



Irish
Hospice
Foundation

To die and grieve well wherever the place

Pre-Budget Submission 2024

Investing in the Best End-of-Life and Bereavement Care for All

Priorities for Budget 2024

- ▶ **1. Resource** a national approach to palliative, end-of-life and bereavement care
- ▶ **2. Increase** the capacity to deliver quality end-of-life care in the community
- ▶ **3. Invest** in and resource community bereavement supports
- ▶ **4. Support** every person to plan for their end of life

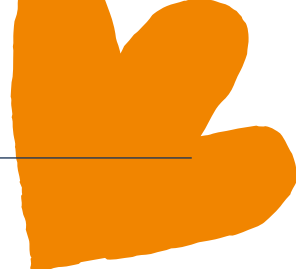
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- ▶ Highlights the **need for structural investment and commitment** across Government departments to achieve the best end-of-life and bereavement care for all.



- ▶ Identifies specific areas that require **funding of €875,000** to support the development of Irish Hospice Foundations' work.



Budget 2024 - Priorities and Actions

► Priority 1 – Resource a national approach to palliative, end-of-life and bereavement care



Structural investment required

1. Implement and resource the forthcoming National Adult Palliative Care Policy

► Priority 2 – Increase the capacity to deliver quality end-of-life care in the community



Specific investment required for Irish Hospice Foundation – €300,000

2. Implement the recommendations from our “Dying Well at Home” Report

► Priority 3 – Invest in and resource community bereavement supports



Structural investment required

3. Commitment to operationalising a public health model approach to bereavement
4. Multiannual funding and financial support for the regulatory compliance requirements of bereavement support organisations
5. Improve the provision of counselling supports



Specific investment required for Irish Hospice Foundation - €475,000

6. Implement the recommendations from our “Real Financial Impact of Bereavement” Report – €325,000
7. Deliver enhanced bereavement and grief training for mental health practitioners – €75,000
8. Co-funded support from HSE to deliver our Bereavement Support Line – €75,000

► Priority 4 – Support every person to plan for their end of life



Specific investment required for Irish Hospice Foundation - €100,000

9. Funding for our Think Ahead programme to encourage and enable Irish people to think, talk and plan ahead for their end of life – €100,000

Facts and Figures about Dying, Death and Bereavement in Ireland

Current figures for dying, death and bereavement in Ireland show that:

- **35,477** deaths were registered in 2022.¹
- This equates to nearly **100 people** dying every day.
- **83%** of these deaths are people aged over 65.²
- For every one death, up to **10 people** are bereaved and significantly impacted.³
- Over **350,000** people are grieving the death of a loved one each year.
- The preference of most Irish adults is to die at home⁴ but only **23%** will do so.⁵
- **Hospitals** remain the most common place where people die. (44%)⁶
- **23%** of people will die in nursing home care.⁷
- **8%** of people will die in a hospice.⁸
- **Cancer** (31%) and **heart-related disease** (29%) are the leading causes of death.⁹

1 Vital Statistics Yearly Summary 2022 - CSO - Central Statistics Office

2 Ibid

3 <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2007476117>

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

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

6-9 Ibid



About Irish Hospice Foundation

We are a national charity that addresses dying, death and bereavement in Ireland.

Our Vision – is an Ireland where people experiencing dying, death and bereavement are provided with the care and support they need.

Our Mission – is to work towards the best end-of-life care and bereavement for all.

Our Work – we are working to ensure the best end-of-life and bereavement care, for all. From advocacy and education, to our vital services like **Nurses for Night Care**, our **Bereavement Support Line**, and **Caru** – a continuous learning programme for care and compassion for end-of-life in nursing homes, we believe in the importance of dying well wherever the place.



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