

Pre-Budget Submission 2022 Summary

Dying, death & bereavement are everyone's business



**Irish
Hospice
Foundation**

To die and grieve well wherever the place

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Irish Hospice Foundation calls for an investment of €2.4 million in dying, death & bereavement in Budget 2022

Priority 1

Support people to die well at home, if that is their wish and is possible

€500,000

Priority 2

Fund improvements in the delivery of person-centred palliative, end-of-life and bereavement care in residential care settings

€1.5 million

Priority 3

Investment in bereavement community supports

€250,000

Priority 4

Support people to plan for their care at end of life

€150,000

Irish Hospice Foundation is a national charity that addresses dying, death and bereavement in Ireland. Our vision is an Ireland where people facing end of life or bereavement, and those who care for them, are provided with the care and support that they need.

In Budget 2022, we must provide support for a nation that has been profoundly changed by COVID-19. Investment is needed to address the key needs of those facing dying, death and bereavement in the wake of COVID-19.

Irish Hospice Foundation remain committed and ready to work in partnership with Government and others to encourage, support and enable innovation and excellence in palliative, end-of-life and bereavement care.

Priority 1

Support people to die well at home, if that is their wish and is possible

€500,000

- Sustained multi-annual funding of €500,000 to cover 50% of the nursing costs for the Nurses for Night Care service
- Engage with Irish Hospice Foundation, and other stakeholders, to explore how more people can be facilitated to die well at home, if that is their wish and is possible
- Commitment to the roll out of a statutory home care scheme to enable more people to remain, and die well at home, if that is their wish and is possible

Priority 2

Fund improvements in the delivery of person-centred palliative, end-of-life and bereavement care in residential care settings

€1.5 million

- Financial commitment (over five years) to partially fund a partnership programme, aimed at delivering good quality end-of-life care in residential care settings, which is being led by Irish Hospice Foundation in partnership with All-Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AIHPC)

Priority 3

Investment in bereavement community supports

€250,000

- Commitment to co-fund Irish Hospice Foundation's Bereavement Support Line
- €75,000
- Funding for the identification and treatment of more complex / prolonged grief
- €75,000
- Funding for an awareness programme to support people to deal with their grief in the wake of COVID-19
- €100,000

Priority 4

Support people to plan for their care at end of life

€150,000

- Initiation of a Register of Advance Healthcare Directives, by the Decision Support Service, as outlined in legislation
- A public awareness campaign "Putting Your House in Order" to encourage and enable Irish people to think, to talk and to plan ahead for their end of life and promote awareness of the Decision Support Service
- €100,000
- Scope, design and disseminate "Think Ahead" for Children and Young People
- €50,000

Facts & figures about dying, death & bereavement in Ireland

It is essential we plan to meet the needs of people facing dying, death and bereavement to ensure equal access to good care and support.

In the next 10 years in Ireland:¹

Over 300,000
people will
die

Over 3,000 of
those will be
children

Over 250,000
will be over the
age of 65

Almost 3 million
will be
bereaved²

If current trends continue:

Number of
deaths will
increase by
25% up to the
year 2040³

Less than 1% of
the healthcare
budget will be
spent on
Specialist
Palliative Care⁴

The preference of
most Irish adults
is to die at home
but only 23%⁵ will
do so⁶

43% will die in
hospital and
23% in
residential care⁷

8% of people
will die in a
hospice⁸

[1] Figures estimated from CSO statistics of 2017: Vital Statistics 2017 Yearly summary (30,484 deaths in 2017)

[2] Estimate based on 10 people directly affected by each death

[3] May, P., Johnston, B.M., Normand, C. et al. (2020) Population-based palliative care planning in Ireland: how many people will live and die with serious illness to 2046? HRB Open Res

[4] Calculation based on 2017 HSE Specialist Palliative Care budget of €76.5m in 2017

[5] Weafer, J. (2014) Irish attitudes to death, dying and bereavement 2004-2014. Dublin: Irish Hospice Foundation

[6] Matthews, S., Pierce, M., Hurley, E., O'Brien Green, S., Johnston, B.M., Normand, C. and May, P. (forthcoming in 2021) Dying and death in Ireland: what do we routinely measure and how can we improve? Dublin: Irish Hospice Foundation.

[7] Ibid

[8] Ibid



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