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## **Notification of Invitation to Tender: Evaluation of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's Day Care at Home service**

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is seeking tenders from suitably qualified individuals or organisations to conduct an evaluation of ASI's Day Care at Home service.

### **Background**

Day Care at Home is a service provided by The Alzheimer Society of Ireland to people with dementia and their families that offers companionship, a continuation of hobbies and interests, and addresses isolation. It is a responsive service that provides personalised, social, activity-based care with minimal personal care. It is delivered by trained staff in the client's home in blocks of hours (usually two hours). The emphasis on the service meeting social and recreational needs rather than being task-led is a defining feature.

Day Care at Home was initially set up as an emergency interim alternative model of care following the forced closure of Day Care Centres during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Now, the service is recognised as a valuable support for people with dementia and their families for whom attending day centres might not be appropriate, possible or of interest. It also provides a unique opportunity to increase the continuity of care earlier or later in the journey for the person living with dementia and their families.

### **Focus and aims of tender work**

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is seeking tenders to complete an evaluation of the Day Care at Home Service. The successful applicant should use field and desk research to examine:

- The impact, value, and experience of the Day Care at Home service for people living with dementia.
- The impact, value, and experience of the Day Care at Home service for family carers of people with dementia.
- How the Day Care at Home service fits into the overall dementia-care and support landscape.
- How the Day Care at Home service impacts integration into other services and supports both internally and externally.
- Optimal service delivery methods and a client's journey through the service.
- Areas for development and improvement.
- The potential for Day Care at Home to address the unique needs of people with Young Onset Dementia and their families.
- How the Day Care at Home service is perceived in relation to other services (e.g., Home Care and Day Care Centres) by people affected by dementia and other stakeholders.
- The experiences of staff who deliver the Day Care at Home service, and how they can be best supported to undertake their role (e.g. training and support requirements).



**The evaluation should include perspectives of:**

- People who use the Day Care at Home service
- Families of people who use the Day Care at Home service
- ASI staff who are involved in delivering Day Care at Home (at all levels)
- External health and social care stakeholders, including funders
- People who choose not to use the Day Care at Home service and prefer to attend Day Centres.

The report will be used to inform service delivery and advocacy activities.

**Required outputs**

Evaluation report on the findings of the evaluation of the programme, including an executive summary and a plain-language summary.

- A short report on the experiences and needs of ASI Staff who deliver the Day Care at Home service.
- 3 x presentations of findings (to be arranged by The ASI) to
  - ASI Senior Management & Staff
  - ASI Board
  - HSE

**Budget**

The total value of this contract, excluding VAT is €30,800. Total including VAT is €40,000.

**Timelines**

This project will be carried out over an eight month timeframe.

Date	Item
31st October 2022	Contracts signed & work commences
February 2023	Interim presentation to Advisory Group
2nd June 2023	First Draft due
30th June 2023	Final Report due



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**How to apply**

This process will be managed by The ASI's Procurement Team via e-tenders.

Link: <https://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/edittransaction.asp?TID=222871>

Reference: 222871

Any queries should be submitted via etenders.

**Closing Date: 12th October 2022**

**Late applications cannot be accepted.**

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