



Advocates Guide - Pre-Budget Campaign 2019

Dementia Supports Across Ireland

Building Communities of Care

The majority of people with dementia want to remain active in their communities and continue to live in their own homes, but many do not have the supports they need to do this. Access to dementia services is dependent on where you live.

This year The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is calling on Government to invest over €12 million in community supports and in giving every person with dementia equal access to a minimum standard of services to start with. We need your help.

step

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Please contact your local TDs by phone or visit them during their clinics*

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Say "There are almost 55,000 people with dementia in Ireland and 63% of them live at home"

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Say "Let me tell you how dementia has affected my family..."

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Say "New mapping of dementia specific services shows people do not have equal access to a basic minimum standard of community services. I want you to help secure funding for these services in next year's Budget for people with dementia and their families in our community"

step

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Give your TD a copy of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Pre-Budget Submission 2019

*If you need contact details for your local TDs let us know by emailing advocacy@alzheimer.ie

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The Figures

€7.415
Million

Starting to address the service gap by providing a minimum standard of community services in each county

€2.31
Million

33 Dementia Advisers at €70,000 per post per annum

€2.24
Million

32 Key Workers at €70,000 per post per annum

€852,000

Six Dementia Inclusive Community Coordinators at €60,000 per annum and resources to build community supports and initiatives

The Facts

- There are almost 55,000 people with dementia in Ireland and for every one person with dementia three others are directly affected.
- Most people with dementia live at home (63%).
- The number of people with dementia will rise to 68,216 in the next ten years. There are 500,000 people in Ireland whose families have been affected by dementia.
- Ireland's first National Dementia Strategy was published in 2014 and the mid-term review in 2018.
- There are six priority areas within the Strategy and across these six areas are 14 priority actions.

About The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

A national non-profit organisation, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is person centred, rights-based and grassroots led with the voice of the person with dementia and their carer at its core.

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