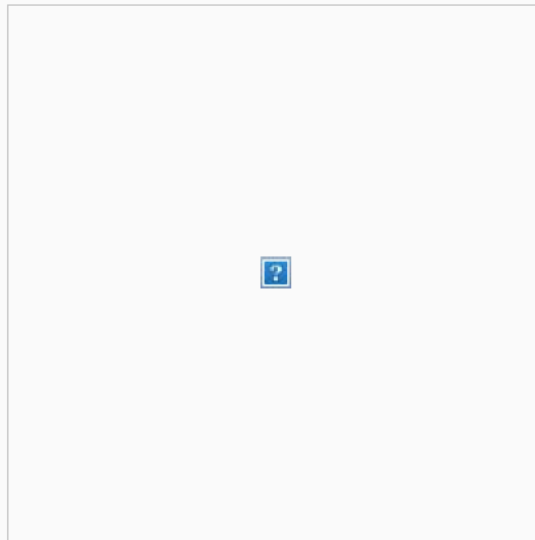


From: Tadhg Daly
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Dear Member,

You will be aware of the commitment to NHI by Minister Harris at our meeting on Monday last 30th March 2020 to establish a financial support scheme and to revert to NHI by the end of the week. This afternoon officials briefed CEO Tadhg Daly and subsequently the Minister for Health announced a Covid-19 Financial Support Scheme for private and voluntary nursing homes. Key points:

- The financial support will be provided over a three month period that will commence April and be subject to review every month. In our early engagement with Department officials, we have expressed disappointment the scheme is not coming into effect earlier, as we had requested effective 1st March.
- The additional support payments will be as follows:
 - €800 per resident, per month, for the first 40 residents
 - €400 per resident, per month, for the second 40 residents
 - €200 per resident, per month, for the remaining residents
- Should clusters / outbreak arise, the level of financial support will be doubled but will be capped at €75k per centre
- The Department informs an application will be required by nursing homes to receive the financial support. The nursing home will be required to inform of the numbers it is providing care for and the

application will be presented to the NTPF. NHI has expressed initial dissatisfaction with such, stating nursing homes are under extreme staffing and administrative pressures. Any process would be required to be seamless and pragmatic. We have asked the Department of Health to provide an express commitment the NTPF will meet with NHI in good faith in this regard.

At the press conference this afternoon to launch the financial support scheme, Minister Harris committed to continued engagement with NHI with regard to the measures required to support nursing homes. He thanked NHI and staff in our nursing homes for their engagement and commitment. [The Department of Health press release announcing the financial support can be read here.](#)

[NHI is engaging with media to provide reaction to support measures and we have issued this statement.](#)

The Department's statement issued today informs of measures announced earlier in the week and communicated to nursing homes by NHI. Extract below:



"On 31 March 2020 Enhanced Public Health Measures for COVID-19 Disease were agreed by NPHE in the nursing home sector along the HSE will provide high level support to private Nursing Homes these difficult times.

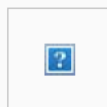
These measures will support the sector by:

- Prioritising Staff Screening and Testing*
- Providing access and use of PPE & Oxygen*
- Supporting relevant training and education*
- Implementing Strengthened Governance Structures*
- Mitigating against Transmission Risk for staff*
- Assisting with Preparedness planning and outbreak management"*

We will continue to keep nursing homes updated.

Yours,


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