



Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**For the Attention of Minister Stephen Donnelly**

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Dear Minister Donnelly,

Social Care Ireland is the representative body for Social Care Workers in Ireland. We are asking if consideration will be given to provide the €1,000 bonus payment to Social Care Workers in the Statutory, Voluntary and Non-statutory sectors.

The impact of the pandemic on Social Care Workers throughout the sector, be that Statutory, Voluntary and Non-statutory, has been significant. Social Care Workers have shown significant dedication in continuing to turn up to work to provide invaluable services to vulnerable adults and children, in the care of the State, with whom they work, in at-risk and congregated care settings. They have done so knowing that they have been exposing themselves and, in turn, their own families to increased risk. They have had to provide care and support to all those individuals and families who have had their opportunities for contact with each other disrupted, throughout the pandemic, and the understandable restrictions and have needed to do so with their customary kindness and sensitivity.

This service continues today, and we are asking that Social Care Workers are recognised and provided with this one-off payment.

Yours sincerely

David Durney  
On behalf of the  
Board of Social Care Ireland