity of treatment across the whole sector, both public and private, and supports the aim of delivering consistent standards of service to residents regardless of the provider of the service. The Social Services Inspectorate of the Health Information and Quality Authority will be responsible for inspecting nursing and residential care homes to ensure they are meeting the new standards and that all of those living in a residential care setting are receiving the quality of care they deserve.

It has been our great pleasure to have had the input of all of those organisations, including the members of Nursing Homes Ireland, to whom these standards are so important, in the development of what will be mandatory quality standards, ensuring the protection of some of the most vulnerable in our society. We look forward to working with you all in the coming months to fully implement these new standards across all sectors.

Dr. Marion Witton
Chief Inspector,
Social Services Inspectorate,
Health Information & Quality Authority.

1.8 The Fair Deal - **David Allen** (National Treatment Purchase Fund)

The Fair Deal scheme proposed for implementation in 2008 includes a role for the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF). Consequently I was pleased to have been offered the opportunity by the newly formed Nursing Homes Ireland to provide an input to the publication of the 2007 Survey.

The NTPF itself is also relatively new. Formed initially as a project in 2002 and set up as an organisation in 2004, its remit has been to facilitate the surgical treatment of people who are a long time on public hospital waiting lists. By and large this is done through private hospitals in Ireland (a small portion of treatments, approximately 5%, are also carried out abroad).

Insisting on quality and value for money with a clear and practical focus on the patient, the NTPF is recognised as a success story. Almost 100,000 patients have now received treatment funded by the NTPF (there is no cost to the patients involved). While the €100m allocated to the NTPF for 2008 is relatively small in the overall government spend on healthcare, we believe that we get maximum value on behalf of the taxpayer while achieving safe, quality care.

These objectives are also common to private nursing homes in Ireland. From the initial discussions we have had with the representative bodies, nursing home proprietors and other interested bodies, the achievement of value for money and quality care for nursing home residents are recurring themes that we all aspire to.

While the details of the scheme and the respective roles of those involved will be subject to finalisation of the legislation, NTPF will have a specific defined remit under the Fair Deal scheme, i.e. to agree prices with private nursing homes and communicate the details of those agreements to the HSE. Indeed, the HSE will remain the primary contact for nursing home residents, applicants to the scheme and for the nursing home owners. Once the legislation is in place and NTPF have been given the authority to proceed we will formally communicate with every registered nursing home in order to agree rates and prices.

Fair Deal proposes substantive changes to supporting older people in residential care in Ireland and will no doubt give rise to issues during implementation. Nevertheless we have committed ourselves to engage constructively with private nursing homes and NTPF have already set out to meet and introduce ourselves to every registered private nursing home in Ireland during the early months of 2008.

For our part we are looking forward to establishing business relationships with private nursing homes and to helping shape the development of both quality and value in the delivery and care to older people in Ireland.

David Allen

Director of Finance,
National Treatment Purchase Fund.

2 Nursing Homes Ireland Profile

Nursing Homes Ireland is the representative organisation for the private and voluntary nursing home sector. This sector, and the care our members provide, is a key part of the Irish health service. Private and voluntary nursing homes employ more than 18,000 staff and provide care for nearly 19,000 residents which accounts for more than 65% of all long term care beds in the country.

Nursing Homes Ireland was formed in January 2008. It is the single representative body for the private voluntary nursing home sector following the merger of The Federation of Irish Nursing Homes, The Irish Nursing Homes Organisation, Nursing Homes Association South East and Nursing Homes West.

Nursing Homes Ireland is committed to providing leadership, supporting members and promoting excellence.

THIS WILL BE FULFILLED BY:

- working in partnership with our members and other stakeholders to achieve best practice in the care of the older person in all nursing homes
- ensuring that providers have a voice in the strategic direction and development of future nursing homes services
- achieving adequate and fair funding for nursing homes to enable them to provide high quality care for all
- working in partnership to ensure that regulation is effective, proportionate and transparent

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

As a nation Ireland now has the resources to develop the best possible services to meet the needs of a growing older population. We, in Nursing Homes Ireland, have a significant contribution to make in developing those services, so that residential care for our older citizens is the best that it can be. We have the expertise, the commitment and the willingness to work alongside the Government and all other key stakeholders in the sector to create a service to be proud of.

Our experience and our ideas will be a key part of informing the development of public policy on the care of older people. We look forward to leading this important debate, as key providers of a vital part of the health service, and of meeting the challenge of growing and funding the best possible services for our older citizens.

Our vision, that all residents of nursing homes will receive high quality care, is one which will be realised through meaningful partnership with the Government, the HSE and the National Treatment Purchase Fund as purchasers, HIQA as the regulator, our members and all the stakeholders in delivering that high quality care to those who need it.

Having high quality nursing home care available to those who need it is an essential part of a well-functioning health service which delivers the care people need, in a way that is affordable, accessible, and, of the highest standard.

Those who use our services should have the choice and flexibility in selecting the nursing home that most suits their needs.

OUR MEMBERS ARE COMMITTED TO:

- maintaining and enhancing the quality of life of residents
- preserving the autonomy of residents, guaranteeing free expression of opinion and freedom of choice
- maintaining a safe physical and emotional environment
- ensuring that the privacy and dignity of residents is respected
- being an employer of choice and providing continuous professional development and training

ENSURING HIGH STANDARDS

Our members have consistently and actively sought the introduction of national standards for residential care settings for older people. In this context, we welcome the establishment of the Health Information and Quality Authority as the independent body charged with ensuring that both public and private nursing homes provide high quality care to their residents.

MEETING THE TRUE COST OF CARE

The current level of public funding of nursing home care does not meet the cost of providing care to the standard that all aspire to. It fails to recognise the role of the private and voluntary sector in supporting acute and community care in Ireland. Nursing Homes Ireland seeks an independent review of the cost of care in Ireland. The outcome of that review will inform all parties as to how this vital care sector should be funded in the future.

PURPOSE AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF NURSING HOMES IRELAND

The challenges facing the nursing home sector required that a strong organisation be put in place to promote standards and to assist members in achieving them. It is accepted that having a strong national organisation has a number of important benefits for its members. The organisation:

- allows members to operate, and to concentrate on, their own businesses in the knowledge that all relevant issues are being dealt with in a professional manner
- increases the ability of private/voluntary nursing homes to influence relevant national policies
- overcomes the previous lack of recognition for the importance of the private/voluntary nursing home sector and ensures that it is consulted in regard to all matters of relevance to the sector
- creates a strong unified voice in making representations to the Government, the Health Service Executive (HSE), Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA), Social Services Inspectorate (SSI), the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) and in communicating with the general public
- represents the nursing home sector at all relevant, statutory and non-statutory forums with a view to promoting the aims and objectives of the organisation and its members
- enables negotiations with the HSE, and other agencies, on matters which impact on nursing homes
- has generated the necessary resources to further enhance the ability of the sector to develop national policies and to assist and guide members in an increasingly professional manner
- is able to provide practical in-house advice and support for members
- provides professionally researched advice on issues related to care planning and standards
- can arrange annual conferences and other local meetings and conferences with the aim of providing information, training and education to providers, employees and management, and also forums for discussion on a national and regional basis
- is in a position to provide regular updates and feedback to members on all matters of relevance to the nursing home sector and increase the sharing of information on matters of interest and concern
- has created economies of scale, and value for money, in regard to issues such as; legal advice, training, human resources and industrial relations issues, public relations, insurances, etc.

In summary Nursing Homes Ireland represents nursing homes collectively and negotiates on their behalf. It provides up to date information, support and advice to the collective membership and is a resource in terms of practical information and moral support for individual members. It does not become involved in the accreditation of nursing homes or in making judgements on standards in individual nursing homes. It is in a position to identify external expertise which can assist members to resolve problems.

STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

Nursing Homes Ireland is structured so that members are encouraged and assisted to play an active part in its deliberations and its decision-making processes

Membership is open to all private and voluntary nursing homes which are registered and which agree to accept its policies and charter and who pay the appropriate membership fees

It is a prerequisite of membership that a person is a registered proprietor or is the nominee of a registered proprietor. If a person owns more than one registered nursing home, that person must register each and every nursing home and pay the appropriate fee. A person who does not agree to accept the policies and charter of Nursing Homes Ireland will not be accepted as a member.

Two nominees of each member nursing home may attend "general meetings" of regional committees. Each nursing home will be entitled to one vote at such meetings.

MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Nursing Homes Ireland is a national body with regional committees. Governance is provided by a Board of Directors. Ten regions each elect one member to the Board. Board members hold office for two years. Members elected to the Board may co-opt up to three additional members who bring particular expertise or skills to the Board. Current Board members are outlined in the table below:

Region	Board Member	Contact Details
CHAIRPERSON	Denis Doherty	Phone: 01 4292570 Email: info@nhi.ie
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Dublin North Region	Mary McCormack Newpark Care Centre	Phone: 01 8643465 Email: info@glenaulin.com
Dublin Wicklow Region	Mervyn Smith FirstCare Ireland	Phone: 01 2020799 Email: mervynsmith@firstcare.ie
Midlands Region	<i>To be appointed</i>	
Mid-Western Region	Marie Carey Ashlawn Nursing Home	Phone: 067 31433 Email: mcarey@oceanfree.net
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Southern Region	Paul Rochford Bridhaven Nursing Home	Phone: 022 22205 Email: paul@bridhaven.ie
Western Region	Cora McNamara Greenpark Nursing Home	Phone: 093 24410 Email: greenparknh@eircom.net

National Committees are set up to enhance the aims of the organisation and lead to the more efficient and effective conduct of Nursing Homes Ireland's business. The establishment of committees allows greater involvement by members in the affairs of the organisation and permits more detailed debate on important issues. In addition to a Nursing committee, a "Contracts and Cost of Care Committee" and a "Planning Committee" have already been established. The nursing committee is elected by the ten regions and supported by the Practice Development Facilitator.

Those involved in establishing Nursing Homes Ireland recognise that the best way to predict the future is to help to invent it. This recognition has enabled them to encourage a majority of nursing homes to become members and to contribute to its activities.

3 Executive Summary & Highlights

The primary purpose of the Nursing Homes Ireland Annual Private Survey is to report comprehensively on the key indicators, trends and issues affecting the sector. Some of the principal findings of this year's Survey are outlined below. It is worth noting that the figures mentioned below are in the main national averages. Variations from these averages exist due to multiple factors including location, size of nursing home etc. The body of the report should be referred to for detailed analysis.

The average occupancy level nationally was found to be 91.2%. This represents a 1.8% increase since 2006. Average occupancy levels in the Northern and South-Western areas of the former Eastern Region Health Authority were found to be the highest in the country. (Results of the Survey are presented using the ten HSE areas which existed prior to the reorganisation of the HSE in 2005. This is to facilitate comparability with previous years' Surveys and to provide a more detailed breakdown of information geographically.)

The average weekly rate nationally across all areas and room types was found to be €778. Across the country, weekly rates for a single en-suite room ranged from €485 which was noted in the North-Western area to €1,330 which was noted in the East Coast area.

Nationally, an average of 48% of nursing homes' income was found to come from the HSE through subvention.

There are now over 18,800 private beds in the country. The private nursing home bed stock has increased by some 5% since the 2006 Survey was undertaken.

Over 1,000 new private beds were added to the private bed supply in the year to the end of November 2007 as a result of new nursing home facilities coming on stream. In the same period 531 beds were lost as a result of home closures.

Planning approval was granted for the construction of 20 new nursing homes in the year to the end of November 2007.

On average, Survey respondents had operated their nursing home for 15 years. Over 83% of nursing homes were purpose built and approximately 64% of bedrooms were found to be single occupancy. 19% of homes surveyed provided specialist dementia units while almost 20% provided day care facilities.

Independent living units were operated by 13% of Survey respondents. The vast majority of these units were located adjacent to homes with 40 beds or more.

There has been a significant increase in staff cost per registered bed since 2006. The national average staff cost per registered bed in 2007 was €20,896 which represents an increase of 21% since 2006. Increases of between 25% and 35% were noted in the East Coast, Northern, South-Western and Midlands areas. Nationally staff costs were found to equate to 60% of turnover.

Food costs were also found to have increased when compared to 2006. When analysed by size of nursing home, food costs were found to have increased by approximately 5% to 22%. Food costs now represent almost 6% of turnover nationally.

The average length of stay for residents in respondents' homes was 3.7 years.

4 Health Service Executive Areas

In order to ensure comparability from year to year and to provide more detailed information, the Survey has been compiled based on the 10 HSE areas that existed prior to the introduction of the new HSE administrative structures in 2005.



The Eastern Region shown on the above map comprises the following HSE areas:

- East Coast Area
- Northern Area
- South-Western Area

The new HSE administrative structure encompasses four regions. These regions incorporate the ten former HSE areas as follows:

New Regions	Former HSE Areas Incorporated
Dublin Mid-Leinster	East Coast, South-Western, Midlands
Dublin North-East	Northern, North-Eastern
West	Mid-Western, Western, North-Western
South	Southern, South-Eastern

Eastern Region

Dublin
Kildare
Wicklow

Midlands

Laois
Offaly
Westmeath
Longford

Mid-Western

Clare
Limerick
Tipperary (North)

North-Eastern

Cavan
Monaghan
Louth
Meath

North-Western

Donegal
Sligo
Leitrim

Southern

Cork
Kerry

South-Eastern

Wexford
Waterford
Carlow
Kilkenny
Tipperary (South)

Western

Galway
Roscommon
Mayo

5 Key Annual Indicators

The table below highlights the changes in key industry indicators which have been reported since the Annual Private Nursing Home Survey was first undertaken in 2003:

	INHO Survey 2003	INHO Survey 2004	INHO Survey 2005	INHO Survey 2006	NHI Survey 2007
Occupancy	89.0%	86.8%	86.1%	89.4%	91.2%
Weekly rates*	€557	€578	€640	€694	€778
Number of beds	14,946	16,461	17,722	17,909	18,883
Number of homes	408	427	431	433	435
Population ≥ 65 per private bed	29.1	26.5	24.6	24.3	24.8
Staff costs as a % of turnover	56%	56%	57%	60%	60%
Income from HSE as a % of total income	Not captured in 2003 Survey	29%	33%	32%	48%
% of respondents planning to create additional beds in 2008	42%	21%	24%	29%	22%
% of total beds contracted to HSE in homes with HSE contract beds	Not captured in 2003 Survey	32%	41%	30%	28%

* This is representative of the national rate across all room types and all regions. Large variances exist amongst the various HSE regions. For the relevant 2007 figures please refer to Section 11.

6 Survey Results for 2007: Supply of Private Nursing Home Beds

6.1 Registered Homes & Beds

As of December 1st 2007, there were 18,883 registered private nursing home beds in the country. This represents an increase in bed supply of 5% since 2006 and is considerably in excess of the 1% increase in supply noted in the previous year.

Whilst the rate of increase has accelerated in 2007, it remains significantly lower than growth rates noted in 2004 and 2005. Therefore, on an overall basis, while supply continues to increase it is clear that this is happening at a slower rate.

The table below outlines the number of registered private nursing home beds in each HSE area:

HSE Area	Number of private registered nursing homes in 2007	Number of beds
East Coast Area	53	2,447
Northern Area	32	1,763
South-Western Area	36	1,848
Midlands Area	23	1,035
Mid-Western Area	41	1,788
North-Eastern Area	40	1,746
North-Western Area	22	1,033
South-Eastern Area	55	2,153
Southern Area	65	2,428
Western Area	68	2,642
Total	435	18,883

The North-Western area experienced a reduction in bed numbers since last year, with 37 fewer beds than in 2006. All other HSE areas recorded increases in bed numbers. The greatest proportional increases in supply were found in the Northern and Midlands areas, with growth rates since 2006 of 11% and 10.6% respectively.

6.2 New Developments and Closures

In terms of new developments and closures, during the course of 2007, 1,068 beds came on stream as a result of the construction of new nursing homes while 531 beds were lost in home closures. The balance of the increase in the supply of beds nationally is accounted for by changes in bed numbers in existing homes.

The majority of the homes which closed since last year's Survey were smaller facilities with 89% of them having 35 or fewer beds. In contrast, the new nursing homes which were developed in the same period were larger, with only 11% containing less than 45 beds. This is in keeping with the trend noted in recent times whereby the majority of new homes coming on stream are larger facilities. Trends relating to newer nursing homes are discussed further in Section 8.10.

The table below shows the change in the national private nursing home bed stock as a result of home closures and new home openings since the production of the 2006 Survey. These figures were provided by local HSE offices:

HSE Area	Beds added in new homes	Beds lost in nursing home closures
East Coast Area	172	78
Northern Area	147	44
South-Western Area	115	144
Midlands Area	48	-
Mid-Western Area	121	-
North-Eastern Area	86	-
North-Western Area	46	67
South-Eastern Area	126	10
Southern Area	113	126
Western Area	94	62
Total	1,068	531

There were also a number of new beds as a result of extensions etc. to existing homes.

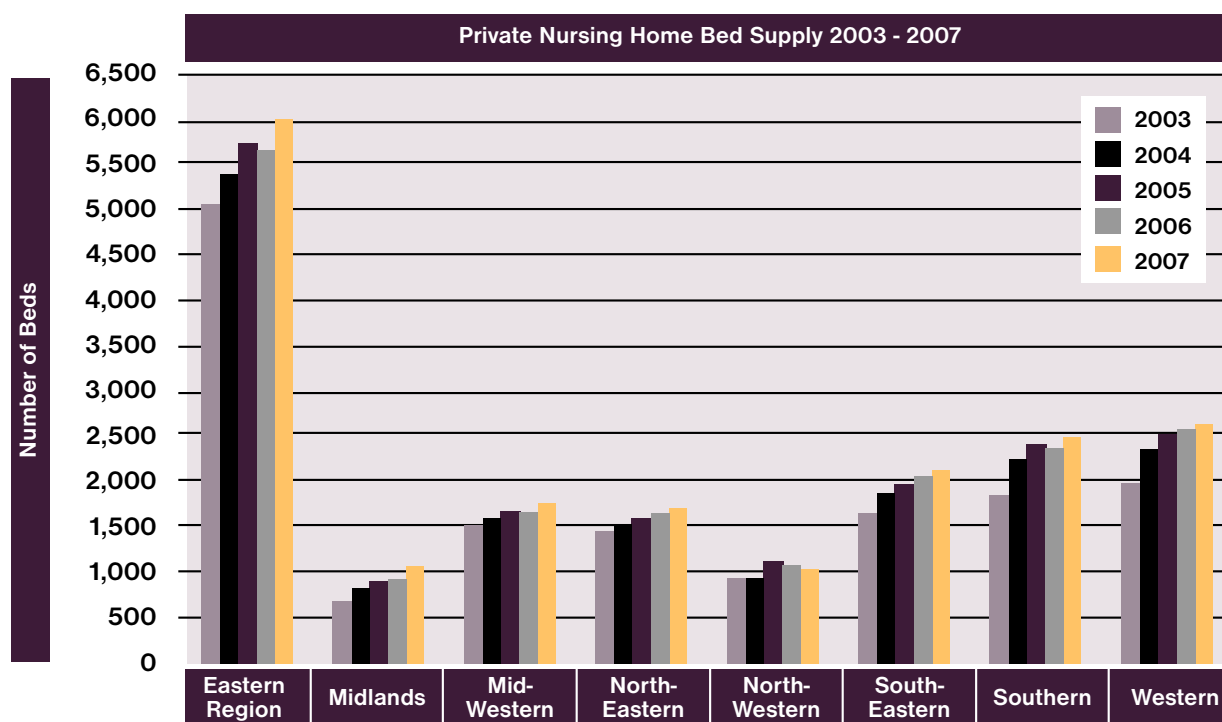
6.3 Supply Growth

There has been a 26% increase in the supply of private nursing home beds nationally since the Survey was first undertaken in 2003. As outlined already, the increase recorded between 2006 and 2007 was 5%. The greatest annual increase since the inaugural Survey was noted in 2004 when bed supply increased by 10%. A comparison of the private nursing home bed stock in 2003 and 2007 is set out in the table on the next page:

HSE Area	Private homes 2003	Private homes 2007	Number of beds 2003	Number of beds 2007	% increase in beds
HSE Eastern Region	119	121	5,114	6,058	18.5%
Midlands Area	20	23	677	1,035	52.9%
Mid-Western Area	40	41	1,525	1,788	17.2%
North-Eastern Area	34	40	1,429	1,746	22.2%
North-Western Area	19	22	885	1,033	16.7%
South-Eastern Area	51	55	1,538	2,153	40.0%
Southern Area	63	65	1,796	2,428	35.2%
Western Area	62	68	1,982	2,642	33.3%
Total	408	435	14,946	18,883	26.3%

Each HSE area has recorded an increase in bed numbers over the five year period. The largest proportional increase was recorded in the Midlands area with the supply of beds growing by almost 53%. However, in 2003, the Midlands area had the highest population aged 65 or over per private nursing home bed in the country, indicating that it may have been significantly undersupplied at the time. This may in part explain the much higher than average percentage increase in bed stock noted in the Midlands area over the last four years.

The chart below shows movements in the supply of private beds by HSE area since 2003:



6.4 Total Supply – Public and Private

The table below shows the number of persons aged 65 and over per nursing home bed – public and private. The results are analysed by the new HSE administrative areas as public bed information is not available by the former HSE areas:

HSE Administrative Area	Population ≥ 65 ¹	Private beds	Public beds	Total beds (private & public)	Population ≥ 65 per bed
Dublin – North East	92,266	3,509	1,431	4,940	18.7
Dublin – Mid Leinster	122,369	5,330	2,569	7,899	15.5
South	128,547	4,581	2,813	7,394	17.4
West	124,744	5,463	2,862	8,325	15.0
Total	467,926	18,883	9,675	28,558	16.4

6.5 Population and Demand

The demographic profile of the country is at the beginning of a period of significant change. A key change in demographics is the ageing of the population. It is projected that the numbers of people aged 65 or over will more than triple by 2050². Increasing numbers of people are living longer and life expectancy in Ireland has risen significantly in the last 25 years. It is now in excess of the average for the European Union.

Figures from the 2006 Census indicate that there has been an increase of 7.3% in the number of individuals aged 65 and over since the last Census took place in 2002. The table below outlines the increase in the population aged 65 and over by HSE area:

HSE Area	Population ≥ 65 2006	Population ≥ 65 2002	% Increase
HSE Eastern Region	147,807	136,329	8.4%
Midlands Area	27,663	26,201	5.6%
Mid-Western Area	41,611	39,493	5.4%
North-Eastern Area	39,386	36,471	8.0%
North-Western Area	30,829	29,119	5.9%
South-Eastern Area	54,439	49,775	9.4%
Southern Area	74,106	69,391	6.8%
Western Area	52,085	49,222	5.8%
Total	467,926	436,001	7.3%

¹All population statistics used throughout the Survey are taken from CSO Census information

²Department of Health & Children – Health in Ireland, Key Trends 2007

It is useful to analyse nursing home beds in the context of the total population aged 65 and over. This provides a barometer which can be used to contrast supply levels in the various HSE areas by reference to the most recent population and nursing home bed statistics. The table below outlines the population aged 65 and over per private nursing home bed by HSE area:

HSE Area	Population ≥ 65	Number of private beds	Population ≥ 65 per private bed
HSE Eastern Region	147,807	6,058	24.4
Midlands Area	27,663	1,035	26.7
Mid-Western Area	41,611	1,788	23.3
North-Eastern Area	39,386	1,746	22.6
North-Western Area	30,829	1,033	29.9
South-Eastern Area	54,439	2,153	25.3
Southern Area	74,106	2,428	30.5
Western Area	52,085	2,642	19.7
Total	467,926	18,883	24.8

Nationally there was found to be one private nursing home bed for every 24.8 persons aged 65 and over. The Southern and Western areas were at opposite ends of the spectrum when compared to the national average. The Southern area was found to have one private bed for approximately every 30 individuals aged 65 and over, whilst the Western area was found to have one private bed for every 19.7 individuals aged 65 and over.

6.6 Planning Approvals

The table below sets out approved planning permission applications for new nursing homes and bedroom extensions to existing nursing homes in the 12 months to the end of November 2007:

Location	Number of approved applications for new homes	Number of approved applications for extensions
HSE Eastern Area		
Dublin	1	3
Kildare	1	2
Wicklow	1	
HSE Midlands Area		
Laois		
Longford		
Offaly	1	
Westmeath		
HSE Mid-Western Area		
Limerick		1
Clare		
Tipperary North		1
HSE North-Eastern Area		
Cavan	3	
Louth		
Meath	2	2
Monaghan		
HSE North-Western Area		
Donegal		1
Leitrim	2	
Sligo		
HSE South-Eastern Area		
Carlow		
Kilkenny	2	
Tipperary South	1	2
Waterford		
Wexford		2
HSE Southern Area		
Cork	1	
Kerry	2	
HSE Western Area		
Galway	1	
Mayo	2	
Roscommon		1
Total	20	15

It is notable that there has been a significant reduction in the number of planning approvals for both new homes and extensions since last year's Survey. There were eight fewer approvals for new nursing home developments than in the same period in 2006 and six fewer approvals for extensions.

6.7 Nursing Home Extensions

Survey results suggest that a reduced number of nursing home extensions will be undertaken in the year ahead also. 22% of Survey respondents indicated an intention to develop extra bed spaces in the coming year. This represents a reduction of 7% on the number of respondents planning extensions in 2006.

In total 637 additional beds are planned as part of extensions to existing nursing homes. It is important to bear in mind however that it is unlikely that all of these beds will be developed.

HSE Area	Number of respondents planning extensions	Total number of beds planned
East Coast Area	7	112
Northern Area	1	70
South-Western Area	4	32
Midlands Area	1	27
Mid-Western Area	6	132
North-Eastern Area	-	-
North-Western Area	1	10
South-Eastern Area	4	64
Southern Area	4	105
Western Area	5	85
Total	33	637

7 Developments in the Industry: Independent Living Units (ILUs)

7.1 Introduction

The concept of providing secure but independent living environments for the older person in retirement village settings is relatively new in Ireland. This form of development is more common in other countries throughout Europe and in other locations such as the United States, South Africa and Australia. These developments are intended to offer individuals of a certain age or with certain medical conditions the opportunity to maintain a full and active life in a safe and secure environment.

The availability of capital allowances on independent living units (ILUs) built adjacent to and operated in conjunction with a nursing home was first introduced in 2002 for a period of five years and was due to expire in March 2007. Subsequently it was extended, albeit that the level of capital allowances were at a reduced level.

Further significant changes were introduced to this scheme of relief in the Finance Act 2007, including a further extension in the deadline for qualifying expenditure on ILUs to April 2010 and an increase in the tax life from 15 to 20 years.

The availability of capital allowances on ILUs has greatly increased the supply of such units since the legislation was first introduced. This year's Survey has captured more detailed information on ILUs in order to provide a clearer picture of this element of older person care. It is apparent from the Survey that this area of the sector is very much in its infancy. This is reflected in many of the varied responses provided by respondents to ILU questions included in the Survey. Results may be somewhat skewed as a consequence, it is felt however that examining this area in the Survey is worthwhile, in order to develop a greater understanding and profile of this growing aspect of the sector.

7.2 Survey Results

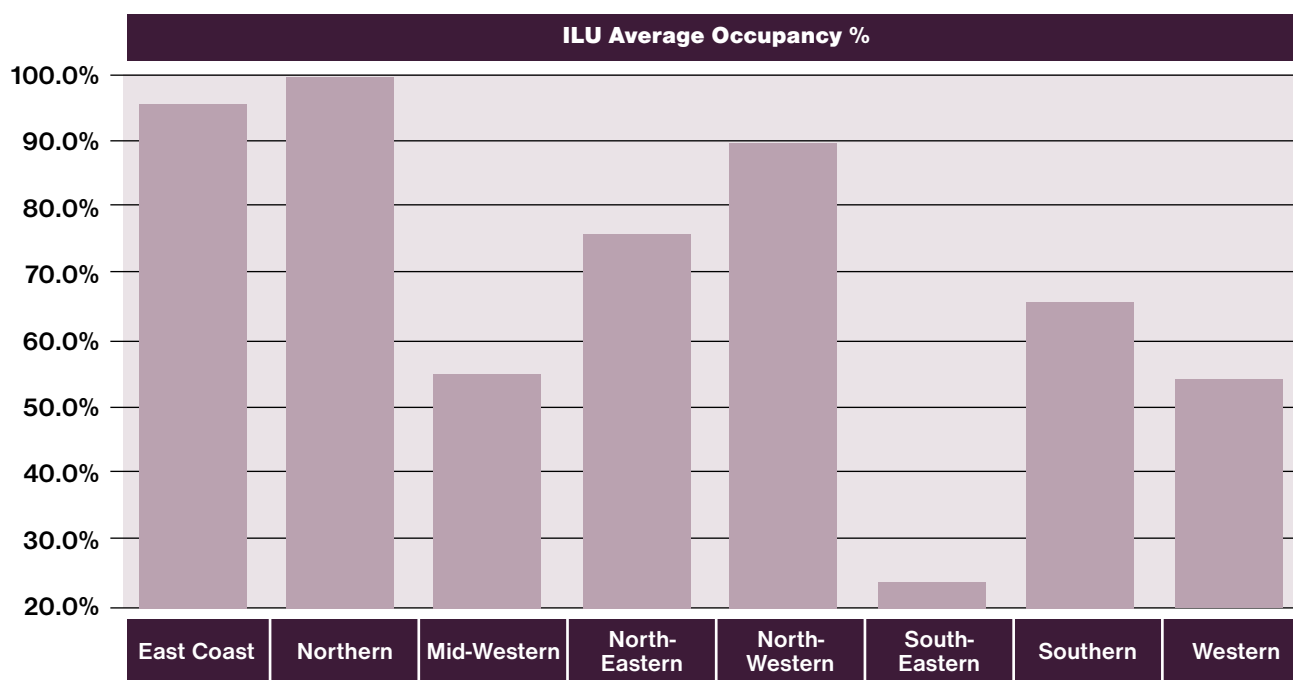
Almost 13% of Survey respondents had ILUs on the site of their nursing home. These units are typically developed by operators of larger nursing homes. This conclusion is supported by Survey findings with 89% of all such units located adjacent to nursing homes with 40 beds or more.

In total, respondents were found to have 352 units and a total of 494 beds. The South-Eastern area was found to have the highest percentage of nursing homes with ILUs. 31% of homes surveyed in the area were part of a development offering such accommodation.

Nationally, the average occupancy rate for ILUs was 61%. This level of occupancy appears to be higher than one would have understood based on the experience of stakeholders in the sector. Average occupancy by HSE area was found to vary widely. This may be due to the number of respondents operating ILUs and the fact that many of them are only recently developed. In some areas, there was found to be only one or two respondents who operated ILUs and as a consequence the sample size for those particular areas would be considered small.

The average weekly rental rate charged to residents of ILUs nationally was found to be €271. Rates in the East Coast area were notably higher than this at €475 per week. This may be as a result of demand pressure given that the average occupancy in the area was found to be 96%.

The chart on the following page shows average occupancies of ILUs by HSE area. No Survey respondents in the Midlands or South-Western area were found to operate ILUs.



It should be noted that although the Northern area shows 100% occupancy, the number of units represented by this percentage is low.

Nationally, the average annual turnover noted for respondents in respect of ILUs was €101,071. Average annual turnover per occupied unit was found to be €13,868. Significant variations from this figure were noted however. As outlined earlier, a number of respondents were found to be operating relatively newly developed units, where occupancies and consequently turnover, have yet to reach the levels of more established facilities.

The most common services found to be offered to unit residents by nursing home operators were meals, laundry, refuse services, hairdressing and chiropody.

21% of operators with existing independent living units reported an intention to develop further units, suggesting that this sector of the nursing home industry will expand significantly in the future.

Only 6.6% of Survey respondents without ILUs stated an intention to develop them in the future.

8 Survey Results for 2007: Profile of Nursing Homes

8.1 Bedroom Type

The table below illustrates the breakdown of bedroom type in respondents' nursing homes:

% of beds	Single en-suite	Single	Double	Multiple
% of beds	45.9%	18.1%	25.3%	10.7%

Over 64% of rooms were found to be single occupancy. A marginal decrease of 3% in the number of multiple occupancy rooms was noted since last year. There is likely to be a continued reduction in the stock of multiple occupancy rooms in the future given the trend towards single occupancy rooms noted in new nursing home developments.

If the final draft care standards, which were published in March 2008 by the Health Information and Quality Authority, are formally adopted there will inevitably be a move away from multiple occupancy rooms due to revisions in the space and number of resident requirements in shared rooms.

8.2 Purpose Built / Conversion

Facility type	Purpose built	Bought as existing	Conversion
% of homes	58.9%	23.9%	17.2%

Almost 83% of Survey respondents were found to be operating from purpose built nursing home facilities with only 17% of homes having being converted from another use.

8.3 Years in Operation

On average, respondents had been in operation for 15.2 years. The East Coast and Mid-Western areas reported the longest established homes. On average, homes in these areas had been in operation for 21 years. In contrast the North-Western area was found to have, on average, the newest homes in the country with an average period in operation of 7.8 years.

Nationally 19% of respondents had been operating for five years or less, 23% between six and ten years and 58% for more than ten years.

8.4 Capital Allowances

In total, 49% of respondents had claimed capital allowances on the build cost of the nursing home or any extensions or renovations.

8.5 Dementia and Other Specialist Facilities

A study undertaken on behalf of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland in February 2007 estimated that there are over 37,000 people in Ireland suffering from dementia³. The study estimated that the prevalence of the disease will increase in line with the ageing of the population. By 2016 it is forecast that there will be over 49,000 dementia sufferers in Ireland.

³Implementing Policy for Dementia Care in Ireland - Professor Eamon O'Shea.

In this context, it is likely that there will be an increased demand for specialised dementia care units. Nationally, 19% of Survey respondents were found to provide dedicated dementia units. These units contained an average of 19 beds. Almost 52% of the units were provided by nursing homes with 60 beds or more. The North-Western area recorded the greatest percentage of homes providing dedicated dementia/Alzheimer's facilities, with 50% of homes surveyed in the area offering such units.

Six respondents were found to provide specialist brain injury units, five of which are located in Leinster. A further 12 homes provided a range of other specialist units, all of which were found to be in nursing homes with 40 or more beds.

8.6 Day Care Facilities

Overall, almost 20% of Survey respondents provided day care facilities, which represents a reduction of 7% on last year's figure. It is more common to see day care services offered by larger nursing homes. This is supported by Survey findings, with 77% of all homes providing day care having 40 beds or more. The Survey found wide variations in the provision of day care facilities amongst the various HSE areas. The area with the greatest percentage of homes providing day care was the North-Western area where 50% of homes surveyed provide such care. In contrast the Northern area had the lowest provision of day care with only 9% of homes, which responded, offering the service.

8.7 Day Care Rates

Nationally, the average rate charged by respondents to the Survey for day care was €64 per day, an increase of €11 per day since last year's Survey. Given the reduction noted in the number of homes providing day care, the upward pressure on rates is perhaps unsurprising.

8.8 Contract Beds

The percentage of respondents in each HSE area found to have beds contracted to the HSE was as follows:

HSE Area	% of respondents with contracted beds
East Coast Area	72
Northern Area	64
South-Western Area	100
Midlands Area	17
Mid-Western Area	37
North-Eastern Area	69
North-Western Area	67
South-Eastern Area	0
Southern Area	58
Western Area	22

Nationally, 52% of nursing homes had beds contracted to the HSE. Amongst these homes, on average, 28% of the total beds in the nursing home were under contract. This is broadly in line with last year's figure.

8.9 Respondent Size Profile

The table below analyses the size of nursing homes that responded to the Survey, on an overall basis and broken down by geographical area:

	≤ 25 beds	26-39 beds	40-59 beds	≥ 60 beds
Overall	13%	23%	40%	24%
Breakdown by HSE Area				
East Coast Area	12%	28%	32%	28%
Northern Area	9%	18%	36%	37%
South-Western Area	15%	23%	23%	39%
Midlands Area	50%	0%	33%	17%
Mid-Western Area	0%	25%	45%	30%
North-Eastern Area	23%	15%	39%	23%
North-Western Area	0%	17%	83%	0%
South-Eastern Area	8%	15%	46%	31%
Southern Area	22%	30%	30%	18%
Western Area	5%	28%	56%	11%

8.10 Trends in Newer Facilities

It is interesting to analyse Survey findings in respect of nursing homes which have been developed in more recent times as it provides an indication of trends in the size, layout and design of facilities and the services being offered.

An analysis of Survey responses from homes which are five years old or less revealed that majority of these were larger facilities. In total 89% of homes surveyed, which were developed in the last five years, had 40 or more beds - 86% were purpose built.

There has been a striking movement away from multiple occupancy rooms, with only 14% of newer nursing homes offering accommodation of this type. Double occupancy rooms have remained popular, with 75% of homes providing this room type. All homes provided single en suite rooms.

25% of newer homes surveyed provided day care, while a further 25% provided specialised dementia units. 18% of homes were part of a complex incorporating independent living units.

9 Survey Results for 2007: Profile of Residents

9.1 Dependency Levels

Dependency levels among residents in respondents' nursing homes were found to be as follows:

Dependency level	Low	Medium	High
% of residents	12.0%	33.7%	54.3%

In total 88% of residents in nursing homes were in the medium and high dependency categories. The mix of dependency levels, as reported above, appears to be slightly at odds with anecdotal evidence, which suggests that the percentage of residents in the high dependency category may in fact be higher than the 54.3% reported. This may be as a result of differing opinions as to what constitutes the various classifications.

Half of all respondents used a formal assessment tool to assess dependency levels of their residents. Two of the most common specific assessment tools used were the Waterlow and Barthel score methods.

9.2 Age Profile of Residents

The age profile of residents in respondents' nursing homes is set out below:

Age category	< 65	65-75	76-85	≥ 85
% of residents	4.8%	12.7%	42.2%	40.3%

9.3 Dementia

33% of all residents in respondents' nursing homes had been diagnosed with dementia.

Anecdotal evidence would suggest that this figure may be much higher however as many residents may not have been formally assessed or categorised as dementia residents.

9.4 Long-stay Residents

95% of residents in respondents' nursing homes were considered to be long-stay residents.

The average length of stay for residents in respondents' nursing homes was found to be 3.7 years.

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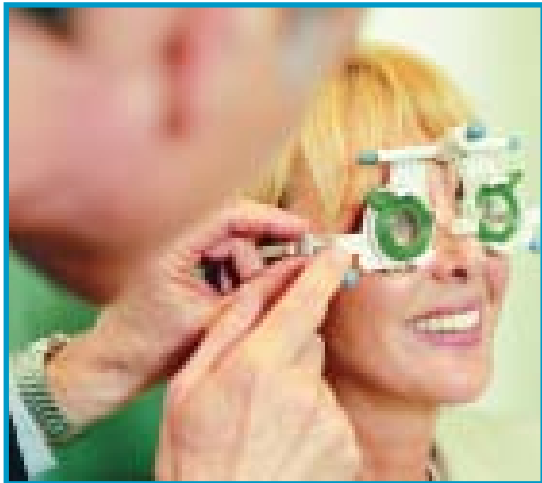


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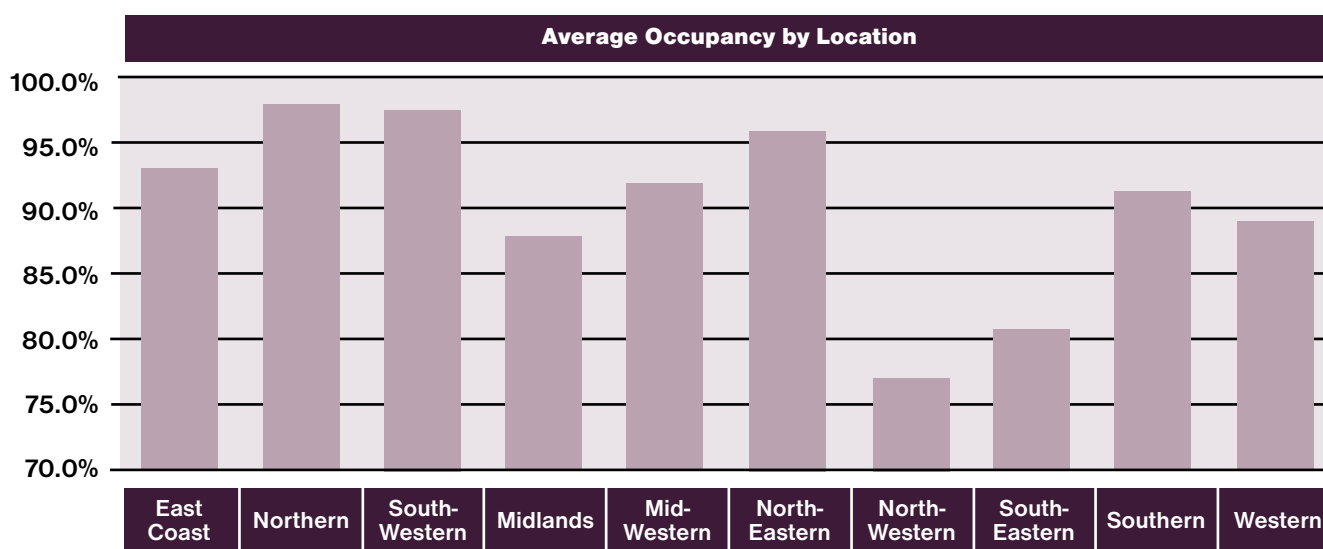
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10 Survey Results for 2007: Occupancy

10.1 Occupancy by Location

The average occupancy for the year amongst nursing homes nationally was 91.2%. This represents an increase of 1.8% since last year and is the second consecutive annual increase following a number of years of falling occupancies. The average occupancy in each area was as follows:



The North-Western area had the lowest occupancy levels in the country. However results for the area were skewed by the existence of one home which had a very low occupancy. When this home is omitted from the calculation, the average occupancy for the area was 88%. Occupancy levels for the South-Eastern area were found to have fallen by 11% when compared to last year, however results for the area in 2007 included a number of newer facilities which had not yet reached occupancy levels observed in more established homes. When these homes were omitted, the occupancy level for the area was 85%. This still represents a drop of approximately 6% on the 2006 figure.

The Northern and South-Western areas reported the highest occupancy levels in the country with average occupancies of 98% and 97.5% respectively. A very marginal decrease in average occupancy since the 2006 Survey was noted in both the Midlands and East Coast areas.

10.2 Occupancy by Size

Size of nursing home	≤ 25 beds	26-39 beds	40-59 beds	≥ 60 beds
Average occupancy	93.4%	93.2%	89.3%	90.9%

The above table sets out average occupancies reported by size category. Average occupancies were found to have increased since 2006 in three of the four size categories, with a very marginal decrease of less than half a percent noted in the 40 to 59 bed category.

11 Survey Results for 2007: Financial & Staffing Results

11.1 Average Weekly Rates

Room rates have been increasing year on year, reflecting both the increasing cost of providing care to the elderly and also general inflation. In addition, there has been significant investment by nursing home operators in more modern facilities over the last decade and this is also reflected in increasing rate levels.

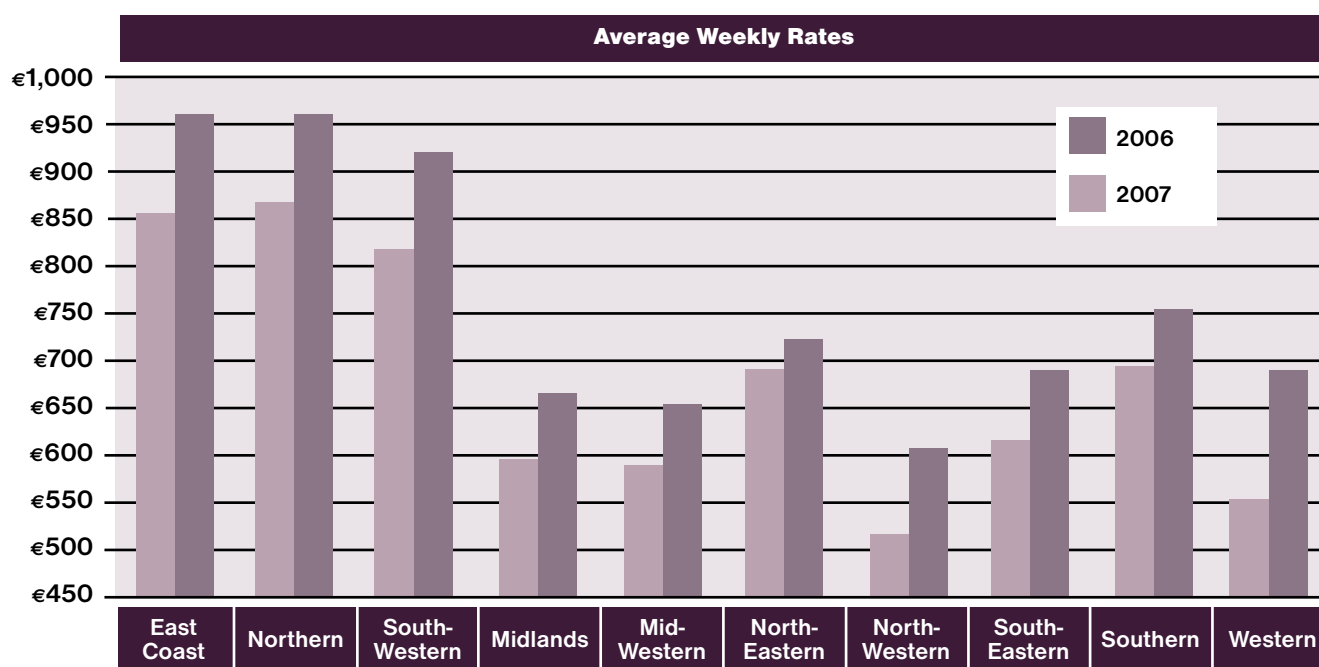
The overall average weekly rate nationally across all room types was found to be €778. It is important to recognise that this figure represented a national average for all nursing homes, across all areas and room types.

The average weekly rate by room type for 2007 is set out in the table below as is the rate of increase since the 2006 Survey:

Room type	Single en-suite	Single	Double	Multiple
Average weekly rate	€814	€780	€758	€756
% increase since 2006	10.15%	14.54%	13.98%	15.95%

11.2 Average Rates by Location

The chart below illustrates the changes in average weekly rates by area since last year's Survey:



The highest average weekly rates were noted in the Northern, East Coast and South-Western areas. Average rates were found to be €966 in both the Northern and East Coast areas and €922 in the South-Western area. This represents a continuation of the trend noted in previous years' Surveys, whereby rates in Dublin and the surrounding counties tend on average to be higher. This, in part, is reflective of the significantly higher land values and other costs in the region.

The lowest rates were noted in the North-Western area with average weekly rates of €607. Average weekly rates increased in every HSE area since 2006, with average increases ranging from €30 per week in the North-Eastern area to €133 per week in the Western area.

The foregoing chart represents the average weekly rate by area. It is important to recognise that actual fees quoted by a nursing home can vary depending on a number of factors including the extent of services and facilities offered. To illustrate this point, the table below outlines the range of fees found to be charged in each HSE area for a single en-suite room:

HSE Area	Single en-suite lowest rate	Single en-suite highest rate*
East Coast Area	€830	€1,330
Northern Area	€840	€1,200
South-Western Area	€750	€1,200
Midlands Area	€655	€805
Mid-Western Area	€590	€800
North-Eastern Area	€714	€890
North-Western Area	€485	€700
South-Eastern Area	€575	€800
Southern Area	€625	€1,100
Western Area	€600	€1,000

**Please note the highest weekly rate is likely to represent the provision of high dependency specialist care.*

11.3 Average Rates by Size

In line with previous years, the Survey found that the highest average weekly rates categorised by size were charged in homes with 60 beds or more. The average weekly rate in this category also continued to be significantly higher than in the other categories. It is worth noting that the Survey indicates that the majority of specialist care units, such as Alzheimer's units, are to be found in this category. Care in this form of unit attracts, in general, a premium rate, due principally to the expected requirement for higher staffing ratios – this is likely to impact on the rate achieved in nursing homes in this category. Also this category includes some of the more recently developed modern state of the art facilities which are more likely to command higher rates.

The table below sets out the average weekly rate reported by size of nursing home:

Size of nursing home	≤ 25 beds	26-39 beds	40-59 beds	≥ 60 beds
Average weekly rate	€742	€749	€746	€885

11.4 Turnover by Location

Average annual turnover as reported by Survey respondents is outlined below. When looked at in isolation, average turnover is not a very meaningful benchmark as it is very much dependent on the size of the nursing home.

Therefore to provide a more useful indicator, the table also analyses average annual turnover on a per bed basis:

HSE Area	Average annual turnover	Average annual turnover per bed
East Coast Area	€2,068,627	€43,701
Northern Area	€2,637,236	€43,636
South-Western Area	€1,808,614	€40,375
Midlands Area	€1,458,948	€29,684
Mid-Western Area	€1,557,894	€26,682
North-Eastern Area	€1,444,153	€33,325
North-Western Area	€621,500	€16,192
South-Eastern Area	€1,330,835	€27,796
Southern Area	€1,380,737	€29,354
Western Area	€1,055,220	€25,326

As expected, the East Coast, Northern and South-Western areas reported the highest average turnover per bed. This is unsurprising given the average rates and occupancy levels noted earlier for the three areas. The majority of respondents in other HSE areas were found to have levels of turnover per bed ranging from €25,000 to €30,000. Respondents in the North-Eastern area had a higher average, at just over €33,000, whilst the North-Western area had the lowest average nationally. As outlined in Section 10.1 results for the North-Western area were skewed by one home with a very low occupancy. When this home was omitted from calculations, the average turnover per bed for the area was €21,429. This however remains substantially lower than all other HSE areas.

11.5 Turnover by Size

Average annual turnover categorised by size of nursing home is set out below:

Size of nursing home	≤ 25 beds	26-39 beds	40-59 beds	≥ 60 beds
Average turnover	€743,333	€1,025,638	€1,542,621	€2,910,123
Average turnover per registered bed	€33,630	€31,239	€32,509	€37,332

11.6 Income from the HSE

Nationally, an average of 48% of nursing homes' income was found to come from the HSE, through subvention.

Nursing homes in the smallest size category, those with 25 beds or less, reported a higher average percentage of income from the HSE at almost 57% compared with nursing homes with 60 beds or more who received on average 45% of their income from the HSE.

The averages by HSE area are set out below:

HSE Area	% of total income from HSE
East Coast Area	47.5%
Northern Area	47.7%
South-Western Area	63.3%
Midlands Area	51.3%
Mid-Western Area	34.6%
North-Eastern Area	55.3%
North-Western Area	51.7%
South-Eastern Area	46.7%
Southern Area	51.0%
Western Area	43.5%

11.7 Staff Costs

Staff costs are the primary cost involved in the operation of a nursing home. The national average staff cost per registered bed in 2007 was €20,896. This represents an increase of 21.4% on the 2006 figure of €17,216 per registered bed.

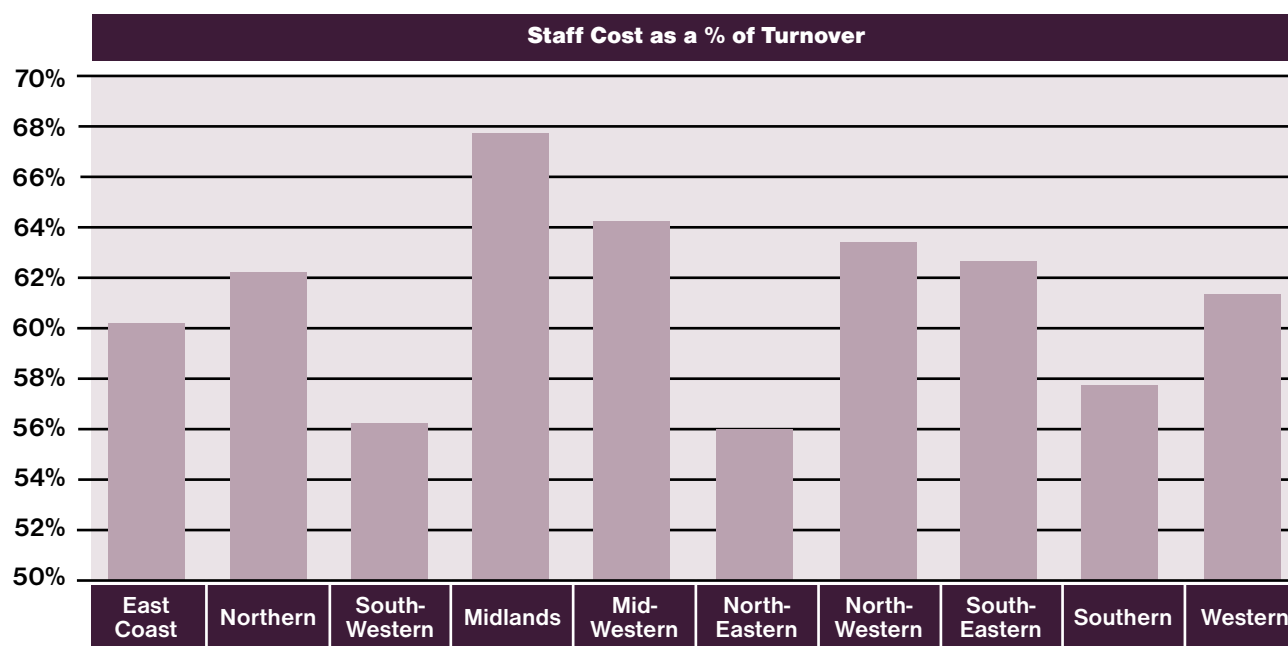
An element of this increase can most likely be explained by a 13% increase in the minimum wage in 2007. However, notwithstanding this, the level of increase in staff costs noted over a twelve month period is quite significant.

The staff costs per registered bed for each of the HSE areas are set out in the table on the following page:

HSE Area	Average annual staff cost per registered bed 2007 (incl. PRSI)
East Coast Area	€27,372
Northern Area	€27,530
South-Western Area	€23,125
Midlands Area	€24,071
Mid-Western Area	€17,228
North-Eastern Area	€18,966
North-Western Area	€14,203
South-Eastern Area	€17,278
Southern Area	€19,391
Western Area	€15,242

When compared to the 2006 Survey, large increases in staff costs per registered bed were noted in the East Coast, Northern, South-Western and Midlands areas. As can be seen from the table above, large variations in staff costs per registered bed exist across the various HSE areas – ranging from €14,203 per registered bed in the North-Western area to €27,530 per registered bed in the Northern Area.

On a national basis, staff costs equated to 60.4% of turnover. This is compared to 59.5% in 2006. The chart below outlines the staff cost as a % of turnover:



The Survey questionnaire enquired whether staff were paid for meal breaks and sickness absences and also whether they received shift or roster premia. The findings are outlined in the table below:

Nursing homes providing:	Yes	No
Shift premium	47%	53%
Roster premium	33%	67%
Paid meal breaks	79%	21%
Paid sickness absence	24%	76%

The North-Western area recorded the greatest number of homes paying a shift premium, with 80% of homes surveyed there making such payments. The East Coast area was found to have the highest number of homes paying a roster premium, with just over half of all homes surveyed in the area paying such a supplement.

Nationally, the average shift and roster premia paid to staff were found to be 1.3 and 1.4 times the average hourly rate respectively.

11.8 Staff Wage Rates – Nurses and Care Assistants

Survey respondents were asked to state the hourly pay rates for various staff members including nurses and care assistants.

Nationally, the average hourly rates paid by Survey respondents to nurses and care assistants were €17.45 and €10.30 respectively. This represents increases of 7.6% in rates paid to nurses and 6.9% in rates paid to care assistants since 2006.

Hourly rates varied by area, with the South-Western and East Coast areas reporting the highest rates for both nurses and care assistants respectively. The greatest increases in nurses' hourly rates since the 2006 Survey were found in the Midlands area with, on average, an 11.5% increase on 2006 rates. Correspondingly, the highest increases in care assistants' rates since 2006 were found in the North-Western area with a 14% increase. The table below outlines the average hourly rates (excluding PRSI) for nurses and care assistants as reported by survey respondents:

HSE Area	Hourly rate nurse (excl. PRSI)	Hourly rate care assistant (excl. PRSI)
East Coast Area	€18.79	€11.04
Northern Area	€17.21	€10.20
South-Western Area	€20.07	€10.88
Midlands Area	€17.78	€10.53
Mid-Western Area	€16.32	€9.96
North-Eastern Area	€17.23	€9.83
North-Western Area	€16.57	€9.50
South-Eastern Area	€16.61	€9.95
Southern Area	€16.94	€10.31
Western Area	€16.57	€9.91

11.9 Staff Wage Rates – Other Staff

The Survey found increases in average hourly wage rates since 2006 for all other staff involved in the running of a nursing home. The average hourly rates amongst respondents for 2007 were as follows:

Staff	Hourly Rate (excl. PRSI)
Domestic staff	€9.80
Chef	€13.31
Kitchen assistant	€10.01
Administration staff	€15.40
Receptionist	€12.13
Maintenance staff	€13.19
Therapists	€20.63

11.10 Director of Nursing

It has become increasingly common for larger nursing homes to employ a Director of Nursing to oversee the care management of the home.

The Survey found that where a Director of Nursing was employed in a home, 65% of them were involved in the direct care of residents while the remaining 35% had a management role only. Again larger homes were more likely to have a Director of Nursing who carried out a management function only (i.e. non-rostered).

31% of Survey respondents reported employing a Clinical Nurse Manager in addition to a Director of Nursing. More than 73% of those homes employing a Clinical Nurse Manager had 40 beds or more.

Nationally, the average gross salaries for Director of Nursing and Clinical Nurse Manager positions were found to be €55,720 and €43,524 respectively.

11.11 Non-national Staff

The Survey found that on average 43% of nurses employed in respondents' homes were from outside the European Union (EU). A further 6% were from the EU (excluding Ireland) with the balance of 51% of nurses being Irish.

The highest average percentage of non-EU nationals amongst nursing staff was in the Northern area where on average 75% of nursing staff were from non-EU countries.

In total 36% of all other staff employed in nursing homes were non-nationals. Interestingly, 44% of all non-national staff in non-nursing positions were from the EU. This is a much higher representation than is seen in relation to nursing staff.

11.12 Direct Care Hours

Direct care involves those staff members that are providing primary care to residents i.e. nurses and care assistants. The HSE Western Area recommendation for minimum staff to resident ratio is set out on the following page. The HSE Wexford office corresponded with nursing homes in their area in 2006 recommending these guidelines in the absence of legislation governing this area.

Shift	Time	Ratio
1	Morning (8.00am-2.00pm)	1 staff to 7 residents
2	Afternoon & Evening (2.00pm-8.00pm)	1 staff to 8 residents
3	Night (8.00pm-8.00am)	1 staff to 15 residents

This results in a recommended level of 2.4 care hours per resident per day. The Survey results show that care hours were subject to variation but an indicative average was found to be 3.0 care hours per resident per day. At a basic level, this suggests an increase in the number of care hours provided in previous years.

Allied to increasing wage rates, the increase in care hours per resident per day accounts for the 21.4% increase in average wages and salaries costs referred to in Section 11.7.

11.13 Annual Food Cost

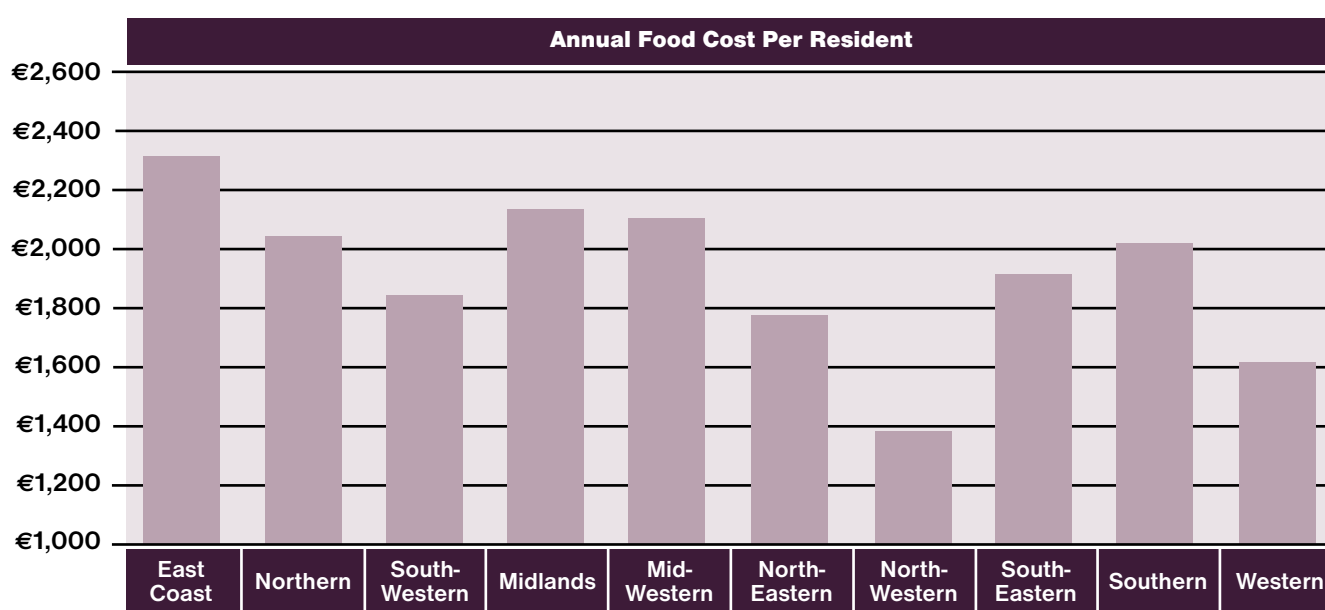
Food costs are another significant expense in operating a nursing home. Food costs represented an average of 5.9% of turnover in 2007.

The table below analyses the annual food cost per resident by size of nursing home. As one would expect the larger homes were found to have a lower average food cost per resident as a result of economies of scale:

Size of nursing home	≤ 25 beds	26-39 beds	40-59 beds	≥ 60 beds
Annual food cost per resident	€2,284	€2,099	€1,866	€1,810
% increase since 2006	No increase	22.0%	11.9%	4.8%
Food cost as a percentage of turnover	8.4%	7.0%	5.2%	4.6%

Food costs were found to have risen in three of the four size categories since 2006, with the 26 to 39 bed category experiencing the largest increase.

The average annual food bill per resident nationally was found to be €1,962 which represents a 10.7% increase on the 2006 Survey findings. The chart below outlines the annual food cost per resident by HSE area:



The highest food cost per registered bed was noted in the East Coast area with an annual cost of €2,322. Correspondingly, the lowest cost was noted in the North-Western area at €1,381.

12 Area Summaries

12.1 HSE Eastern Region

The HSE Eastern Region covers counties Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare. It has a population of almost 1.5 million people. In excess of 147,000 people are aged 65 and over. The population is broken down by county as follows:

County	Population	Population ≥ 65	Private beds
Dublin	1,187,176	122,511	4,268
Wicklow	126,194	12,517	735
Kildare	186,335	12,779	1,055
Total	1,499,705	147,807	6,058

The table below summarises the main statistics for the Eastern Region:

Area Statistics	HSE Eastern Region
Number of homes	121
Number of private beds	6,058
Number of planning applications for new homes	3
Number of planning applications for extensions	5
Population per private bed	248
Population ≥ 65 per bed	24.4

The region is split into three separate areas, namely:

- East Coast Area
- Northern Area
- South-Western Area

Each of the above is separately analysed in Sections 12.2 to 12.4.

12.2 East Coast Area

The East Coast Area is comprised of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County, the local electoral area of Pembroke in the City of Dublin and the County of Wicklow (except for the local electoral area of Baltinglass).

The table below summarises the main statistics for the East Coast Area:

Area Statistics	2007
Number of homes	53
Number of private beds	2,447
Survey Results	2007
Average occupancy	92.9%
Average weekly rate	€966
Average turnover per bed	€43,701
Average annual staff cost per registered bed	€27, 372
Average annual food bill per resident	€2,322

12.3 Northern Area

The Northern Area is comprised of Fingal County and the part of the City of Dublin which is situated north of the River Liffey.

The table below summarises the main statistics for the Northern Area:

Area Statistics	2007
Number of homes	32
Number of private beds	1,763
Survey Results	2007
Average occupancy	98.0%
Average weekly rate	€966
Average turnover per bed	€43,636
Average annual staff cost per registered bed	€27,530
Average annual food bill per resident	€2,062

12.4 South-Western Area

The South-Western Area is comprised of South County Dublin, the part of the City of Dublin which is situated south of the River Liffey (except for the local electoral area of Pembroke), the County of Kildare, and the local electoral area of Baltinglass in the County of Wicklow.

The table below summarises the main statistics for the South-Western Area:

Area Statistics	2007
Number of homes	36
Number of private beds	1,848
Survey Results	2007
Average occupancy	97.5%
Average weekly rate	€922
Average turnover per bed	€40,375
Average annual staff cost per registered bed	€23,125
Average annual food bill per resident	€1,833

12.5 Midlands Area

The Midlands Area covers the counties of Laois, Longford, Offaly & Westmeath. The population aged 65 and over and the number of private beds in each of these counties is as follows:

County	Population	Population ≥ 65	Private beds
Laois	67,059	7,087	76
Longford	34,391	4,326	226
Offaly	70,868	7,758	230
Westmeath	79,346	8,492	503
Total	251,664	27,663	1,035

The table below summarises the key findings in relation to the Midlands Area:

Area Statistics	2007
Number of homes	23
Number of private beds	1,035
Number of planning applications for new homes	1
Number of planning applications for extensions	0
Population per private bed	243
Population ≥ 65 per bed	26.7
Survey Results	2007
Average occupancy	87.7%
Average weekly rate	€667
Average turnover per bed	€29,684
Average annual staff cost per registered bed	€24,071
Average annual food bill per resident	€2,110

12.6 Mid-Western Area

The Mid-Western Area covers the counties of Limerick, Clare & Tipperary (North). The population aged 65 and over and the number of private beds in each of these areas is as follows:

County	Population	Population ≥ 65	Private beds
Limerick	184,055	20,275	858
Clare	110,950	12,921	469
Tipperary North	66,023	8,415	461
Total	361,028	41,611	1,788

The table below summarises the key findings in relation to the Mid-Western Area:

Area Statistics	2007
Number of homes	41
Number of private beds	1,788
Number of planning applications for new homes	0
Number of planning applications for extensions	2
Population per private bed	202
Population ≥ 65 per bed	23.3
Survey Results	2007
Average occupancy	91.5%
Average weekly rate	€655
Average turnover per bed	€26,682
Average annual staff cost per registered bed	€17,228
Average annual food bill per resident	€2,081

12.7 North-Eastern Area

The North-Eastern Area covers the counties of Cavan, Louth, Meath & Monaghan. The population aged 65 and over and the number of private beds in each of these areas is as follows:

County	Population	Population ≥ 65	Private beds
Cavan	64,003	8,007	325
Louth	111,267	11,605	399
Meath	162,831	13,024	749
Monaghan	55,997	6,750	273
Total	394,098	39,386	1,746

The table below summarises the key findings in relation to the North-Eastern Area:

Area Statistics	2007
Number of homes	40
Number of private beds	1,746
Number of planning applications for new homes	5
Number of planning applications for extensions	2
Population per private bed	226
Population ≥ 65 per bed	22.6
Survey Results	2007
Average occupancy	95.5%
Average weekly rate	€719
Average turnover per bed	€33,325
Average annual staff cost per registered bed	€18,996
Average annual food bill per resident	€1,786

12.8 North-Western Area

The North Western Area covers the counties of Donegal, Leitrim & Sligo. The population, population over 65 and number of private beds in each of these counties are as follows:

County	Population	Population ≥ 65	Private beds
Donegal	147,264	18,411	571
Leitrim	28,950	4,207	143
Sligo	60,894	8,211	319
Total	237,108	30,829	1,033

The table below summarises the key findings in relation to the North-Western Area:

Area Statistics	2007
Number of homes	22
Number of private beds	1,033
Number of planning applications for new homes	2
Number of planning applications for extensions	1
Population per private bed	230
Population ≥ 65 per bed	29.8
Survey Results	2007
Average occupancy	77.2%*
Average weekly rate	€607
Average turnover per bed	€16,192
Average annual staff cost per registered bed	€14,203
Average annual food bill per resident	€1,381

*Please refer to Section 11.4 of this report

12.9 South-Eastern Area

The South-Eastern Area covers the counties of Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford and Tipperary (South). The population aged 65 and over and the number of private beds in each of these areas is as follows:

County	Population	Population ≥ 65	Private beds
Carlow	50,349	5,298	204
Kilkenny	87,558	9,992	391
Waterford	107,961	13,174	391
Wexford	131,749	15,324	565
Tipperary South	83,221	10,651	602
Total	460,838	54,439	2,153

The table below summarises the key findings in relation to the South-Eastern Area:

Area Statistics	2007
Number of homes	55
Number of private beds	2,153
Number of planning applications for new homes	3
Number of planning applications for extensions	4
Population per private bed	214
Population ≥ 65 per bed	25.3
Survey Results	2007
Average occupancy	80.5%
Average weekly rate	€684
Average turnover per bed	€27,796
Average annual staff cost per registered bed	€17,278
Average annual food bill per resident	€1,861

12.10 Southern Area

The Southern Area covers the counties of Cork and Kerry. The population aged 65 and over and the number of private beds in each of these areas is as follows:

County	Population	Population ≥ 65	Private beds
Cork	481,295	54,758	1,874
Kerry	139,835	19,348	554
Total	621,130	74,106	2,428

The table below summarises the key findings in relation to the Southern Area:

Area Statistics	2007
Number of homes	65
Number of private beds	2,428
Number of planning applications for new homes	3
Number of planning applications for extensions	0
Population per private bed	256
Population ≥ 65 per bed	30.5
Survey Results	2007
Average occupancy	91.2%
Average weekly rate	€757
Average turnover per bed	€29,354
Average annual staff cost per registered bed	€19,391
Average annual food bill per resident	€2,007

12.11 Western Area

The Western Area covers the counties of Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. The population aged 65 and over and the number of private beds in each of these areas is as follows:

County	Population	Population ≥ 65	Private beds
Galway	231,670	25,508	1,455
Mayo	123,839	17,862	731
Roscommon	58,768	8,715	456
Total	414,277	52,085	2,642

The table below summarises the key findings in relation to the Western Area:

Area Statistics	2007
Number of homes	68
Number of private beds	2,642
Number of planning applications for new homes	3
Number of planning applications for extensions	1
Population per private bed	157
Population ≥ 65 per bed	19.7
Survey Results	2007
Average occupancy	89.1%
Average weekly rate	€687
Average turnover per bed	€25,326
Average annual staff cost per registered bed	€15,242
Average annual food bill per resident	€1,617

13 Summary Schedule by Location

Area Statistics	HSE Eastern Region*	Midlands Area	Mid-Western Area	North-Eastern Area	North-Western Area	South-Eastern Area	Southern Area	Western Area
Number of homes	121	23	41	40	22	55	65	68
Number of private beds	6,058	1,035	1,788	1,746	1,033	2,153	2,428	2,642
Number of planning applications for new homes	3	1	0	5	2	3	3	3
Number of planning applications for extensions	5	0	2	2	1	4	0	1
Population per private bed	248	243	202	226	230	214	256	157
Population ≥ 65 per bed	24.4	26.7	23.3	22.6	29.8	25.3	30.5	19.7
Survey Results								
Average occupancy		87.7%	91.5%	95.5%	77.2%	80.5%	91.2%	89.1%
Average weekly rate		€667	€655	€719	€607	€684	€757	€687
Average turnover per bed		€29,684	€26,682	€33,325	€16,192	€27,796	€29,354	€25,326
Average annual staff cost per registered bed		€24,071	€17,228	€18,996	€14,203	€17,278	€19,391	€15,242
Average annual food bill per resident		€2,110	€2,081	€1,786	€1,381	€1,861	€2,007	€1,617

*Please refer to Section 12.2 to 12.4 for survey results in respect of each of the three areas contained in the Eastern Region.

14 Summary Schedule by Size

Size	≤ 25 beds	26-39 beds	40-59 beds	≥ 60 beds
Average occupancy	93.4%	93.2%	89.3%	90.9%
Average weekly rate	€742	€749	€746	€885
Average turnover per bed	€33,630	€31,239	€32,509	€37,332
Average annual staff cost per registered bed	€22,912	€19,507	€19,589	€23,394
Staff cost as a % of turnover	56.3%	59.8%	61.2%	61.8%
Average annual food bill per resident	€2,284	€2,099	€1,866	€1,810

Appendix One National Quality Standards for Residential Care Settings for Older People in Ireland

Background

For a considerable period of time, nursing home representative organisations, now consolidated in a single national organisation, Nursing Homes Ireland, have called for legislation setting out proper care standards for the older person in residential care settings.

In August 2007, draft care standards were published by the proposed new inspection body for nursing homes, the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA). The draft standards were developed by HIQA in consultation with a Working Group representing key stakeholders in the sector.

A period of consultation with service providers, health and social care professionals and other interested parties followed the publication of the draft standards. The purpose of this consultation process was to inform the final set of standards.

The final draft standards were published by HIQA in March 2008. This final draft and the regulations required to underpin them will be subject to a Regulatory Impact Assessment by the Department for Health and Children before finalisation. Both the approved standards and the regulations are expected to be in place later in 2008.

Inspections

Regulations for the inspection of nursing homes will also be published by the Department of Health and Children. To date, only private and voluntary nursing homes were required to be registered and inspected. The Health Act 2007 however extended this process to homes run by the HSE. The inspection and registration process for all residential care settings will be taken over by the Social Services Inspectorate within HIQA.

The Standards

There are 32 standards which are based on legislation, research and best practice. Each standard is comprised of a statement setting out how the service should be provided to the older person and the criteria which can be used to judge whether a standard is being met.

The standards are categorised into seven sections and there are also supplementary criteria that apply to the care of persons in specialised dementia units.

Section one concerns the rights of the older person in care settings. It aims to ensure the each resident's privacy and dignity is respected and that their right to consultation and participation in matters relating to their life within the setting is upheld.

Section two concerns the protection of the resident and their possessions. The care setting must ensure that each resident is protected from all forms of abuse and must adopt a clear policy for the prevention, detection and response to abuse, including the prompt investigation of suspected abuse and the passing of any information regarding abuse to the HSE.

Section three focuses on the health and social care needs of residents. It requires that a comprehensive assessment of each resident's needs will be carried out prior to admission and based on this, an individual care plan will be developed in agreement with the resident, or where the resident is cognitively impaired, with their representative. Policies and procedures relating to medication management are outlined and standards relating to end of life care are also included in this section.

Section four sets out quality of life standards and covers areas such as dietary and nutritional matters, policies for dealing with challenging behaviour and the preservation of residents' independence in residential care settings, in so far as is possible.

Standards relating to recruitment, staffing levels and qualifications are contained in Section five. Training and continuing profession development requirements are also discussed.

Requirements for the physical care environment are outlined in Section six. Differing criteria will apply to existing and newly built residential settings (including new extensions). Standards for outdoor and communal space, treatment rooms, kitchens, bedrooms and toilet/washing facilities are amongst the areas covered.

Section seven contains standards relating to the management and governance of the care setting and sets out requirements relating to the registered person in charge and the maintenance of patient records.

As outlined already there are supplementary criteria for dementia-specific residential care settings for older people. These relate mainly to care policies and specific training for staff in these settings.

Compliance

Some of the final standards will be designated as regulatory standards. These standards must be complied with in order to secure and retain registration status. HIQA have indicated that it is likely that in some cases a residential care setting may be given conditional registration for a set period of time during which it will be expected to come into compliance with the regulatory standards.

Failure to comply with non-regulatory standards will not result in loss of registration or failure to receive registration. It will instead lead to the issuing of recommendations by inspectors to bring the care setting into compliance. The service provider will be required to produce a plan of action to address the recommendations.

Generally, service providers will be expected to comply with all of the final standards. However it is acknowledged that not all standards can be applied to all settings immediately on implementation. Furthermore, some standards will only become effective six years after the final standards are implemented.

Appendix Two Nursing Home Directory

Name of Nursing Home	Address	Phone No.	No of Beds
HSE DUBLIN MID LEINSTER			
East Coast Area			
Dublin			
Aclare Nursing Home	4-5 Tivoli Terrace South, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	(01) 2801345	26
Aillesbury Private Nursing Home	58 Park Avenue, Sandymount, Dublin 4	(01) 2692289	46
Altadore Nursing Home	Upper Glenageary Road, Glenageary, Co. Dublin	(01) 2842233	38
Annabeg House Nursing Home	Meadow Court, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin	(01) 2720201	28
Ashbury Nursing Home	1A Kill Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin	(01) 2841266	67
Ashford House Nursing Home	6 Tivoli Terrace East, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	(01) 2809877	28
Beechfield Manor Nursing Home	Shanganagh, Shankill, Co. Dublin	(01) 2824874	61
Belmont House Nursing Home	Gallop Green, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin	(01) 2784393	113
Brabazon House Nursing Home	2 Gilford Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4	(01) 2691677	12
Cairn Hill Nursing Home	Westminister Road, Foxrock, Dublin 18	(01) 2896885	42
Caritas Convalescent Home	St. Marys, Merrion Road, Dublin 4	(01) 2600609	52
Carysfort Nursing Home	7 Arkandale Road, Glenageary, Co. Dublin	(01) 2850780	52
Cedar House Nursing Home	35 Mount Anville Park, Mount Anville Road, Dublin 14	(01) 2831024	21
Cherry Field Lodge Nursing Home	Upper Cherryfield Avenue, Ranelagh, Dublin 6	(01) 4985800	17
Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home	Arduagh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin	(01) 2851486	31
Gascoigne House	37/40 Cowper Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6	(01) 4969399	44
Glebe House Nursing Home	Kilternan Care Centre, Dublin 6	(01) 2806168	48
Glengara Park Nursing Home	Lower Glenageary Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	(01) 2806168	66
Harvey Nursing & Convalescent Home	Upper Glenageary Road, Glenageary, Co. Dublin	(01) 2800508	32
Killiney Grove Nursing Home	Killiney Hill Road, Killiney, Co. Dublin	(01) 2851855	37
Leeson Park Nursing Home	10 Leeson Park, Dublin 6	(01) 4976500	48
Little Sisters of the Poor Nursing Home	Holy Family Residence, Roebuck Road, Dublin 14	(01) 2832455	73
Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary	48 Temple Road, Dartry, Dublin 6	(01) 4971918	29
Molyneux Nursing Home	Leeson Park, Dublin 6	(01) 6604835	25
Mount Tabor Care Centre	Sandymount Green, Sandymount, Dublin 4	(01) 2605772	45
Newtonpark Nursing Home	Newtonpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin	(01) 2887403	62
Northbrook Nursing Home	26 Northbrook Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6	(01) 6601216	23
Our Lady's Manor Nursing Home	Bulloch Harbour, Dalkey, Co. Dublin	(01) 2806993	180
Rickard House	Temple Hill, Blackrock, Co. Dublin	(01) 2833933	27
Simpsons Hospital	Wyckham, Ballinteer Road, Dublin 16	(01) 2984322	44
St. Oliver's Nursing Home	St. Marys Centre, Merrion Road, Dublin 4	(01) 2693411	28
St. John's House	202 Merrion Road, Dublin 4	(01) 2692213	45
St. Joseph's Care Centre	Crinken Lane, Shankill, Co. Dublin	(01) 2823000	60
St. Mary's Nursing Home	Pembroke Park, Dublin 4	(01) 6683550	38
The Marlay Nursing Home	Kilmashogue Lane, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	(01) 4994444	124
Wicklow			
Aisling Nursing Home	Sea Bank, Arklow, Co. Wicklow	(0402) 33843	23
Asgard Lodge Nursing Home	Kilbride, Arklow, Co. Wicklow	(0402) 32901	20
Atlanta Nursing Home	Sidmonton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2860398	43
Blainroe Lodge Nursing Home	Coast Road, Blainroe, Co. Wicklow	(0404) 60030	51
Bray Manor Nursing Home	Meath Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2863127	24

Name of Nursing Home	Address	Phone No.	No of Beds
Wicklow (cont.)			
Dargle Valley Nursing Home	Cookstown, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2861896	30
Donore Nursing Home	Sidmonton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2867348	26
Earlsbrook House Nursing Home	41 Meath Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2761601	64
Eyrefield Manor Nursing Home	Church Lane, Greystones, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2017466	56
Glenbervie Nursing Home	Sidmonton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2868085	37
Greystones Nursing Home	Church Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2873226	76
Kinvara House Nursing Home	Strand Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2866153	44
Kylemore Nursing Home	Sidmonton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2863255	42
Roseville Nursing Home	49 Meath Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2862582	30
San Remo Nursing & Convalescent Home	14/15 Sidmonton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2862328	51
Shannagh Bay Nursing Home	2/3 Fitzwilliam Tce., Bray, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2863013	45
St. Columban's Nursing Home	Magheramore, Co. Wicklow	(0404) 67348	23
Tara Care Centre	5/6 Putland Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	(01) 2863931	50
South-Western Area			
Dublin			
Glenaulin Nursing Home	Lucan Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20	(01) 6264677	66
Glencarrig Nursing Home	Firhouse Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24	(01) 4512620	25
Griffen Valley Nursing Home	Esker, Lucan, Co. Dublin	(01) 6249736	25
Harvey Nursing Home	122 Terenure Road West, Terenure, Dublin 6	(01) 4907764	29
Kiltipper Woods Care Centre	Kiltipper Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24	(01) 4625277	84
Lisheen Nursing Home	Stoney Lane, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin	(01) 4859426	55
Lucan Lodge Nursing Home	Ardeevin Drive, Lucan, Co. Dublin	(01) 6280555	72
Marian House Nursing Home	Kimmage Manor, Witehall Road, Dublin 12	(01) 4560053	27
Maryfield Nursing Home	Lucan Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20	(01) 6264684	54
Marymount Nursing Home	Westmanstown, Lucan, Co. Dublin	(01) 8204500	48
New Lodge/Bloomfield Care Centre	Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16	(01) 4950021	35
Orwell House Nursing Home	122 Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6	(01) 4922142	66
Padre Pio Nursing Home	50/51 Cappaghmore, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	(01) 4573339	28
Queen of Peace Centre	Garville Avenue, Dublin 6	(01) 4975381	50
Rostrevor Nursing Home	66 Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6	(01) 4963479	23
Sally Park Nursing Home	Sally Park Close, Firhouse, Dublin 24	(01) 4526482	46
The Croft Nursing Home	2 Goldenbridge Walk, Inchicore, Dublin 8	(01) 4542374	39
Tower Nursing Home	94 Cappaghmore Estate, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	(01) 4574209	21
Kildare			
Ashley Lodge Nursing Home	Tully East, Kildare, Co. Kildare	(045) 521300	53
Beech Park Nursing Home	Dunmurray East, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare	(045) 534000	48
Cloverlodge Nursing Home	Clonmullion, Athy, Co. Kildare	(059) 640623	60
Craddock House Nursing Home	Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare	(045) 898600	68
Curragh Lawns Nursing Home	Kinneagh, Curragh, Co. Kildare	(045) 481880	37
Elm Hall Nursing Home	Loughlinstown Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare	(01) 6012399	62
Glenashling Nursing Home	Oldtown, Celbridge, Co. Kildare	(01) 6272694	50
Hazel Hall Nursing Home	Prosperous Road, Clane, Co. Kildare	(045) 868662	46
Larchfield Park Nursing Home	Monread Road, Naas, Co. Kildare	(045) 875505	57
Lourdesville Nursing Home	Athy Road, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare	(045) 521496	48
Mill Lane Manor	Mill Lane, Naas, Co. Kildare	(045) 874700	70

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Kildare (cont.)			
Moyglare Nursing Home	Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	(01) 6289022	56
Oghill Nursing Home	Monasterevin, Co. Kildare	(045) 523513	38
Parke House Nursing Home	Kilcock, Co. Kildare	(01) 6103585	66
Ryevale Nursing Home	Ryevale Hill, Leixlip, Co. Kildare	(01) 6244201	131
Shalom Presentation Convent	Kilcock, Co. Kildare	(01) 6287018	42
Suncroft Nursing Home	The Curragh, Co. Kildare	(045) 442951	60
Willowbrook Nursing Home	Borohard, Newbridge, Co. Kildare	(045) 431959	63
Midlands Area			
Laois			
Ballard Lodge Nursing Home	Borris Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois	(057) 8661299	24
Kilminchy Lodge Nursing Home	Kilminchy, Portlaoise, Co. Laois	(057) 8663600	52
Longford			
Laurel Lodge Nursing Home	Templemichael Glebe, Longford, Co. Longford	(043) 48033	107
Our Lady's Manor Nursing Home	Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford	(043) 71007	71
Thomond Lodge Nursing Home	Ballymahon, Co. Longford	(09064) 38410	48
Offaly			
Carthage Nursing Home	Mucklagh, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	(057) 9352863	40
Cloverlodge Nursing Home	Main Street, Shinrone, Co. Offaly	(0505) 47969	56
Elmgrove Nursing Home	Syngefield, Birr, Co. Offaly	(057) 9121205	32
Gallen Priory Nursing Home	Main St., Ferbane, Co. Offaly	(09064) 54742	53
Our Lady of Consolation Nursing Home	Arden Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	(057) 9321320	25
Upton House Nursing Home	Clara, Co. Offaly	(057) 9331126	24
Westmeath			
Bethany House Nursing Home	Main Street, Tyrrellspass, Co. Westmeath	(044) 9666398	28
Maple Court Nursing Home	Castlepollard, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	(044) 9662919	21
Moate Nursing Home	Dublin Road, Moate, Co. Westmeath	(090) 6482855	50
Mont Vista Nursing Home	Retreat Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath	(09064) 72887	15
Newbrook Nursing Home	Ballymahon Road, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	(044) 9342211	52
Portiuncula Nursing Home	Multifarnham, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	(044) 9371911	63
Retreat Nursing Home	Bonavally, Athlone, Co. Westmeath	(09064) 72072	40
Roselodge Nursing Home	Killucan, Co. Westmeath	(044) 9376220	50
Sonas Nursing Home	Ballymahon Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath	(09064) 79568	55
St. Camillus Nursing Centre	Killucan, Co. Westmeath	(044) 9374196	57
St. Clair's Nursing Home	Ballinderry, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	(044) 9341500	43
Stella Maris Nursing Home	Baylough, Athlone, Co. Westmeath	(09064) 92162	29
HSE DUBLIN NORTH EAST			
Northern Area			
Alzheimer Care Centre	Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9	(01) 8374444	64
Beechlawn House Nursing Home	High Park, Grace Park Road, Dublin 9	(01) 8369622	40
Beechtree Nursing Home	Murragh House, Oldtown, Co. Dublin	(01) 8433634	40
Beneavin Lodge Nursing Home	Beneavin Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 11	(01) 8648577	61
Brymore House Nursing Home	Thormanby Road, Howth, Co. Dublin	(01) 8326244	40

Name of Nursing Home	Address	Phone No.	No of Beds
Northern (cont)			
Catherine McAuley House	Beaumont, Dublin 9	(01) 8379186	41
Churchview Nursing Home	61 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7	(01) 8680437	43
Clontarf Private Nursing Home	5/6 Clontarf Road, Dublin 3	(01) 8335455	45
Elmhurst Convalescent Centre	Hampstead, Glasnevin, Dublin 9	(01) 8374444	49
Fingal House Nursing Home	Seatown West, Swords, Co. Dublin	(01) 8401545	20
Garda Retirement Home	476 Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin 5	(01) 8311199	42
Hamilton Park Nursing Home	Balrothery, Co. Dublin	(01) 6903190	87
Howth Hill Lodge Nursing Home	Thormanby Road, Howth, Co. Dublin	(01) 8324137	49
La Verna Nursing Home	30 Haddon Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3	(01) 8339879	28
Little Sisters of the Poor	Sybill Hill Road, Raheny, Dublin 5	(01) 8332308	98
Nazareth House Nursing Home	Malahide Road, Dublin 3	(01) 8338205	85
New Park Nursing Home	The Ward, St Margaret's, Co. Dublin	(01) 8643465	56
Riverside Nursing Home	Tober Road, St. Margaret's, Co. Dublin	(01) 8409785	27
Rush Nursing Home	Skerries Road, Rush, Co. Dublin	(01) 8709684	56
Santa Sabina House	Navan Road, Cabra, Co. Dublin	(01) 8682666	28
Shrewbury Nursing Home	164 Clonliffe Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3	(01) 8370680	36
St. Anthony's Nursing Home	Church Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	(01) 8412282	36
St. Doolagh's Nursing Home	St. Doolagh's Park, Balgriffin, Dublin 17	(01) 8477950	72
St. Gabriel's Nursing Home	Glenayle Road, Edenmore, Dublin 5	(01) 8474339	52
St. Joseph's Nursing Home	Mount Sackville, Chapelizod, Dublin 20	(01) 8213888	30
St. Monica's Nursing Home	Belvedere Place, Dublin 1	(01) 8557523	46
St. Pappin's Nursing Home	Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9	(01) 8423474	59
St. Patrick's Nursing Home	Baldoyle, Co. Dublin	(01) 8391287	39
Swords Nursing Home	Mountambrose, Swords, Co. Dublin	(01) 8900089	60
Talbot Lodge Nursing Home	Kinsealy Lane, Kinsealy, Co. Dublin	(01) 8462115	89
Tara Winthrop Nursing Home	Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin	(01) 8079631	139
Tender Loving Care Centre	Santry Demesne, Santry, Dublin 9	(01) 8628080	106
North-Eastern Area			
Cavan			
Castlemanor Nursing Home	Drumalee, Cavan	(049) 4327100	70
College View Nursing Home	Clones Road, Cavan	(049) 4372929	70
Esker Lodge Nursing Home	Cathedral Road, Cavan, Co Cavan	(049) 4375090	44
Fairlawns Nursing Home	Cavan Road, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan	(042) 9665930	35
Omega Nursing Home	Cavan Road, Belturbet, Co Cavan	(049) 9522630	23
Sheelin Nursing Home	Tonagh, Mountnugent, Co. Cavan	(049) 8540414	39
St. Joseph's Nursing Home	Lurgan Glebe, Virginia, Co. Cavan	(049) 8547012	44
Louth			
Aras Mhuire Nursing Home	Beechgrove, Drogheda, Co. Louth	(041) 9842222	30
Blackrock Abbey Nursing Home	Blackrock, Dundalk, Co. Louth	(042) 9321258	60
Boyne Valley Nursing Home	Dowth, Drogheda, Co. Louth	(041) 9836130	18
Carlingford Nursing Home	Old Dundalk Road, Carlingford, Co. Louth	(042) 9383993	44
Castle Lodge Nursing Home	Sea Road, Castlebellingham, Co. Louth	(042) 9382106	40
Dealgan House Nursing Home	Toberona, Dundalk, Co. Louth	(042) 9355016	50
Moorehall Lodge Nursing Home	Hale Street, Ardee, Co. Louth	(041) 6856990	66
St Francis Nursing Home	Dundalk, Co. Louth	(042) 9371123	23
Sunhill Nursing Home	Termonfeckin, Co. Louth	(041) 9885200	68

Name of Nursing Home	Address	Phone No.	No of Beds
Meath			
Creevelea Nursing Home	Laytown, Co. Meath	(041) 9827178	46
Devlin Lodge Nursing Home	Gormanstown, Co. Meath	(01) 8414566	94
Haetherfield Nursing Home	Raynestown, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath	(01) 8259354	30
Hillview Nursing Home	Rathfeigh, Tara, Co. Meath	(041) 9825698	26
Kilbrew Nursing Home	Kilbrew Cross, Ashbourne, Co. Meath	(01) 8358900	60
Kilmainhamwood Nursing Home	Kilmainhamwood, Kells, Co. Meath	(046) 9052070	50
Ratoath Nursing Home	Ratoath, Co. Meath	(01) 8256101	69
Redwood Extended Care Facility	Stamullen, Co Meath	(01) 8412660	16
Sancta Maria Nursing Home	Parke, Kinnegad, Co. Meath	(044) 75243	44
Silver Grove Nursing Home	Main Street, Clonee, Co. Meath	(01) 8253155	35
St. Anthony's Nursing Home	Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath	(046) 9431857	14
St. Clare's Nursing Home	Stedalt House, Stamullen, Co. Meath	(01) 8412583	68
St. Colmcille's Nursing Home	Oldcastle Road, Kells, Co. Meath	(046) 9249789	42
St. Columban's Nursing Home	Navan, Co. Meath	(046) 21525	35
St. Elizabeth's Nursing Home	Kells Road, Athboy, Co. Meath	(046) 9432457	36
St. Ursula's Nursing Home	Golf Links, Bettystown, Co. Meath	(041) 9827442	24
Windfield Nursing Home	Waynestown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath	(01) 8255232	38
Woodlands Nursing Home	Trim Road, Navan, Co. Meath	(046) 28617	22
Monaghan			
Castle Ross Nursing Home	Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan	(042) 9692630	70
Drumbear Lodge Nursing Home	Cootehill Road, Co. Monaghan	(047) 84800	52
Mullinahinch Nursing Home	Mullinahinch House, Mullinahinch, Co. Monaghan	(047) 72138	56
Sacred Heart Nursing Home	Roslea Road, Clones, Co. Monaghan	(047) 51069	50
St. Joseph's Nursing Home	Clones Road, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan	(042) 9741141	26
St. Louis Nursing Home	Louisville, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan	(047) 84152	19
HSE WEST			
Mid-Western Area			
Clare			
Cahercalla Community Hospital Nursing Home	Cahercalla Road, Ennis, Co. Clare	(065) 6824388	99
Carrigoran House Nursing Home	Newmarket on Fergus, Co. Clare	(061) 368100	116
Kilrush District Hospital	Cooraclare Road, Kilrush, Co. Clare	(065) 9051966	60
Lakes Nursing Home	Hill Road, Killaloe, Co. Clare	(061) 375044	57
Riverdale House Nursing Home	Blackwater, Ardnacrusha, Co. Clare	(061) 340525	29
Sancta Maria Nursing Home	Gallows Hill, Cratloe, Co. Clare	(061) 357143	40
St. Dominic Savio Nursing Home	Liscannor, Co. Clare	(065) 7081555	28
St. Theresa's Nursing Home	Leadmore East, Kilrush, Co. Clare	(065) 9052655	40
Limerick			
Abbot Close Nursing Home	Askeaton, Co. Limerick	(061) 601888	60
Adare and District Nursing Home	Adare Road, Croagh, Co. Limerick	(069) 64443	84
Ard Na Ri Nursing Home	Holycross, Bruff, Co. Limerick	(061) 382286	25

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Limerick (cont.)			
Beech Lodge Nursing Home	Bruree, Co. Limerick	(063) 90522	40
Beechwood House Nursing Home	Newcastle West, Co. Limerick	(069) 62408	38
Caherass Nursing Home	Adare Road, Croom, Co. Limerick	(061) 600930	50
Cahermoyle House Nursing Home	Cahermoyle, Bruff, Co. Limerick	(069) 76105	49
Catherine McAuley House	Bishop Street, Limerick	(061) 315313	33
Corbally House Nursing Home	Mill Road, Corbally, Co. Limerick	(061) 343267	36
Dromcollogher & District Respite Care	Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick	(063) 83934	20
Good Counsel Nursing Home	Kilmallock Road, Limerick	(061) 416288	28
Maria Goretti Nursing Home	Ardkilmartin, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick	(063) 98983	62
Milford Care Centre	Castletroy, Limerick	(061) 485800	47
Newcastle Nursing Home	Killeline, Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick	(069) 22061	66
Roseville Nursing Home	Killonin, Ballysimon, Co. Limerick	(061) 333897	40
St. Anthony's Nursing Home	Kilduff, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick	(061) 384104	27
St. Catherine's Nursing Home	Newcastle West, Co. Limerick	(069) 611411	55
St. Paul's Nursing Home	Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick	(061) 228209	52
St. Gobnait's Nursing Home	Ballyagran, Co. Limerick	(063) 82065	20
Thorpes Nursing Home	Clarina, Co. Limerick	(061) 353007	26
Tipperary North			
Ardeen Nursing Home	Abbey Road, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	(0504) 22094	44
Ashlawn Nursing Home	Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	(067) 31433	29
Bushy Park Nursing Home	Nenagh Road, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary	(067) 27442	40
Milbrae Lodge Nursing Home	Newport, Co. Tipperary	(061) 378933	81
Mount Carmel Nursing Home	Abbey Street, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	(0505) 21084	25
Mount St. Benedicts Nursing Home	Dublin Road, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	(0504) 23172	12
Nenagh Manor Nursing Home	Yewstown Estate, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	(067) 34654	54
Pattersons Nursing Home	Lismacken, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	(0505) 43130	28
Rivervale Nursing Home	Rathnaleen, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	(067) 50426	46
St. Jude's Nursing Home	Borrisoleigh, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	(0504) 51293	18
St. Kieran's Nursing Home	Rathcabbin, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	(0509) 39069	26
St. Theresa's Nursing Home	Thurles, Co. Tipperary	(0504) 22246	35
Villa Marie Nursing Home	Templemore Road, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary	(0505) 23197	23
Western Area			
Roscommon			
Cloverhill Nursing Home	Lisagallon, Cloverhill, Co. Roscommon	(090) 6628882	54
Costellos Nursing Home	Ballyleague, Lanesborough, Co. Roscommon	(043) 21361	33
Drumderrig Nursing Home	Drumderrig, Boyle, Co. Roscommon	(071) 9662561	45
Fearna Elphin Nursing Home	Bishop's Street, Elphin, Co. Roscommon	(071) 9635424	35
Fearna Manor Nursing Home	Tarmon Road, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon	(094) 9620725	32
Fearna Nursing Home	Knockroe, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon	(094) 9620155	16
Innis Ree Lodge Nursing Home	Ballyleague, Lanesborough, Co. Roscommon	(043) 27300	61
Meadowlands Nursing Home	Dunmore Road, Cloonfad, Co. Roscommon	(094) 9646332	30
Oakwood Nursing Home	Circular Road, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon	(094) 9861033	36
Oakwood Private Nursing Home	Acres/ Ardsallagh More, Athlone Road, Co. Roscommon	(090) 6637090	48
Shannon Lodge Nursing Home	Rooskey, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Roscommon	(071) 9658677	36
Tearmainn Bhríde Nursing Home	Brideswell, Co. Roscommon	(090) 6488400	30

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Mayo			
Abbeybreaffy Nursing Home	Dublin Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	(094) 9025029	54
Ave Maria Nursing Home	Toreen, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo	(094) 9639998	34
Ballinamore Nursing Home	Ballinamore, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	(094) 9381919	44
Blackrock's Nursing Home	The Green, Foxford, Co. Mayo	(094) 9257555	50
Brookvale Manor Nursing Home	Hazel Hill, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo	(094) 9631555	58
Claremount Nursing Home	Claremorris, Co. Mayo,	(094) 9373111	48
Cuan Chaitriona Nursing Home	The Lawn, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	(094) 9021171	31
Friars Lodge Nursing Home	Convent Road, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo	(094) 9542474	63
Hollymount Nursing Home	Kilrush, Hollymount, Co. Mayo	(092) 9540232	34
Marian House Alzheimer Home	Ballindine, Co. Mayo	(094) 9364101	12
Moy Ridge Nursing Home	Ridge Pool Road, Ballina, Co. Mayo	(096) 21886	47
Pilgrims Rest Nursing Home	Barley Hill, Westport, Co. Mayo	(098) 27086	34
Queen of Peace Nursing Home	Knock, Co. Mayo	(094) 9388279	37
St. Anne's Nursing Home	Sonnagh, Charlestown, Co. Mayo	(094) 9254269	44
St. Attracta's Nursing Home	Hagfield, Charlestown, Co. Mayo	(094) 9254307	54
St. Brendan's Unit	Mulranny, Westport, Co. Mayo	(098) 36027	40
Ti Aire Nursing Home	Tallagh Hill, Belmullet, Co. Mayo	(097) 81940	47
Galway			
An Teaghlach Uilinn Retirement & Convalescent Centre	Kilrainey, Moycullen, Co. Galway	(091) 555444	49
Aras Bhride Nursing Home	Creggs Road, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway	(094) 9659466	28
Ballinderry Nursing Home	Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	(090) 9686890	52
Ballygar Nursing Home	Ballygar, Co. Galway	(090) 6624818	16
Brooklodge Nursing Home	Ballyglunin, Tuam, Co. Galway	(093) 32944	45
Caiseal Geal Nursing Home	Castlegar, Galway	(091) 757609	23
Castleturvin Nursing Home	Athorny, Co. Galway	(091) 850800	49
Central Park Nursing Home	Clonberne Village, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	(093) 45231	40
Coral Haven Nursing Home	Headford Road, Galway	(091) 762800	60
Corrandulla Residential Nursing Home	'Old Monastery', Corrandulla, Co. Galway	(091) 791540	40
Flannery's Nursing Home	Kilgrave, Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway	(093) 43130	47
Garbally Rest Home	76 Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	(090) 9642622	38
Greenpark Nursing Home	Tullinadaly Road, Tuam, Co. Galway	(093) 24410	28
Hillside Nursing Home	Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	(090) 9673996	25
Holy Family Nursing Home	Killimore, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	(090) 9676044	36
Kilcolgan Nursing Home	Kileely, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway	(091) 776446	50
Kiltormore Nursing Home	Kiltormer, Co. Galway	(090) 9627313	39
Lakelands Nursing Home	Mount Pleasant, Loughrea, Co. Galway	(091) 842240	40
Little Flower Nursing Home	Labane, Ardrahan, Co. Galway	(091) 635449	50
Lough Corrib Nursing Home	Kilbeg, Headford, Co. Galway	(093) 35778	30
Maryfield Alzheimer Nursing Home	Farnablake, Athenry, Co. Galway	(091) 844833	22
Mountbellew Nursing Home	Treanrevagh, Mountbellew, Co. Galway	(090) 9679735	22
Moycullen Nursing Home	Ballynahallia, Moycullen, Co. Galway	(091) 868686	54
Mystical Rose Nursing Home	Knockdoemore, Claregalway, Co. Galway	(091) 798908	25
Nightingale Nursing Home	Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	(090) 9688095	35
Oranmore Nursing Home	Bushfield, Oranmore, Co. Galway	(091) 792301	56

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Galway (Cont.)			
Owen Riff Nursing Home	Camp Street, Oughterard, Co. Galway	(091) 866946	35
Pointe Boise Nursing Home	Kingshill, Upper Salthill, Co. Galway	(091) 587444	29
Rosemount Nursing Home	Church Street, Gort, Co. Galway	(091) 631847	40
Rushmore Nursing Home	Knocknacarra, Galway	(091) 523257	29
Sacred Heart Nursing Home	Park, Spiddal, Co. Galway	(091) 553194	32
St. Anne's Nursing Home	Woodford, Co. Galway	(090) 9749334	22
St. Columba's Nursing Home	Cloughballymore House, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway	(091) 796188	26
St. David's Nursing Home	Gentian Hill, Knocknacarra, Galway	(091) 525358	15
St. Francis Nursing Home	Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	(094) 9659230	34
Stella Maris Nursing Home	Cummer, Tuam, Co. Galway	(093) 41944	43
Teach Altranais Charna	Carna, Conamara, Co. Galway	(095) 32854	52
The Village Nursing Care Centre	Ballygarraiff, Craughwell, Co. Galway	(091) 777700	78
Villa Maria Del Mar Nursing Home	Barna, Co. Galway	(091) 592287	21
North-Western Area			
Donegal			
Aras Ghaioth Dobhair	Meenaniller, Derrybeg, Co. Donegal	(071) 9660624	40
Aras Mhic Suibhne	Mullinsole, Laghey, Co. Donegal	(074) 9734810	46
Archview Lodge Nursing Home	Drumany, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	(074) 9124676	34
Arus Ui Dhomhaill Nursing Home	Loughnakey, Milford, Co. Donegal	(074) 9163288	48
Beach Hill Manor Nursing Home	Lisfannon, Buncrana, Co. Donegal	(077) 9120300	49
Brentwood Manor Nursing Home	Letterkenny Road, Convoy, Donegal	(074) 9147700	46
Brindley Manor Nursing Home	Letterkenny Road, Convoy, Donegal	(074) 9147000	43
Harbour Lights Nursing Home	Tonnasligo, Bruckless, Donegal	(074) 9732250	56
Hillcrest Nursing Home	Long Lane, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	(074) 9122342	35
Lagan Valley Nursing Home	Tober, Ballindrait, Co. Donegal	(074) 9141569	27
Lake House Nursing Home	Port na Blagh, Donegal	(074) 9136197	57
Nazareth House Nursing Home	Fahan, Lifford, Co. Donegal	(074) 9360100	48
St Eunan's Nursing Home	Ramelton Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	(074) 9163288	42
Leitrim			
Lough Erril Nursing Home	Lough Erril, Mohill, Co. Leitrim	(071) 9631520	45
Mulross House Nursing Home	Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim	(071)9641165	32
St. Phelim's Nursing Home	Killanima, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim	(071) 9163966	66
Sligo			
Ard na Greinne Nursing Home	Enniscrone, Co. Sligo	(096) 37840	58
Bailey's Nursing Home	Mountain Road, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo	(071) 9185471	41
Community Nursing Unit	Ballymote, Co. Sligo	(071) 9183175	27
Mowlam Nursing Home	Ballytivnan, Sligo	(071) 9147955	6
Nazareth House Nursing Home	Churchill, Co. Sligo	(071) 9162278	86
Summerville Healthcare	Strandhill, Co. Sligo	(071) 9128430	45

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HSE SOUTH			
Southern Area			
Cork			
Amberley House	Acres, Fermoy, Co. Cork	(025) 40900	47
Ardsley Nursing Home	Rocky Road, Farran, Co. Cork	(021) 7331163	18
Ballincurig Care Centre	Ballincurragh, Co. Cork	(021) 4642130	55
Beaumont Residential Care	Woodvale Road, Beaumont, Cork	(021) 4292195	44
Bishops court Residential Care Centre	Liskillea, Waterfall, Cork	(021) 4885833	50
Blairs' Hill Nursing Home	Blair's Hill, Sunday's Well, Cork	(021) 4304229	37
Blarney Nursing Home	Killowen, Blarney, Co. Cork	(021) 4381631	22
Bridhaven Nursing Home	Spa Glen, Mallow, Co. Cork	(022) 22205	64
Brookfield Care Centre	Leamlara, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork	(021) 4642642	61
Cahereen Nursing Home	Codrum, Macroom, Co. Cork	(026) 41280	27
CareChoice Ballynoe	White's Cross, Co. Cork	(021) 4300534	51
CareChoice Macroom	Gurteenroe, Macroom, Co. Cork	(026) 42366	31
CareChoice Montenotte	Middle Glanmire Road, Montenotte, Cork	(021) 4861777	111
Conna Nursing Home	Conna, Mallow, Co. Cork	(058) 59876	51
Corpus Christi Nursing Home	Brigown, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork	(025) 84844	25
Cramer's Court Nursing Home	Belgooly, Near Kinsale, Cork	(021) 4770721	62
Darraglynn Nursing Home	Carrigaline Road, Douglas, Cork	(021) 4364722	18
Deerpark House	Seafield, Bantry, Co. Cork	(027) 52711	50
Douglas Nursing & Retirement Home	Moneygourney, Douglas, Co. Cork	(021) 4364264	37
East Ferry Nursing Home	East Ferry, Midleton, Co. Cork	(021) 4652556	25
Fairfield Nursing Home	Quarry Road, Drimoleague, Co. Cork	(028) 31881	48
Glendonagh Nursing Home	Dungourney, Co. Cork	(021) 4668327	31
Golden Meadows Nursing Home	Clogheen, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	(023) 36951	50
Grange Con Nursing Home	Coolatanavally, Carrigrohane, Co. Cork	(021) 4385479	24
Haven Bay Care Centre	Ballinacubby, Kinsale, Co. Cork	(021) 4777328	61
Kilmaculla Nursing Home	Carhoo, Kildorrery, Co. Cork	(022) 25090	50
Madonna House Nursing Home	Station Road, Ballincollig, Co. Cork	(021) 4873750	16
Maryborough Nursing Home	Maryborough Hill, Douglas, Cork	(021) 4891586	35
Nazareth House Nursing Home	Newberry, Mallow, Co. Cork	(022) 21561	16
Norwood Grange Nursing Home	Ballinora, Waterfall, Cork	(021) 4873291	25
Oaklodge Nursing Home	Churchtown South, Cloyne, Co. Cork	(021) 4646080	62
Olde School Nursing Home	Church Cross, Skibbereen, Co. Cork	(028) 38530	18
Padre Pio Nursing Home	Sunnyside, Upper Rochestown, Cork	(021) 4841595	25
Padre Pio Nursing Home	Churchtown, Mallow, Co. Cork	(022) 23789	40
Powdermill Nursing Home	Ballincollig, Co. Cork	(021) 4871184	45
Resthaven Nursing Home	Meelin, Newmarket, Co. Cork	(029) 68110	20
Rochestown Nursing Home	Monastery Road, Rochestown, Co. Cork	(021) 4841707	24
Rosenalee Care Centre	Poulavone, Ballincollig, Co. Cork	(021) 4850930	28
Skibbereen Residential Home	Baltimore Road, Skibbereen, Co. Cork	(028) 23617	42
St. Joseph's Hospital	Bon Secours Care Village, Lee Road, Cork	(021) 4541566	32
St. Luke's Home	Mahon, Blackrock, Cork	(021) 4359444	16
St. Martha's Nursing Home	Clybee, Charleville, Co. Cork	(063) 30750	36
St. Paul's Nursing Home	Bushmount, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	(023) 33991	31

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Cork (Cont.)			
Strawhall Nursing Home	Fermoy, Co. Cork	(025) 31678	27
Teach Altra Nursing Home	Scarteen, Newmarket, Co. Cork	(029) 61166	43
Upton House Nursing Home	Innishannon, Co. Cork	(021) 4775424	19
White Frairs Nursing Home	Glyntown, Glanmire, Co. Cork	(021) 4821500	32
Windmill House Nursing Home	Churchtown, Mallow, Co. Cork	(022) 59067	40
Youghal & District Nursing Home	Gortroe, Youghal, Co. Cork	(024) 90280	52
Kerry			
Aras Mhuire Nursing Home	Greenville, Listowel, Co. Kerry	(068) 24560	33
Ashborough Lodge Nursing Home	Milltown, Co. Kerry	(066) 9765100	58
Cuil Didin Residential Care Facility	Skahanagh, Tralee, Co. Kerry	(066) 7119090	60
Heatherlee Nursing Home	Lawlors Cross, Killarney, Co. Kerry	(064) 33944	26
Kenmare Nursing Home 'Tir na nOg'	Killaha East, Kenmare, Co. Kerry	(064) 41315	22
Kilcara House Nursing Home	Duagh, Co. Kerry	(068) 45377	35
Lystoll Lodge Nursing Home	Skehenerin, Listowel, Co. Kerry	(068) 24248	48
Oaklands Nursing Home	Listowel, Co. Kerry	(068) 21173	29
Ocean View Nursing Home	Camp, Tralee, Co. Kerry	(066) 7130267	30
Our Lady of Fatima Nursing Home	Oak Park, Tralee, Co. Kerry	(066) 7125900	66
Our Lady of Lourdes Nursing Home	Kilcummin, Killarney, Co. Kerry	(064) 43012	31
Riverside Nursing Home	Milltown, Abbeydorney, Co. Kerry	(066) 7135210	26
St. Joseph's Nursing Home	Killorglin, Co. Kerry	(066) 61122	8
St. Joseph's Nursing Home	Derrymore East, Tralee, Co. Kerry	(066) 7130134	18
St. Joseph's Nursing Home	Killowen, Kenmare, Co. Kerry	(064) 41100	34
St. Louis Nursing Home	Clonemore, Tralee, Co. Kerry	(066) 7121891	30
South-Eastern Area			
Wexford			
Carlford Private Nursing Home	Clonroche, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford	(053) 9244366	20
Carrig Tur Nursing Home	Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford	(054) 9237622	53
Cherryfield Private Nursing Home	Ballygarret, Gorey, Co. Wexford	(053) 9427286	17
Cherrygrove Nursing Home	Priesthaggard, Campile, Co. Wexford	(051) 388060	43
Kerlogue Nursing Home	Kerlogue, Wexford	(053) 9170400	61
Knockeen Nursing Home	Knockeen, Barntown, Co. Wexford	(053) 9134600	43
Lawson House Private Nursing Home	Knockrathkyle, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford	(054) 9233945	42
Middletown House	Courtown, Gorey, Co. Wexford	(055) 9425451	41
Milltown Care Centre	Newtown Commons, New Ross, Co. Wexford	(051) 447200	62
Moyne Nursing Home	Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford	(054) 9233354	27
Oakfield Retirement & Nursing Home	Courtown, Gorey, Co. Wexford	(055) 9425679	72
Ros Aibhinn Nursing Home	Drumderry, Bunclody, Co. Wexford	(054) 9277850	31
Valentia Nursing Home	Camolin, Co. Wexford	(053) 9383125	53
Waterford			
Ard na Farraige Nursing Home	Newtown, Tramore, Co. Waterford	(051) 381051	21
Carechoice Dungarvan	The Burgery, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford	(058) 43555	64
Drumhills Nursing Home	Ballyduff, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford	(058) 43594	23

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Waterford (Cont.)			
Killure Bridge Nursing Home	Airport Road, Waterford	(051) 870055	54
Maypark Nursing Home	Maypark Lane, Waterford	(051) 874340	48
Waterford Nursing Home	Ballinakill Downs, Co. Waterford	(051) 820233	60
Padre Pio Rest Home	Cappoquin, Co. Waterford	(058) 54117	24
Rockshire Care Centre	Rockshire, Ferrybank, Co. Waterford	(051) 832436	17
St. Anne's Nursing Home	Woodlock, Portlawn, Co. Waterford	(051) 87216	33
St. Joseph's Nursing Home	Manor Hill, Waterford	(051) 874481	47
Tipperary South			
Acorn Lodge Nursing Home	Ballykelly, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	(062) 64244	49
Bailey House Nursing Home	Killenaule, Co. Tipperary	(052) 56289	17
Bramleigh Lodge Nursing Home	Cahir, Co. Tipperary	(052) 42129	20
Cottage Nursing Home	70 Irishtown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	(052) 22605	25
Deerpark Nursing Home	Lattin, Co. Tipperary	(062) 55121	28
Greenhills Nursing Home	Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary	(051) 642700	55
Melview Nursing Home	Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	(052) 21716	57
Padre Pio Nursing Home	Holycross, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	(0504) 43110	43
Rathkeevin Nursing Home	Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	(052) 82862	63
Sacre Coeur Nursing Home	Station Road, Tipperary	(062) 51157	26
St. Anne's Nursing Home	John Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	(062) 61284	18
St. Joseph's Nursing Home	John Mitchell Street, Tipperary	(062) 51109	24
Willowbrook Lodge	Mocklershill, Fethard, Co. Tipperary	(062) 61560	29
St. Martha's Nursing Home	Cappauniac, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	(052) 41895	20
St. Theresa's Nursing Home	Friar Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	(062) 61477	30
Suirmount Nursing Home	Carrickbeg, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary	(051) 641830	30
Woodlands Nursing Home	Dundrum, Co. Tipperary	(062) 71335	48
Woodside Nursing Home	Killusty, Fethard, Co. Tipperary	(052) 31570	20
Kilkenny			
Archersrath Nursing Home	Archersrath, Kilkenny	(056) 7790137	46
Avondale Nursing Home	Callan, Kilkenny	(056) 7725213	35
Brookhaven Nursing Home	Donoughmore, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny	(056) 8830777	55
Drakelands Nursing Home	Drakelands, Kilkenny	(056) 7770925	41
Gowran Abbey Nursing Home	Gowran, Co. Kilkenny	(056) 7726502	49
Mooncoin Residential Care Centre	Polerone, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny	(051) 896884	50
Sacred Heart Nursing Home	Crosspatrick, Co. Kilkenny	(056) 8831318	23
St. Catherine's Nursing Home	Freshford, Co. Kilkenny	(056) 8832432	32
Strathmore Lodge Nursing Home	Friary Walk, Callan, Co. Kilkenny	(056) 7755515	60
Carlow			
Beechwood Nursing Home	Rathvindon, Leighinbridge, Co. Carlow	(059) 9722366	32
Borris Lodge Nursing Home	Borris, Co. Carlow	(059) 9773112	31
Glendale Park Nursing Home	Tullow, Co. Carlow	(059) 9181833	60
Hillview Nursing Home	Tullow Road, Carlow	(059) 9139407	54
Riverdale Nursing Home	Ballon, Co. Carlow	(059) 9159299	27

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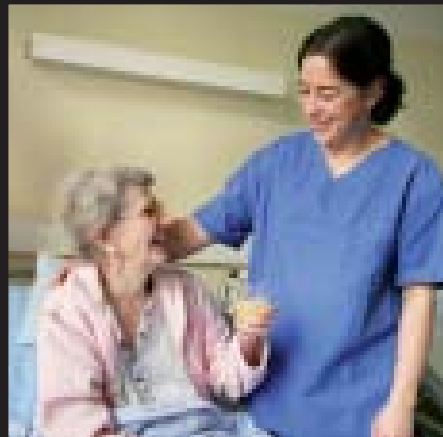
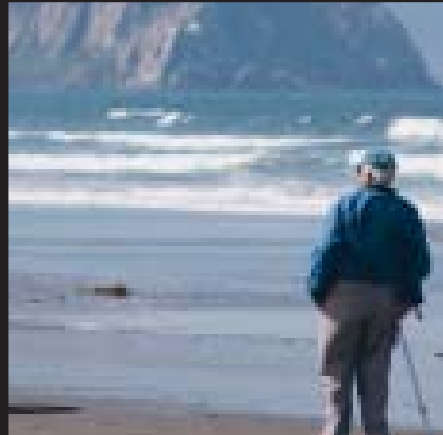
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