



Shaping the Future of Care: Integration, Innovation, and Inspiration

Annual Conference 2026

Thursday, 24th September 2026
Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny

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NHI Conference 2026



Conference Programme

Morning Session

08:00

Registration & Conference Exhibition: Begin your day with a warm welcome and the opportunity to connect with fellow attendees.

09:00

Welcome: Jillian van Turnhout, Chairperson, NHI - Welcome address, setting the tone for the Conference and highlighting the importance of our theme.

09:20

Ministerial Address: Minister Kieran O'Donnell TD.

09:45

The HSA Inspection Process & Supports: Anne Maria O'Connor, Senior Inspector Health and Social Care, HSA.

10:15

Stronger for Longer: Tackling Frailty, Muscle Loss & Malnutrition in Older Adults: Noreen Roche, CORU Registered Dietitian.

Directly Followed by Panel Discussion 1:

Nutrition & The Older Person:

Noreen Roche, CORU Registered Dietitian
Ana Maria Nechita, Chef, Brabazon Healthcare
Richard Byrne, Director of Operations, Glas Care
Niamh Condon, Founder & Chef, Ocras

10:45

Retaining Staff - The Greatest Challenge?: Neil Eastwood MBE (Founder & CEO), Sticky People / Care Friends.

11:15

Tea/Coffee Break & Conference Exhibition: Take a break to enjoy some refreshments and engage in informal discussions with fellow attendees. An opportunity to network, share ideas, and reflect on the insights gained from the morning.

11:45

Energising Session: Thomas McCabe, National Manager, Siel Bleu.

11:50

Energy Efficiency & Sustainability: Fergus Sharkey, Head of Business Supports, SEAI.

12:15

Universal Design Guidelines - Long Term Residential Care Settings: Key Design Issues & How their Implementation Would Impact on the Environment and Wellbeing of Residents: Tom Grey & Dimitra Xidou, Report Authors, TrinityHaus.

12:45

Questions & Answers Session: Chaired by Conference MC, Bryan Dobson, Broadcaster & Journalist.

13:00

Lunch (Sponsored by Avendra) & **Conference Exhibition**

Afternoon Session

14:30

Cois Nore Choir Performance

14:45

Census 2027 - Nursing Home Preparation: Representative from the Census Data Collection Logistics Division, Central Statistics Office (CSO).

15:00

Panel Discussion 2: Complementing Dementia Care: The Benefits of Activities, Reminiscence Therapy, and Music:

Mike Hanrahan, Fellow of the Global Brain Health Institute /Lead Vocalist with Stockton's Wing

Mary Darker, Activities Manager, Craddock House Nursing Home

Prof Richard Roche, Department of Psychology, Maynooth University

Cathryn O'Leary, National Community Engagement Manager, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

15:30

Update on the Implementation of RHAs & the Impact on Nursing Home Care: Grace Rothwell, National Director for Access & Integration, HSE.

16:00

Keynote Speaker: Michael Harding, Author & Commentator.

16:45

Conference Close: Address by Tadhg Daly, CEO, NHI.

Speakers Bios



Minister Kieran O'Donnell TD - Guest of Honour

Minister of State with Responsibility for Older People

In January 2025, Deputy Kieran O'Donnell was appointed as the Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for Older People. He also serves as the Minister of State with responsibility for Housing at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Minister O'Donnell is a Fine Gael TD for Limerick City and has represented the people of Limerick in the Houses of the Oireachtas since 2007. He is a Chartered Accountant and Graduate of the University of Limerick.



Michael Harding

Author & Commentator – Keynote Speaker

Michael Harding is a best-selling author of many novels and numerous memoirs, as well as being a podcaster, and stand-up philosopher. Michael is also a playwright with the Abbey Theatre where 6 of his major plays were produced. Michael's story-form columns in the Irish Times were a weekly delight for many years, and his most recent work is "Midwinter - a Journey Through a Season", which will be republished in Autumn 2026.



Jillian van Turnhout

Chairperson of Nursing Homes Ireland

Jillian van Turnhout is the Chairperson of Nursing Homes Ireland (NHI) and a Chartered Director with corporate governance accreditation from INSEAD. She has over twenty years of board experience across business, public affairs, and the voluntary sector in Ireland and the EU. Jillian is the Chair of the Online Health Taskforce, and a former Independent Senator in Seanad Éireann. Her expertise in public health has been recognised through an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. She also provides governance consultancy to a wide range of clients.



Anne Maria O'Connor

Senior Inspector Health and Social Care, HSA.

Anne Maria O'Connor is a Senior Inspector with the Health and Safety Authority in Ireland. She has over 20 years' experience of working in regulation, enforcement and promotion of occupational health and safety in the health and social care sector. Anne Maria has extensive experience of working with stakeholders across the public, private and voluntary sectors promoting best practice and improving standards of workplace health and safety.



Noreen Roche

Nutritionist & Dietitian

Noreen Roche is a Coru registered dietitian with over 25 years' experience in clinical nutrition & dietetics and performance nutrition. Noreen has previously worked with Danone where she developed a keen interest in Nutrition in Elderly Care recognising the (then) lack of access to nutrition services for this important cohort, and as instrumental in developing the original dietetic service for nursing homes. She is currently working as a Consultant Dietitian in Tallaght University Hospital. Noreen has also worked with the back-room teams of her native Kilkenny Senior Hurling and Camogie teams - winning 13 All Ireland titles along the way!



Ana Maria Nechita – Panel Discussion 1

Head Chef, Brabazon Healthcare – Sandymount

Ana Maria Nechita, is the Head Chef at Brabazon House Nursing Home. With over six years working in healthcare catering and a BSc in Biology, Ana Maria combines expert culinary skills with a high knowledge of nutrition and dietary needs, to create meals that are perfectly suited to every dietary requirement - while still being something people truly look forward to eating. Ana Maria was the first ever chef from a healthcare background, and the first female chef to win the Aramark International Chefs' Cup 2026, where she also received the Technical Award for precision and execution. Ana Maria is currently completing a Culinary Arts Degree, and always strives to show how good, thoughtful food can enrich the lives of those we care for.



Richard Byrne – Panel Discussion 1

Director of Operations, Glas Care

Richard Byrne is the Director of Operations at Glas Care, and a qualified Nurse. He has experience in Medicine of the Elderly, Stroke and Non-Invasive Ventilation practice, with clinical experience from St. Vincent's Private Hospital. Richard holds multiple qualifications in Nursing, Supervisory Management, Gerontology, and Infection Prevention Control from University College Dublin, University College Cork, and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Richard is also a Fellow of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, where he guest lectures on the topics of Infection Prevention and Control and Gerontology, he has also published research in these fields.



Niamh Condon – Panel Discussion 1

Co-Founder & CEO, Ocras

Niamh Condon is Ireland's sole full-time dysphagia/IDDSI practical trainer and founder of OCRAS™ (frozen texture-modified foods) and Dysphagia Chef™ (training and consultancy). She is a member of the IDDSI Reference Group (UK), IDDSI Europe, IDDSI Culinary and IDDSI Saudi Arabia, Ireland's reference point for IDDSI, and an invited speaker at next year's IDDSI conference in Melbourne. Her work spans training for the HSE, NHS trusts, and UK private care, alongside research collaborations with UCC (Dr Aoife Ryan, Dr Samantha Cussen, Dr Grainne Kent), Cornell University, TU Dublin, Teagasc, and a Health Innovation Hub Ireland study on OCRAS with Dr Tanya Mulcahy.



Neil Eastwood

Founder & CEO; Sticky People / Care Friends

Neil Eastwood MBE is the author of Saving Social Care and the Founder and CEO of Care Friends, an award-winning referral platform that helps fostering service recruitment through trusted recommendations in the UK, Ireland, and Australia. The Care Friends App received the King's Award for Innovation in 2023, and Neil was awarded an MBE in the King's Birthday Honours 2026 for services to Adult and Children's Social Care. Following successful early trials with all Local Authorities in Wales, Care Friends is now being piloted in England and Australia to help find more foster families for children in care by using the networks of current foster carers. Over the past 17 years, Neil has become the leading voice on social care recruitment and retention. His 'Saving Social Care' Guide has sold over 10,000 copies worldwide.



Thomas McCabe

National Manager, Siel Bleu

Thomas McCabe joined Siel Bleu in 2013 and has led the organisation since 2014 as the National Manager of Siel Bleu Ireland. Thomas has led the organisation through significant national expansion, the development of innovative healthcare partnerships and recognition as one of Ireland's leading social enterprises. Under Thomas's leadership, Siel Bleu Ireland has grown from supporting approximately 750 people each week to delivering evidence-based exercise programmes to more than 13,500 people annually across 25 counties. The organisation now partners with nursing homes, hospitals, community organisations and national health charities, delivering specialist exercise programmes for older adults and people living with conditions including COPD, Parkinson's disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes.



Fergus Sharkey

Head of Business Supports, SEAI

Fergus Sharkey is the Head of Business Supports in the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) where he leads a department providing a range of supports to help business transition to clean energy. Fergus is a chartered engineer and experienced leader in the sustainable energy sector. He has proven experience in large capital projects, innovation management, solar PV, and efficiency and renewable energy in buildings and industry. Prior to his current role Fergus held several roles in the Electricity Supply Board Ireland including as General Manager of a rooftop solar PV joint venture.



Tom Grey

Research Fellow - TrinityHaus Research Centre (TCD)

Tom Grey joined TrinityHaus in 2009, where he has undertaken a variety of urbanism and architectural research projects across all spatial scales examining how people-friendly design can support inclusion, health, wellbeing and social participation throughout the life course. His work has focused on accessible and age-attuned urban space, communities and neighbourhoods, hospitals, residential long term care settings, housing, and gardens and greenspace. This work is underpinned by Universal Design to include all people regardless of age, ability, disability, or neurodiversity. He holds a Degree in Architecture from the Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) and a Masters in Architecture (Sustainability of the Built Environment) from the University of Auckland in New Zealand. Tom serves as expert advisor with several national organisations and committees, including, the National Standards Authority of Ireland and the BRE Sub-Group on housing for our ageing population.



Dimitra Xidous

Research Fellow - TrinityHaus Research Centre (TCD)

Dimitra Xidous is a Research Fellow with TrinityHaus since 2016 and has been involved in various health and design research projects, including dementia friendly dwellings and hospitals, and has significant experience in participatory design and stakeholder engagement. She also has extensive experience in nature-based solutions, having been a WP lead in Connecting Nature, and involved in NBSEduWorld, and Urban Greening Plans Plus (2024-2026). Dimitra has a Masters in International Health from Queen Margaret University, Scotland. She has a background in public health policy, with a focus on health and human rights and has worked with multi-lateral organisations and stakeholders, including WHO, PAHO, and the UN.



Cois Nore Choir

Mixed Community Choir

The Cois Nore Choir is a mixed Community Choir, with ages ranging from 24-84, and is associated with The Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre, Kilkenny. Choir Members are drawn from Service Users, Family Members, Friends, Nurses and Carers and - anybody who just likes to sing! It was established as a Therapy Choir but quickly became a full Concert Choir partaking in circa 14 performances per year, raising funds for a variety of charities in Ireland, including their own Cancer Support Centre.



Central Statistics Office

Central Statistics Office (CSO)

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) is Ireland's national statistical institute. Its role is to provide independent statistics about our society, economy, and environment, all of which is freely available to everyone and helps to support evidence-informed decision making.



Mike Hanrahan – Panel Discussion 2

Fellow of the Global Brain Health Institute/Lead Vocalist with Stockton's Wing

Mike Hanrahan is a songwriter, musician, author, and Atlantic Fellow for equity in Brain Health. He is dedicated to exploring the world of creative arts in brain healthcare. As an Atlantic Fellow he is part of a growing global community of artists and scientists working together to ensure the arts are at the heart of compassionate care. He believes the arts are not simply an optional extra, but a powerful force for connection, dignity and wellbeing - helping to reduce stigma and deepen understanding. Through The Atlantic Fellowship he contributes, as a Creative Artist, to bridging the space between scientific knowledge and lived human experience.



Mary Darker – Panel Discussion 2

Activities Manager, Craddock House Nursing Home

Mary Darker is the Activities Manager at Craddock House Nursing Home and has over 24 years' experience in activities and person-centred care. Mary is highly passionate about enhancing the lives of older people, particularly those living with dementia, through meaningful engagement and purposeful activities. Mary believes that activities are at the heart of quality care, and promotes wellbeing, dignity, connection, and a sense of purpose throughout the nursing home environment. Mary continues to advocate for nursing home residents through her continuous work on the vital role which activities play in enriching life in nursing homes.



Prof Richard Roche

Professor, Dept of Psychology, Maynooth University

Prof. Richard Roche is Professor at the Department of Psychology, Maynooth University, where he has been employed since 2005. His principal areas of interest are Cognitive Neuroscience/Neuropsychology, particularly memory, ageing, dementia, brain injury, and synaesthesia. Prof Roche has published 40 Research Articles, over 100 Conference Posters, several Book Chapters and Three Books. To-date he has accrued over €1.4 million in research funding and has graduated 13 PhD Students and 12 MSc Students. Prof Roche has also served as President of Neuroscience Ireland and was Founding President of the Irish Brain Council. He is also strongly committed to science outreach and public engagement and served on the FENS Communications Committee from 2020-2024, serving as Chair in 2022.



Cathryn O'Leary – Panel Discussion 2

National Community Engagement Manager, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Cathryn O'Leary is the National Community Engagement Manager with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI). ASI is the leading dementia-specific service provider in Ireland and is a charity that works across the country providing dementia-specific services and support, as well as advocating for the rights of people living with dementia and their carers. Cathryn leads the ASI Community Engagement Team which works to build Dementia Inclusive Communities Nationwide, thriving to create a society where people living with dementia, their family, and carers feel supported and valued to live their lives as they wish. Cathryn has an extensive career in the charity and not-for profit sector, with a background in community development. Cathryn also shares the caring responsibilities for her Mum who lives with Dementia.



Grace Rothwell

National Director of Access & Integration, HSE

Grace Rothwell has worked in the Health Service for over 25 years and is now the HSE's National Director for Access & Integration. In her role, Grace is responsible for collaborating with health regions, leading national improvement programmes, supporting regional management, and making sure that the HSE follows national policies, frameworks, procedures, legislation and national standards – as well as helping the HSE deliver health and social care services that meet patient and service user needs. Across her career, Grace has held roles in the Coombe Hospital (Dublin), Waterford Regional Hospital, St. James's Hospital (Dublin), South Tipperary General Hospital (as its General Manager), the University Hospital Waterford & Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital (as the General Manager), and in Project Management Roles at national level with the HSE.



Tadhg Daly, Chief Executive Officer, Nursing Homes Ireland

Nursing Homes Ireland CEO

Tadhg Daly is the Chief Executive of Nursing Homes Ireland (NHI), the national representative body for the private and voluntary nursing home sector. He was previously CEO of the Irish Nursing Home Organisation and helped lead the establishment of NHI in 2008. Tadhg has over two decades experience in advocacy and management, including senior roles with the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPCC). Under his leadership, NHI represents the private and voluntary nursing home sector, which provides care in a 'home from home' to 27,000 residents and directly employs over 35,000 staff. A strong advocate for older people, Tadhg has led the sector through significant challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, with a steadfast focus on residents and staff.



Bryan Dobson

Broadcaster & Journalist – Conference MC

Bryan Dobson is a retired journalist, newscaster, and presenter, who co-helmed the Six One Television Bulletin for 21 of his 37 years at RTÉ. He also presented the RTÉ News at One and Morning Ireland on RTÉ Radio One. Bryan is an experienced radio and television reporter, who undertook many home and foreign assignments for RTÉ News, anchoring news programmes from throughout Ireland, as well as from the United States, Britain and continental Europe. Prior to joining RTÉ in 1987, Bryan worked for BBC Radio Ulster.

Orwell Healthcare, Dublin



Douglas Nursing Home, Cork



Meet the Exhibitors

Abbott



Abbott has been operating in Ireland since 1946 and serves the Irish market with a diverse range of healthcare products including diagnostics, diabetes care, medical devices and nutritional products. Abbott currently employs about 6,000 people in Ireland across ten sites located in Dublin, Donegal, Clonmel, Cootehill, Galway, Kilkenny, Longford and Sligo.

Access



At Access, we're proud to provide the UK & Ireland's most widely used care management software, supporting over 14,000 registered care locations nationwide. Our comprehensive suite of integrated solutions empowers care teams to deliver a truly connected, person centred approach, freeing them to focus on what matters most: exceptional care and positive outcomes. The Access Group is committed to responsible and ethical AI governance, ensuring our technology is developed and deployed with integrity. We remain dedicated to helping care providers enhance quality, grow sustainably, and achieve outstanding results across their services.

Access Healthcare



Access Healthcare delivers nationwide staffing with strong shift-fill rates, supplying fully vetted nurses, healthcare assistants, and social care professionals. All staff are certified in manual handling, infection control, CPR, safeguarding, and Children's First. Guided by its core principles - Stronger Together, Journey to Excellence, Courage and Candour, High Performance, and Client Impact - the company ensures seamless integration, open communication, and measurable results. Access Healthcare combines high standards with a personal touch, building long-term partnerships so providers can focus on outstanding care.

Accora Care



At Accora, we strive to make people's lives better. We are inspired every day by the people we meet – from carers and clinicians to service users and their families. By taking the time to understand the everyday challenges faced by our community, we design assistive equipment that helps make life easier, safer and more fulfilling. Our aim is to safeguard and enrich people's lives, bringing dignity and creating possibility. Alongside our products, we provide expert-led webinars and hands-on training, helping turn everyday challenges into opportunities to raise standards, develop skills and improve outcomes.

AIB



While your focus is on your nursing home business, AIB's focus is on helping you. Working with the healthcare sector team provides access to specialist knowledge, supporting providers across a range of business opportunities and situations. The team partners with nursing home operators nationwide to deliver tailored financial solutions that meet sector needs.

Avendra International



Avendra International is proud to support NHI and nursing homes across Ireland as a trusted procurement and supply chain partner. Its local experts provide tailored solutions to help providers reduce costs, streamline operations, and achieve sustainability goals while maintaining high standards of care. Backed by a \$20.5 billion global procurement network, Avendra delivers the tools and supports needed to focus on what matters most, enhancing residents' dining experiences.

Bank of Ireland



Bank of Ireland is proud to support the Nursing Homes Ireland Conference 2026. The bank recognises the vital role nursing homes play in communities and understands the unique challenges the sector faces. Its dedicated healthcare team works closely with operators, offering tailored funding solutions to support refurbishment, extensions, and new developments. With strong sector expertise and a commitment to collaboration, Bank of Ireland partners with providers to deliver sustainable, high-quality care environments.

Brown & Brown



Brown & Brown Ireland has been Broker Partner to NHI since 2009 through its specialist Nursing Home Insurance Scheme, providing comprehensive cover at competitive prices. Founded in 1961, the firm has offices nationwide including Cork, Dublin, Galway, and Waterford. The scheme is underwritten by IPB Insurance, Ireland's only indigenous mutual insurer and one of the largest liability insurers in the market.

Bunzl Ireland



Bunzl Ireland supports nursing homes with reliable hygiene, cleaning, and janitorial solutions. Part of Bunzl Plc, a global outsourcing leader, the company delivers nationwide supply chain efficiency and trusted products. Its range includes personal care and hand hygiene, paper hygiene systems, dishwash and laundry detergents, cleaning chemicals, trolleys, and catering disposables. With expertise, service, and reliability at its core, Bunzl helps healthcare providers maintain safe, dignified environments so they can focus on resident care.

BWG Foodservice



BWG Foodservice is committed to quality, service, and value for money, with a nationwide presence ensuring support for customers across Ireland. Its team combines expertise with a focus on exceeding expectations, providing reliable foodservice solutions tailored to local needs. Recognised as National Foodservice Supplier of the Year 2025 by IFSA, BWG Foodservice is dedicated to food quality, provenance, and delivering the best for customers and residents.

CARA Allcare Pharmacy



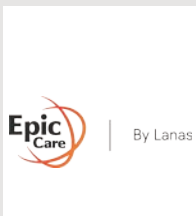
CARA Allcare Pharmacy provides tailored pharmacy services for nursing homes through its Complete Care Home Solution. Services include Tosha pouch monitored dosage systems, eMAR and eKardex solutions, medication use reviews, and on-site audits. Nursing homes also benefit from staff training, 24/7 access to an online clinical training platform, and complimentary clinical references. With locations in Dublin, Sligo, Cavan, Longford, Leitrim, and Donegal, CARA Allcare Pharmacy combines dependable service with a focus on safety and compliance.

Chemco & MedCharts



Chemco Pharmacy provides pharmacy services tailored to nursing homes, backed by over 20 years of sector expertise. Our digital solution, MedCharts, co-designed with nurses and GPs, supports the full medication cycle, from prescribing and ordering to safe administration. By combining clinical insight with digital efficiency, Chemco helps homes ensure compliance, enhance safety, and deliver consistent, high-quality care through a flexible and dependable approach aligned with professional standards.

Clanwilliam (Epic Care)



Epic Care, part of Lanas, is a complete digital care platform designed to make complex care simpler. Built alongside care providers, it connects teams, information and everyday workflows to help organisations deliver better care, work more efficiently and stay compliant. Accessible anywhere, Epic Care brings care documentation, communication, reporting and administration together in one platform. With implementation, support, updates and ongoing innovation all managed for you, Epic Care reduces administrative burden and helps care teams spend more time focused on what matters most: providing exceptional care.

Cpl Healthcare



Cpl Healthcare is a leading healthcare recruitment and workforce solutions provider, partnering with healthcare organisations across Ireland and internationally to deliver high-quality staffing and executive search services. With extensive expertise across nursing, social care, allied health, medical, healthcare management and executive leadership recruitment, we support public, private, and voluntary sector employers in attracting and retaining exceptional talent. Our specialist team combines deep sector knowledge with a people-centred approach, providing permanent, temporary, and international recruitment solutions tailored to the needs of healthcare providers.

DeCare



DeCare's NMBI-approved Oral Health Care Training Programme provides nurses, carers and managers with practical, evidence-based skills to improve oral health outcomes for residents. Covering topics including oral hygiene, infection prevention, denture care, oral cancer awareness and dementia care, the programme is tailored to nursing homes and healthcare environments. Funding support may be available through LHP Skillnet/Skillnet Ireland.

Dentaltech Group



Dentaltech Group provides proactive, on-site dental and denture care services designed for nursing homes. Its award-winning model improves resident wellbeing, reduces emergency incidents, and saves facilities significant costs annually. Additional services include certified training, TeleDental access, and denture solutions, helping nursing homes deliver best-in-class oral healthcare. Dentaltech supports providers to enhance resident outcomes while improving operational efficiency.

DSM



DSM (Data Storage & Management Ltd) is an Irish-owned records management and digitisation specialist with over 25 years' experience supporting healthcare organisations and other highly regulated sectors across Ireland. We help hospitals, healthcare providers, and care facilities securely manage the full lifecycle of their records through offsite storage, document scanning, digital records management, secure destruction, and information governance services. With ISO 27001 and ISO 9001 accreditation, DSM delivers secure, compliant and efficient solutions that improve access to information while supporting GDPR and regulatory requirements.

Elis



Elis Ireland provides sustainable textile, hygiene, and facility services. It offers a specialised laundry service for nursing and care homes, ensuring residents' clothing, linen, mops and cloths are professionally laundered and returned with full traceability. The nationwide service meets infection control standards and is independently audited by the NSAI. With tailored solutions and staff training, Elis helps providers focus on residents while it manages laundry with precision and care.

EMS Copiers



Since the 1970s, EMS Copiers has been a leading provider of cost-effective printing solutions in Ireland. Since our establishment, we've helped businesses across many sectors reduce printing expenses by offering top-quality equipment and exceptional service. EMS Copiers is committed to helping clients optimise their printing operations. We'll work with you to implement efficient, customised solutions that increase productivity while minimising costs - ensuring your printing runs smoothly and cost-effectively.

Everything IT



Established in 2010, Everything IT supports more than 350 organisations, with expertise in healthcare and care environments. Our services include managed IT support, cybersecurity, Microsoft 365, network and Wi-Fi management, backup and disaster recovery, device management and IT strategy. We work closely with care providers to ensure their technology supports day-to-day care delivery, operational resilience and regulatory compliance. ISO/IEC 27001:2022 certified, Everything IT combines technical expertise with a practical, responsive and security-first approach.

Excel Healthcare



Founded in 2002, Excel Healthcare is an award-winning healthcare recruitment agency and trusted staffing partner across Ireland. Our specialist teams deliver permanent, temporary, contract, and emergency staffing solutions to nursing homes and healthcare providers nationwide. We recruit across nursing, healthcare assistants, social care, allied health, catering, cleaning, and clerical roles. With offices across Ireland, an extensive candidate network and rigorous compliance standards, Excel Healthcare provides responsive, reliable staffing solutions, helping healthcare providers meet workforce demands with skilled, dependable professionals when they need them most.

Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery, RCSI



The Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery at RCSI supports nurses and midwives through education, research, and professional development. It offers CPC programmes and accreditation, hosts, Europe's longest-running International Nursing & Midwifery Research & Education Conference and delivers the Overseas Aptitude Test for nurses trained abroad. Additional opportunities include Fellowship and Membership of the Faculty, Clinical Bursary Awards, and PhD Scholarships, all promoting leadership, innovation, and excellence in healthcare.

Fresenius Kabi



Fresenius Kabi is committed to putting essential medicines and technologies in the hands of healthcare professionals. Its portfolio includes a comprehensive range of clinical nutrition products, making it the only company in Ireland to offer both parenteral and enteral nutrition alongside pumps and medical devices. Dedicated to supporting patients at every stage of care, Fresenius Kabi focuses on delivering solutions that improve safety, outcomes, and quality of life.

HCI



HCI provides digital solutions and professional services that enhance resident safety, compliance, and quality improvement across nursing homes. Its digital tool, Cloda, puts procedures “in your pocket,” enabling staff to access instant guidance in their own language and use more than 70 best practice templates to support high-quality care. Complementing this, HCI's professional services team delivers HIQA supports, gap analysis, risk management, audits, and education and training to strengthen governance and standards.

Health Services Staffs Credit Union (HSSCU)



HSSCU is the nationwide credit union for people working in healthcare, including nursing homes. It offers competitive loan rates, saving options, and exclusive member benefits tailored to healthcare staff. Mortgages are now available from HSSCU for first time buyers, switchers, and movers. With a strong focus on financial wellbeing and community, HSSCU supports members in managing their finances while delivering trusted, member-owned services across Ireland.

Homecare Medical



For over 35 years, Homecare Medical has supported residential care homes across Ireland, helping carers and empowering residents to live with dignity, safety, and comfort. Its products and services are trusted in nursing homes, hospitals, and care centres nationwide. As a proud sponsor of Nursing Homes Ireland, Homecare Medical partners with care teams to provide tailored solutions that enhance mobility, independence, and quality of life for residents. Homecare Medical - Helping You Care.

Irish Hospice Foundation



Irish Hospice Foundation is a charity that supports people to die and grieve well through information, advocacy, education, and healthcare programmes. Services include a Bereavement Support Line and an Information & Support Line that signposts end-of-life care supports. The Foundation promotes excellence in advance care planning with its Think Ahead pack, while the Caru programme empowers nursing home teams to deliver high-quality palliative and end-of-life care.

Johnsons Celtic Linen



Johnsons Celtic Linen provides high-quality products with tailored, flexible solutions and consistent nationwide delivery. Committed to sustainability, the company operates state-of-the-art facilities and innovative systems such as the CelticVend scrub dispensing system. Our healthcare linen services are managed to the highest standards of infection control and hygiene, supporting nursing homes and healthcare providers in maintaining safe, efficient, and sustainable operations.

LHP Skillnet



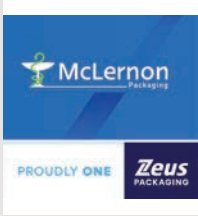
Established in 2008, LHP Skillnet supports workforce development in Ireland's private healthcare sector. It delivers industry-led education, develops new programmes, and undertakes sector-specific research to strengthen continuous professional development. Partnering with healthcare providers, experts, and educational institutions, LHP Skillnet offers subsidised accredited and bespoke training to enhance skills, raise care standards, and meet evolving sector needs. It is funded by Skillnet Ireland, the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, the Department of Health, the EU, and member companies.

Linen Direct



Linen Direct is an Irish textile distributor supplying the healthcare sector with certified, reliable products. Its range includes flame-retardant bed linen, duvets, pillows, table linen, and towels, all delivered through a quick and dependable service. Suppliers are carefully selected for their manufacturing expertise and established quality credentials, ensuring that nursing homes and healthcare providers receive trusted products to meet the highest standards.

McLernon Packaging



McLernon Packaging, proudly part of Zeus Packaging, provides professional washroom and hygiene solutions to the nursing home sector. At our Rathcoole factory, we manufacture a wide range of tissue and paper products, we also supply a complete range of dispensers, disposable gloves, PPE, janitorial supplies, wiping cloths and eco-friendly cleaning products. With our own fleet of trucks, we provide reliable nationwide delivery and a highly responsive service. With McLernon Packaging you get the packaging supplies you need, from people you can trust. Always on time, every time.

Medguard



Medguard is one of Ireland's most trusted healthcare suppliers, providing high-quality medical products, equipment and consumables to healthcare providers nationwide. Now part of the Mediq Group, Medguard brings together deep local expertise and personalised customer support, backed by the scale, resources and healthcare expertise of a leading European organisation. For nursing homes, Medguard offers an extensive portfolio of high-quality products from globally recognised brands, supported by dedicated account management, clinical expertise, a specialist service department and exceptional customer care. Medguard is committed to supporting nursing homes in maintaining the highest standards of safety, dignity and comfort for residents.

Meditec Medical Ltd.



Meditec Medical Ltd. is Ireland's only manufacturer of pressure-relieving mattresses. We also supply a range of profiling beds, moving & handling equipment, and medical consumables to healthcare providers across Ireland and beyond. With over 25 years' expertise, we're trusted by nursing homes, hospitals, and clinics nationwide for reliability, innovation, and responsive service — backed by the quality control that comes from manufacturing in-house.

Miele Professional



Miele Professional has delivered trusted, first-class quality for 125 years, setting benchmarks in hygiene and cleaning for the care sector. Its range includes laundry machines, dishwashers, and ironing systems designed for flawless performance under pressure. Each solution combines efficiency with uncompromising hygiene standards, tailored to the needs of nursing homes and care providers. With end-to-end support, Miele helps teams stay focused on what matters most, delivering safe, high-quality care with confidence.

Mobile Medical Diagnostics



Mobile Medical Diagnostics has been providing on-site x-ray services for patients for over 17 years in nursing homes, community hospitals, hospices, private homes and disability or mental health residential services. Fully funded by the HSE with no medical card required, the service prevents unnecessary hospital transfers by delivering diagnostics in a patient's own surroundings. This approach improves access, allows for quicker diagnosis but most importantly reduces disruption and enhances the overall care experience for residents and their carers.

Muve Healthcare



Muve Healthcare Ireland provides healthcare professionals including healthcare assistants, social care workers, nurses, midwives, and children's nurses to the HSE, private nursing homes, and hospitals across Ireland. Covering home care support and intellectual disability services, Muve offers permanent, contract, and temporary staffing solutions. Committed to quality and reliability, Muve helps clients meet staffing needs while maintaining the highest standards of care for residents and patients.

My Solar



My Solar helps nursing homes transition to clean, renewable energy through a 100% funded solar solution, with no capital investment required. Co-funded by the European Union, the programme enables nursing homes to reduce energy costs and their carbon footprint without the financial burden of an upfront investment. With a focus on simplicity, reliability and long-term savings, My Solar removes the barriers to solar adoption, helping care providers manage rising energy costs while supporting Ireland's transition to a more sustainable, energy-efficient future.

Nova Healthcare Management Systems



Nova Healthcare Management Systems provides innovative digital solutions designed to simplify and strengthen healthcare service management. At the heart of Nova is our comprehensive eNursing system, an integrated platform supporting the day-to-day management of nursing and care environments. From medication management and daily care planning to audits, quality and compliance monitoring, rostering, accounts and staff training, Nova brings essential functions together in one intuitive platform. Our dedicated team works closely with customers, providing ongoing training, responsive support and continuous development to ensure Nova evolves alongside the changing needs and requirements of modern healthcare.

Nutricia



Nutricia is proud to be the Official Medical Nutrition Partner of Nursing Homes Ireland (NHI), supporting nursing homes across Ireland with science-based nutritional products and services. Guided by a mission to help people live longer, healthier lives, Nutricia develops medical nutrition solutions that support health through food. Nutricia's portfolio is designed to positively impact those who need it most, helping to improve resident outcomes and enhance quality of care.

O'Flynn Medical



O'Flynn Medical is a trusted healthcare supplier providing medical equipment, consumables, sensory solutions, and service support to healthcare providers across Ireland. Offering both sales and rental options, we partner with hospitals, nursing homes, community care teams, private customers and specialist services to deliver flexible solutions that support effective patient care. With a strong focus on quality, reliability, and customer care, O'Flynn Medical combines industry expertise with responsive service to help healthcare professionals access the right solutions efficiently, safely, and sustainably.

Ohk Energy



Ohk Energy is Ireland's leading renewable energy and retrofit specialist, delivering commercial solar PV, battery storage, heat pumps, and energy-efficiency solutions for businesses across Ireland. We help organisations reduce operating costs, improve sustainability credentials, and achieve greater energy independence through tailored renewable energy systems. Our experienced team provides a complete end-to-end service from design and installation to ongoing support. For nursing home operators, our solutions help manage rising energy costs while maintaining comfortable, efficient, and sustainable facilities for residents and staff.

Pamex Limited



Pamex Limited supplies Utipro Plus AF, a clinically proven, non-antibiotic solution for the control and prevention of urinary tract infections. Recognised in the European Association of Urology (EAU) guidelines, it supports the management of recurrent cystitis and aligns with antimicrobial stewardship strategies, helping providers reduce antibiotic use while improving resident wellbeing.

Phoenix STS



Phoenix STS specialises in fire safety training and consultancy for Ireland's healthcare sector. It delivers CPD-certified courses including Nursing Home Fire Safety Training aligned with HIQA regulations, Healthcare Evacuation Equipment Instructor programmes, Evacuation Chair Instructor training, and Fire Door Inspection certification. Phoenix STS supports nursing homes with hands-on training, evacuation aid instruction, and emergency management systems, ensuring compliance and prioritising the safety of staff and residents.

Pinergy



Pinergy is an energy transition company which is supplying, analysing, and transforming sustainable energy. We're helping our customers make data-informed choices today, to take control of their energy tomorrow. Our goal is to translate our deep understanding of the energy sector into practical, tailored advice for our customers - helping them to optimise their energy use, reduce waste and treat energy as a resource, not a commodity. Pinergy is a fully regulated electricity supplier and provider of energy solutions such as Solar PV, Energy Storage, Utility measurement solutions and EV charging.

PKF Brenson Lawlor



PKF Brenson Lawlor is a Top-15 Chartered Accountancy and Business Advisory firm in the UK and Ireland. A leading advisor to the nursing home sector, it was appointed by NHI in 2018 as financial advisor to members nationwide. The firm produces quarterly Irish Nursing Home Sector Outlook Reports, hosts an annual conference, and is part of the global PKF network, providing clients with expert financial insight and international reach.

R&S Biomass



Since 2008, R&S Biomass has engineered and installed over 1,200 sustainable heating systems in Ireland across the housing, education, industry, and public sectors. Using sustainable wood fuel, we deliver renewable heating solutions that can help nursing homes save up to 70% on heating costs through the SSRH Scheme, administered by SEAI, for its 15-year support period. R&S Biomass is the Irish partner for Fröling, the largest manufacturer of biomass boilers in Central Europe, providing expert advice, installation and ongoing support.

Secure Location Solutions Ltd



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Siel Blue



Siel Bleu Ireland is a social enterprise and non-profit organisation transforming lives through exercise. We deliver tailored physical activity programmes to thousands of people each week in nursing homes, day care centres, communities, and private homes across Ireland. Our expert physical trainers specialise in working with older adults and people living with chronic conditions or physical and intellectual disabilities. Each programme is adapted to participants' needs and abilities, helping people maintain strength, mobility, independence, and confidence while supporting their physical, social, and mental wellbeing.

Solventum



Solventum is a global healthcare company dedicated to improving patient outcomes and advancing healthcare through innovative medical technologies, clinical education, and collaborative partnerships. In Ireland, we work closely with nursing homes and healthcare providers to support skin health, wound prevention, infection prevention, and quality improvement initiatives. Through programmes such as Skin Smart, we empower healthcare professionals with practical solutions that enhance resident care, safety, and wellbeing.

Stacks Pharmacy



Stacks Pharmacy is one of Ireland's most established pharmacy providers, offering 24/7 support with over 30 years of experience. Its Digicare medication management software integrates with Health mail to improve safety and reduce errors by up to 95%. Nursing homes also benefit from unlimited access to an on line training portal, covering topics such as pain, constipation, and antimicrobial use. Regular on-site audits further ensure quality, safety, and accountability across facilities nationwide.

Synergy Medical Systems



Since 2008, Synergy Medical Systems has installed, networked, and remotely monitored 6,000 nurse call beds across Ireland, including 3,000 in aged care — notably the HSE's PPP Community Nursing Unit Programme, comprising 550 beds. Supported 24/7 by our Dundalk-based engineering team, we bring expertise in falls prevention, detection, and assistive care technology. At this year's exhibition, we're excited to showcase Silver Shield, Pontosense's award-winning AI sensing module - winner of the 2025 Red Dot Design Award for Breakthrough in AgeTech Innovation.

Time Point



Time Point is an Irish workforce management and HR software provider with over 30 years of experience. Our all-in-one platform helps organisations simplify time and attendance, rostering, holiday and absence management, employee records and HR processes—reducing administration and giving managers greater visibility across their workforce.

Tork



Tork, an Essity brand, is a global leader in professional hygiene, delivering sustainable and innovative solutions. For the long-term care sector, Tork provides high-capacity dispensers for hand towels, soap, and sanitiser, as well as surface cleaning cloths and coreless toilet paper systems. These products help reduce infection risk, support resident independence, and improve operational efficiency. Tork also offers free hygiene training and digital tools to enhance cleaning quality and staff productivity.

Vista Career Solutions



Vista Career Solutions (VCS) specialises in connecting skilled professionals with leading organisations worldwide, with a strong focus on the healthcare sector. Through strategic global partnerships and industry expertise, VCS supports a broad range of sectors while delivering tailored recruitment solutions that meet the needs of both employers and candidates with precision and care.

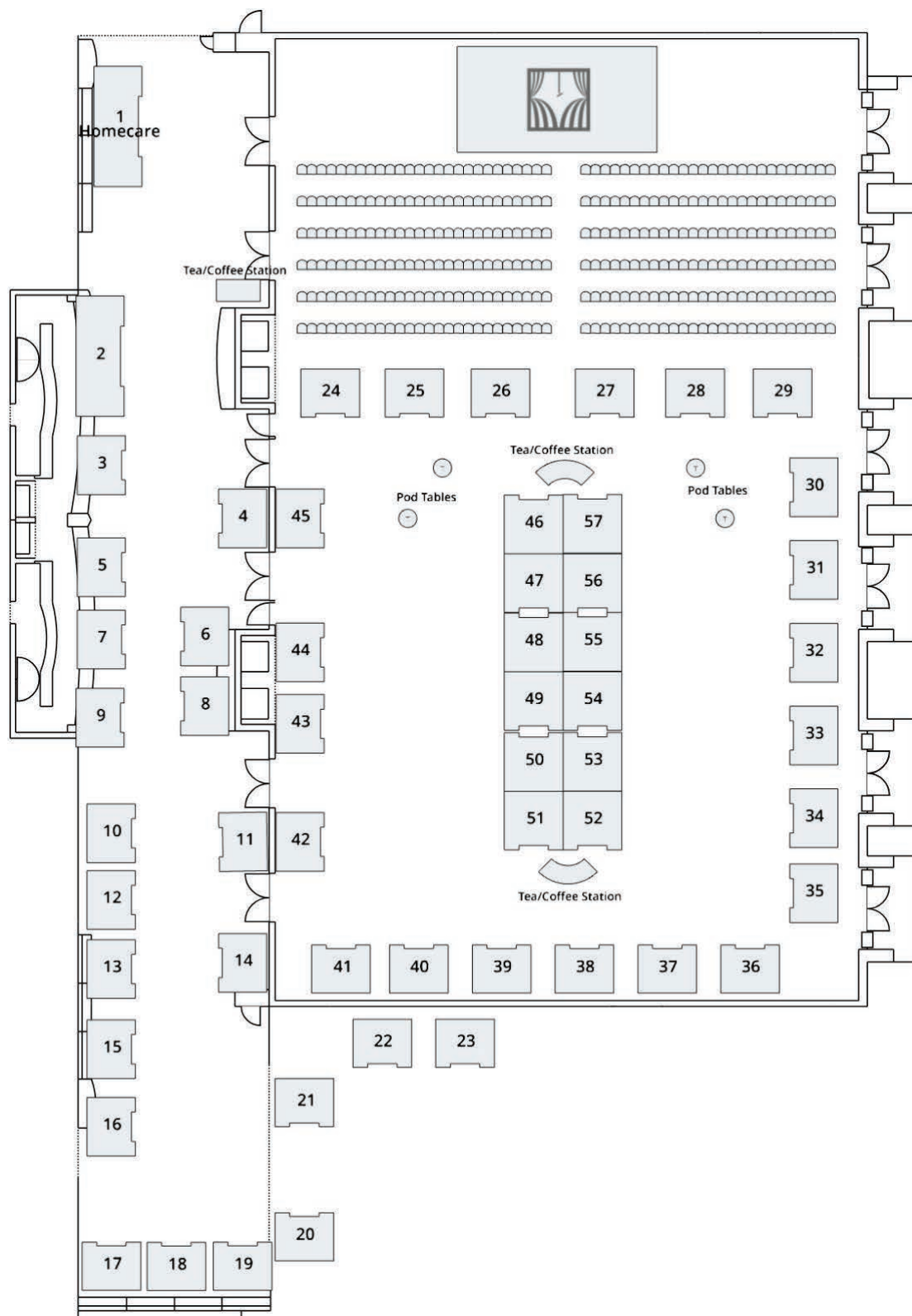
Nursing Homes Ireland Annual Conference 2026 E-Poster Presentation

For the first time, the NHI Annual Conference 2026 invited submissions for E-Poster Presentations. We were delighted to receive a wide range of submissions from across our Membership outlining some of the innovation, collaboration, and positive work that our sector is progressing nationwide. The winner of the E-Poster Presentation will be announced at the close of the NHI Annual Conference 2026. Everyone at Nursing Homes Ireland would like to thank our judges, Kim Tully (Engaging Dementia) and Clodagh Killeen (LHP Skillnet) for their time and consideration in evaluating all E-Poster submissions.

To view the E-Poster submissions, please scan the QR Code below.



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16 Bank of Ireland	Main Foyer
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