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Dear Mr. Whelan,

I refer to your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> May 09, regarding complaints made in relation to the "failure of the HSE to implement a decision of the statutory appeals officer that a higher rate, or "alternative", nursing home subvention should be paid".

A copy of letter of 16<sup>th</sup> June to Ms. Patricia Doyle, Investigator, from Mr Pat Healy, Assistant National Director Primary Community & Continuing Care is attached as it together with related attachments, are relevant to the general issues regarding the nursing home subvention scheme which are pertinent to your current queries.

**National Guidelines**

As you are aware, the Health Service Executive introduced standardised guidelines in January 2007 in respect of the Nursing Home Subvention Scheme following additional resources being made available to it by the Department of Health and Children. In order to work towards equalisation of the level of support paid to people in different HSE areas (taking the local prices and a person's means into account) the enhanced subvention scheme was improved to ensure a more consistent approach across the HSE.

An "enhanced" or "alternative" subvention contribution is a discretionary top-up - payment which may be approved by the Health Service Executive where the applicant's means and the level of subvention approved are insufficient to meet the cost of nursing home care. The means assessment for basic subvention is applicable. As enhanced/alternative subvention is discretionary there is no entitlement to an 'enhanced' subvention contribution but it may be paid in individual circumstances taking account of cost of care in the area, availability of public beds, the means of the applicant and any funds or assets that may be available to the applicant together with the funding available for the scheme. The availability of enhanced subvention is limited by the amount of the resource allocated for this scheme. Applicants may need to join a waiting list for enhanced subvention contributions.

In order to move towards a consistent and equitable approach nationally with regard to the operation of the enhanced subvention aspects of the Subvention Scheme and applicants' potential shortfall in meeting the cost of care, a policy decision was made in 2007 regarding the provision of enhanced subvention.

Prior to 2007 calculation of enhanced subvention was operated on a case by case basis as different approaches to enhanced subvention that had applied in each of

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the former Health Board areas continued to operate. The changes implemented in 2007 commenced the move towards a consistent and equitable approach to the operation of the scheme across the 32 LHO areas.

#### **2007 Enhanced/Alternative Subvention**

In making the necessary preparations for the revisions to the subvention scheme from 1st January 2007, each subvention office nationally was asked to submit the average cost of a nursing home bed in the LHO area. Accordingly, one average fee per subvention office was calculated. Having considered all of the available information and the limit of the available resources for the Scheme, it was decided that the national guideline for payment of enhanced (alternative) subvention for 2007 would be on the basis of the average weekly nursing home fee for the LHO area less €100.00. Where resources are available, enhanced (alternative) subvention is therefore considered with reference to the average weekly nursing home fee (less €100 per week) for the area or the actual fee of the particular nursing home if less. If resources are not available under the scheme, qualified applicants will receive the appropriate basic subvention and will be advised that they have been placed on a waiting list for additional support should resources become available. It is a matter for each area to operate such waiting lists, subject to available resources.

It is important to note that the available resources within each area are applied in the first instance to ensure the continued provision of basic (prescribed) subvention to all qualifying applicants. This approach ensures that all qualifying applicants will, at a minimum, receive basic/prescribed subvention up to €300 per week depending on their means.

Thereafter resources are applied to the payment of "enhanced/alternative" subvention in line with the guidelines. In operating according to the Guidelines the available resources, after payment of basic/prescribed subvention, are applied in a more equitable way, to the benefit of greater numbers of applicants than would be the case if each applicant were to receive the full amount of the shortfall between income (or income and basic subvention) and the nursing home fees being charged.

#### **2008 Enhanced/Alternative Subvention**

In 2008, additional resources were made available for the subvention scheme pending the introduction of the new Nursing Home Support Scheme – A Fair Deal. Again, taking account of the limit of the resources made available to the Health Service Executive, and with reference to CPI, the average nursing home fees to apply in 2008 were calculated by reference to the 2007 average weekly fee per LHO which was adjusted upwards by 2.15%. Again, as in 2007, it was decided that enhanced (alternative) subvention would be provided in Local Health Office Areas on the basis of the 2008 average weekly nursing home fee for the LHO area less €100.00 per week subject to the limit of the resources available and taking account of the individual circumstances of each case.

#### **2009 Enhanced/Alternative Subvention**

No additional resources have been provided for the Nursing Home Subvention Scheme in 2009 and, accordingly, the average weekly nursing home fees that applied in 2008, less €100, continue to be applied in 2009 in relation to calculation of enhanced subvention payments. Average nursing home fees were collated in 2007, were reviewed in 2008 as outlined above and remain at 2008 levels for 2009 pending the introduction of the new Nursing Home Support Scheme.

The capacity of the HSE to pay "enhanced" or "alternative" subvention is at all times limited by the level of resources available in the LHO area and accordingly applicants may need to be placed on a waiting list for additional supports.

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**Appeals Process**

With regard to the appeals process I wish to advise that the Appeals Officers can make recommendations with regards to enhanced (alternative) subvention. Section 7C (6) of the Health (Nursing Homes) (Amendment) Act 2007 states "The Executive shall only determine the amounts of alternative subventions after taking into account the resources available to pay the alternative subventions". While every effort is made to address the concerns/ recommendations of the Appeals Officers, the subvention offices may only do so where the availability of resources permit so.

**Individual Cases**

With regards to the individual cases referred to in your correspondence the position regarding each case is set out below. It should be noted that while every effort is made to implement the recommendations of Appeals Officers it may be necessary to partially implement recommendations where the resources are not currently available to facilitate full or immediate implementation. I trust that the information provided in each case clarifies the position.

**New "Nursing Home Support Scheme – A Fair Deal"**

It is important to note that the Minister for Health has advised of her intention that the new Nursing Home Support Scheme A Fair Deal will be introduced in 2009. It is proposed that all qualifying applicants will contribute 80% of their assessable income and 5% of their assets up to the cost of care (5% assessed against principal residence will apply for 3 years). Where there is any shortfall between an applicants assessed contribution and the agreed cost of care in the nursing home, it is proposed that this will be paid for by the State within the limit of the resources allocated for the scheme. The scheme is optional for persons who are currently in receipt of subvention.

I trust this is to your satisfaction. Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

  
Professor Brendan Drumm  
Chief Executive Officer

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Complainant	Pensioner & Nursing Home	Appeals Officer Decision	Determination of Appeals Officer - amount and date of commencement	Decision Implemented	If no - why partially implemented, give details	Is applicant on waiting list for additional funding?
		APP/08/0895 05 August 2008	€128 1st August 2008	From 1st July 2009	Limited resources for scheme - allows for implementation from 1st July 2009	No - from 1st July 2009
		APP/08/1623 08 December 2008	€128 30th September 2008	From 1st July 2009	Limited resources for scheme - allows for implementation from 1st July 2009	No - from 1st July 2009
		COM/08/0254 28 October 2008	€140 from 23rd October 2008	No	Assessable income together with basic (prescribed) subvention exceeds LHO Area average nursing home fee less €100 - as per approach set out. Exceptional cases dealt with on case by case basis from waiting list as funding becomes available.	Yes
		APR/08/1046 11 August 2008	€128 from 11th August 2008	No	Limited resources available for scheme - Appeals Officer recommendation could not be implemented in full.	No - Transferred as requested to public bed April 2009
		APP/08/1150 15 August 2008	€128 from 10th May 2008	No	Assessable income together with basic (prescribed) subvention exceeds LHO Area average nursing home fee less €100 - as per approach set out. Exceptional cases dealt with on case by case basis from waiting list as funding becomes available.	Yes
		APP/08/1050 11 August 2008		No	2.15% cost of living increase paid in 2009 backdated to 01/01/08. Limited resources available for the scheme - Appeals Officer recommendation could not be implemented in full	Yes

Complainant	Pensioner & Nursing Home	Appeals Officer Decision	Determination of Appeals Officer - amount and date commencement	Decision implemented	If no - why? if partially implemented give details	Is applicant on waiting list for additional funding?
		APP/08/1135 07 October 2008	€128 from 5th August 2008	From 1st July 2009	Limited resources for scheme - allows for implementation from 1st July 2009	No - from 1st July 2009
		APP/08/19090 6 January 2009	€128 from 5th Jan '09	From 1st July 2009	Limited resources for scheme - allows for implementation from 1st July 2009	No - from 1st July 2009
		APP/08/1660 09 December 2008	€138 from 4th December '08	No	Assessable income together with basic (prescribed) subvention exceeds LHO Area average nursing home fee less €100 - as per approach set out. Exceptional cases dealt with on case by case basis from waiting list as funding becomes available.	Yes
		APP/08/1069 25 August 2008	€138 from 11th July 08	No	Assessable income together with basic (prescribed) subvention exceeds LHO Area average nursing home fee less €100 - as per approach set out. Exceptional cases dealt with on case by case basis from waiting list as funding becomes available.	Yes



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18<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.

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**Dear Ms. Doyle,**

I refer to your letter of 15 May 2009 to Ms. Mary Culliton, Consumer Affairs, which has been passed to me for attention.

I note the questions that you have raised and I outline hereunder responses to the matters raised. Correspondence which issued to the Office of the Ombudsman in July 2008 and November 2008 is also attached as these letters also set out in detail the position in relation to the Nursing Home Subvention Scheme and the payment of enhanced subvention.

As you are aware, the Health Service Executive introduced standardised guidelines in January 2007 in respect of the Nursing Home Subvention Scheme following additional resources being made available to it by the Department of Health and Children. In order to work towards equalisation of the level of support paid to people in different HSE areas (taking the local prices and a person's means into account) the enhanced subvention scheme was improved to ensure a more consistent approach across the HSE.

In order to move towards a consistent and equitable approach nationally with regard to the operation of the enhanced subvention aspects of the Subvention Scheme and applicants' potential shortfall in meeting the cost of care, whilst being cognisant of the budgetary constraints in each LHO area, a policy decision was made in 2007 regarding the provision of enhanced subvention, the payment of which is discretionary. Prior to 2007 calculation of enhanced subvention was operated on a case by case basis as different approaches to enhanced subvention had applied in each of the former Health Board areas. The changes implemented in 2007 commenced the move towards a consistent and equitable approach to the operation of the scheme across the 32 LHO areas.

#### **2007 Average Cost of Private Nursing Home Care**

In making the necessary preparations for the revisions to the subvention scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007, each subvention office nationally was asked to submit the average cost of a nursing home bed in each of the private nursing homes in their area. Accordingly, one average fee per subvention office was calculated. The average fee for each LHO area for 2007 is set out in the attached table.

Having considered all of the available information and the limit of the available resources for the Scheme, it was decided that enhanced (alternative) subvention would be provided in Local Health

Office Areas on the basis of the average weekly nursing home fee for the LHO area as applied in early 2007 less €100.00 as set out in the attached table. Where resources are available, enhanced (alternative) subvention is considered with reference to the average weekly nursing home fee (less €100 per week) for the area or the actual fee of the particular nursing home if less. If resources are not available under the scheme, qualified applicants will receive the appropriate basic (prescribed) subvention and will be advised that they have been placed on a waiting list for additional support should resources become available. It is a matter for each area to operate such waiting lists, subject to available resources.

#### **2008 Average Cost of Private Nursing Home Care**

In 2008, additional resources were made available for the subvention scheme pending the introduction of the proposed new Nursing Home Support Scheme – A Fair Deal. Taking account of the limit of the resources made available to the Health Service Executive, and with reference to CPI, the average nursing home fees to apply in 2008 were calculated by reference to the 2007 average weekly fee per LHO was adjusted upwards by 2.15%. Again, as in 2007, it was decided that enhanced (alternative) subvention would be provided in Local Health Office Areas on the basis of the 2008 average weekly nursing home fee for the LHO area less €100.00 - as set out in the attached table – subject to the limit of the resources available.

#### **2009 Average Cost of Private Nursing Home Care**

No additional resources have been provided for the nursing Home Subvention Scheme in 2009 and, accordingly, the average weekly nursing home fees that applied in 2008, less €100, continue to be applied in 2009 in relation to calculation of enhanced subvention payments. Average nursing home fees were collected in 2007, were reviewed in 2008 as outlined above and remain at 2008 levels for 2009 pending the introduction of the new Nursing Home Support Scheme.

#### **Individual cases**

With regards to the cases raised I have been in contact with each of the areas concerned. Each of the cases in your letter of 15 May – [redacted] – is being paid an enhanced (alternative) subvention at the rate of the local average fee less €100.00 in line with national policy. Ms. [redacted] is currently receiving an enhanced (alternative) subvention that is over the Westmeath average cost of care.

With regard to the appeals process I wish to advise that the Appeals Officers can make recommendations with regards to enhanced (alternative) subvention, this is purely a discretionary payment. Section 7C (6) of the Health (Nursing Homes) (Amendment) Act 2007 states *"The Executive shall only determine the amounts of alternative subventions after taking into account the resources available to pay the alternative subventions"*. While every effort is made to address the concerns/ determinations of the Appeals Officers, the subvention offices may only do so where the availability of resources permit so.

It should be noted that while each of the areas dealing with the individual cases, referred to in your correspondences, is paying the applicants in line with national policy, every effort is made to examine individual cases taking into account national policy, availability of resources of the Health Service Executive and the income of the applicant. In light of your letters, I have asked each of the areas to review the individual cases and to contact the applicant/representative should there be any change to the level of support that might be made available. I have also requested that each case be considered with regard to suitability for transfer to a public bed should one become available.

It is important to note that the Minister for Health has advised of her intention that the new Nursing Home Support Scheme (A Fair Deal) will be introduced in 2009. It is proposed that an applicant will contribute 80% of their assessable income and 5% of their assets up to the cost of care. Where there is any shortfall between an applicants assessed contribution and the cost of care in their nursing home, it is proposed that this will be paid for by the State within the limit of

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the resources allocated for the scheme. The scheme is optional for persons that are currently in receipt of subvention.

I trust this is to your satisfaction. Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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**Re: Enhanced Nursing Home Subvention Scheme**

Dear Mr. Lundberg,

Your recent query regarding the enhanced nursing home subvention scheme refers.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 the basic nursing home subvention rate was increased to a maximum of €300.00 per week. This rate replaced the previous maximum rates of €114.30 (Medium Dependency), €152.40 (High Dependency) and €190.50 (Maximum Dependency).

Following this decision the Health Service Executive drew up National Guidelines for the Standardised Implementation of the Nursing Home Subvention Scheme. These Guidelines incorporate the standardised approach to be taken with regard to the calculation of basic & enhanced subvention and incorporate the amendments effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007. A copy of the Guidelines is attached herewith.

The objective of the 2007 amendments were:

- To develop a consistency between the payment of subvention in 2007, with a view to moving towards the proposed new nursing home care support scheme for 2008, *A Fair Deal*.
- To work towards equalisation of the level of support paid to people in different areas (taking the local prices and a person's means into account).

An excel document which carries out the calculation of basic & enhanced subvention was also developed by the HSE and is in place in local subvention offices (copy attached for information).

In order to work towards equalisation of the level of support paid to people in different HSE areas (taking the local prices and a person's means into account) the enhanced subvention scheme was improved to ensure a more consistent approach across the HSE. Enhanced subvention is considered in *all cases*, including applicants who have been refused basic subvention on means grounds, with reference to the average nursing home fee (less €100) for the area or the actual fee if less. This was to ensure a consistent approach nationally with regard to an applicants potential shortfall in meeting the cost of care, whilst being cognisant of the budgetary constraints in each

LHO area. The average nursing home fee figure for each LHO area within the various HSE areas is set out in the attached table and reflects the figures that were submitted by the local subvention offices. Enhanced subvention is therefore calculated with reference to this fee. This information is significantly commercially sensitive and is not for general circulation.

#### **Entitlement to Enhanced Subvention**

Enhanced subvention is subject to budgetary constraint as outlined below.

- All eligible applicants for subvention are being paid the basic level of subvention, i.e. up to €300.00 per week (with up to a further €44.40 per week payable to applicants who are solely in receipt of non-contributory old age pension).
- In certain LHO areas a waiting list is currently in place for all requests for enhanced subvention from these applicants. Only exceptional cases can be approved and only then, with the approval of the Local Health Manager.

This decision has been taken to ensure that the scheme can be administered within the allocated budget. The Nursing Home Subvention Scheme is not demand led. Applicants have a right to basic subvention in accordance with the Regulations. Enhanced subvention can only be provided within the funding available.

In regard to the legislative basis for this decision, I refer you to The Health (Nursing Homes) (Amendment) Act 2007 which revoked the Nursing Homes (Subvention) Regulations 1993. This Act allows for the HSE to make the following types of payment (Reference Section 7): Prescribed Subvention, i.e. the basic amount prescribed in regulations, which is currently a maximum rate of €300.00 per week and Alternative Subvention, i.e. a higher amount of subvention (enhanced subvention by another name) that may be paid in lieu of the prescribed subvention.

Section 7C (6) (on page 12) states that:

*"The Executive shall only determine the amounts of alternative subventions after taking into account the resources available to pay the alternative subventions".*

Please note also that the National Guidelines for the Standardised Implementation of the Nursing Homes Subvention Scheme (NHSS) (February 2007) and the HSE Information Booklet on the NHSS, both of which are on the HSE website, state the following:

#### **Section 3: Guidelines for Payment of Enhanced Subvention**

##### **1. General**

*An 'enhanced' subvention contribution is a discretionary top-up payment which may be approved by the Health Service Executive where the applicant's means and the level of subvention approved are insufficient to meet the cost of nursing home care. The means assessment for basic subvention is applicable. As enhanced subvention is discretionary there is no entitlement to an 'enhanced' subvention contribution but may be paid in individual circumstances taking account of cost of care in the area, availability of public beds, the means of the applicant and any funds or assets that may be available to the applicant together with the funding available for the scheme. The availability of enhanced subvention is limited by the amount of the resource allocated for this scheme; applicants may need to join a waiting list for enhanced subvention contributions.*

#### **Info Booklet**

##### **Will I qualify for an enhanced subvention contribution?**

*Enhanced subvention will be considered if you are assessed as sufficiently dependent to require nursing home care and where your means and the level of basic subvention approved are insufficient to meet the cost of nursing home care. If you satisfy these conditions you will be considered for an enhanced subvention contribution. However, as this is a discretionary payment and dependent on budgetary resources, the Executive may not be in a position to immediately facilitate the request. Accordingly, the HSE may place your name on a waiting list for enhanced subvention.*

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In regard to the level of enhanced subvention payments being applied by other HSE areas, the authorisation of these levels of payment are a matter for budget holders in each area who make their decisions based on the resources available to them. Many areas are currently reviewing the payment of enhanced subvention in relation to the available resources, giving consideration to the required action to remain within budget.

Please contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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**Your Ref: HC1/08/0884**

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

Your correspondence to Mr. Fred Hegarty of 8<sup>th</sup> August which has been passed to me for comment refers. I apologise for the delay in reverting to you.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 the basic nursing home subvention rate was increased to a maximum of €300.00 per week. This represented a significant increase in subvention for subvented residents of nursing homes as well as new applicants to the scheme. Importantly, these changes ensured that enhancement was considered in all cases rather than just to those who qualified for basic subvention. Enhanced subvention is based on the average local nursing home fee (less €100) in the Local Health Office. This is to ensure a consistent approach nationally with regard to an applicant's potential shortfall in meeting the cost of care, whilst being cognisant of the budgetary constraints in each LHO area. The average nursing home fee for each LHO within the four HSE Areas reflects the figures submitted by the local subvention offices.

The operation of the nursing home subvention scheme is subject to the limit of the resources available for the scheme. All qualifying applicants for basic subvention receive the amount they qualify for up to a maximum of €300 per week. In calculating entitlement to basic subvention 1/5 of the non-contributory old age pension is disregarded to allow for personal spending. In Mrs. Fisher's case 1/5 of the NCOAP was allowed.

The HSE awaits the publication of the new Nursing Home Support Scheme Bill - 'A Fair Deal'. In the meantime the HSE made a submission to the DoHC seeking an increased provision in funding towards cost of living increases in relation to both the enhanced subvention scheme and contracted private nursing home beds. The DoHC with the approval of the Department of Finance has now sanctioned the release of €12 million which will address cost of living increases at the rate of 2.15% to those in receipt of enhanced subvention on 01.01.2008.

Enhanced subvention is a discretionary top-up payment to which there is no entitlement. Enhanced subvention can only be provided within the funding available for the scheme after payment of all basic subventions. It is the case that in certain LHO areas a waiting list is in operation for all requests for enhanced subvention due to the level of demand for same and limit on the amount of funding available

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Currently, only in exceptional cases can enhancements be approved and only then, with the approval of the Local Health Manager.

In calculating the level of enhanced subvention due in [redacted] case reference was made to the level of fees applicable in the LHO and the equalisation of supports through the Nursing Home Subvention Scheme (enhanced subvention). It should be noted that it is not possible to fully fund nursing home fees through enhanced subvention scheme but rather it is intended as an additional support to assist with fees. The fee increase in relation to [redacted] fees on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008 resulted in the level of support through the enhanced subvention scheme together with [redacted] being less than the revised fee. The HSE was not in a position to provide any additional enhanced subvention without additional resources being provided and accordingly sought and has now received approval from the Department of Health and Children to provide for a cost of living increase in respect of enhanced subventions. Cases are currently being reviewed to determine the level of revised subvention payable and the arrears applicable. Payment of the cost of living increase will apply to all those who were in receipt of enhanced subvention on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

In [redacted] case as she was in receipt of enhanced subvention on 01.01.2008 (she was approved for enhancement on 01.02.2007), her Local Health Office will now be in a position to review her case and calculate arrears in respect of cost of living increase that are now due to the nursing home in this regard. It should be noted that while this will provide for an improvement in her enhanced subvention it will not provide for the full cost of her care as the limited additional resources must be distributed to support the large numbers benefiting from enhanced subvention.

Referring to the specific principles set out in the guidelines I can confirm that in arriving at the rate of enhanced subvention payable in [redacted] case account was taken of her means, the average cost of private nursing home care in the area, the funding available for enhanced subvention. The average rate of nursing home fee had increased across all LHO areas since publication of the guidelines. This fact alone would not result in an increase in enhanced subvention in any individual case. It was however taken into account together with the funding available for enhanced subvention in determining that the HSE was not in a position to improve the level of enhanced subvention in large numbers of cases including [redacted] at that point in time. The application by the HSE for additional funding to facilitate improvement in the rates payable will provide an increase in eligible cases but will not provide for the full cost of her care as the limited additional resources must be distributed in a way that equitably supports the large numbers benefitting from the enhanced subvention arrangements.

Please contact me should you have further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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**Nursing Home Fees 2007 & 2008**

COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE NOT FOR GENERAL CIRCULATION  
 ENHANCED SUBVENTION  
 MAXIMUM RATE

HSE DUBLIN MIDLEINSTER				
	2007	2007	2008	2008
	Average Fee	Average Fee Less €100	2007 + 2.15%	Average Fee Less €100
Former SW Area	863	763	882	782
Former East Coast	863	763	882	782
Laois / Offaly	570	470	582	482
Longford / Westmeath	585	485	598	498

HSE DUBLIN NORTH EAST				
	2007	2007	2008	2008
	Average Fee	Average Fee Less €100	2007 + 2.15%	Average Fee Less €100
DNE 6-7-8	863	763	882	782
Meath	750	650	766	666
Cavan / Monaghan	631	531	645	545
Louth	700	600	715	615

HSE SOUTH				
	2007	2007	2008	2008
	Average Fee	Average Fee Less €100	2007 + 2.15%	Average Fee Less €100
Cork	750	650	766	666
Kerry	660	560	674	574
South Tipperary	570	470	582	482
Waterford	605	505	618	518
Carlow / Kilkenny	600	500	613	513
Wexford	605	505	618	518

HSE WEST				
	2007	2007	2008	2008
	Average Fee	Average Fee Less €100	2007 + 2.15%	Average Fee Less €100
Limerick	574	474	586	486
Clare	579	479	591	491
North Tipperary	534	434	545	445
Donegal	650	550	664	564
Sligo / Leitrim	650	550	664	564
Roscommon	561	461	573	473
Mayo	561	461	573	473
Galway	600	500	613	513