

Home Care Coalition

Pre-Budget
Submission
& General
Election ask
2025

#HomeCareCrisis





The Home Care Coalition is a group of 25 charities, not-for-profit organisations and campaigners including organisations who work with older people, people with disabilities and people with long-term illnesses, organisations working directly with carers, and groups working in the primary care sector.

The Coalition was established with the aim of ensuring the implementation of an adequately resourced, rights-based, and person-centred, statutory home care scheme, with equality of access and availability to home support services across the country and the new Health Regions.





In Budget 2025 the Home Care Coalition calls for increased funding of **€327m** to provide viable and sustainable Home Support Services into 2025.

As we approach the next General Election, the Coalition also calls on all political parties and candidates to commit to:

Implementing a rights-based statutory home support scheme which is sufficiently and sustainably staffed and funded, and accessible to all who need it across the country and the new Health Regions, within the lifetime of the next Government.



Budget 2025

The Home Care Coalition is calling for Budget 2025 to deliver a sustainable home support service which provides quality care to service users, and pay parity among home care workers, ahead of the introduction of the statutory scheme. There are several strands to the requirement for funding increases in Budget 2025 to the home support service which will bring significant resource implications to service providers from the new regulations:



To deliver additional hours of support in line with the health and social care needs of the growing population of people with disabilities and older people including changing needs over time.



To provide a fair rate of pay for home care workers, including remuneration for time spent travelling between service-users' homes, to enable recruitment and retention.



To standardise rates of pay and benefits across HSE and Section 39 funded home care workers (in line with TASC recommendations) to ensure the viability and sustainability of the not-for-profit providers.



To increase operational funding to fully deliver on the recommendations of the Strategic Workforce Advisory Group, including (for example):



A national campaign to raise the profile and promote the training opportunities available for a career as a Health Care Assistants and Home Support Workers.



European level recruitment events.



Development of a medium-term (3-5 year) recruitment plan to give further effect to the recommendation on increasing direct provision of home support.



ICT solutions to be implemented to improve the efficiency of provision.

