

## Irish Dementia Working Group

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An open letter to Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael,

We, the Steering Group of the Irish Dementia Working Group, write to express our concern at the Government Framework Document.

This document was created at a time in our history where older people and people living with dementia are cocooned in their homes, dying in Nursing Homes and disproportionately affected by the global Pandemic.

Whilst the nation comes together and realises that older people and people living with dementia need solidarity, this document has ignored us.

We were forgotten in the planning for Covid19 and it now appears we are forgotten in the recovery plan.

We believe in solidarity and in mutual support for all people living in the country. Therefore we call on you to outline in detail, how you plan to support people living with dementia and their family carers and look forward to an opportunity to engage on this.

We are no longer willing to be invisible. Enough.

Yours faithfully,

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