

**Chief Inspector of Social Services
Health Information and Quality Authority
COVID-19 Contingency Planning Self-Assessment**

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Dear Provider

The priority of the Health Information and Quality Authority and the Office of the Chief Inspector remains the safety and wellbeing of residents who live in nursing homes.

On 23 March 2020 we issued a regulatory notice in relation to COVID-19 Contingency Planning in Designated Centres to assist you in the development of contingency plans for your designated centre.

Today in follow-up to this notice we have issued a regulatory assessment framework of the preparedness of designated centres for older people for a COVID-19 outbreak. This assessment has been sent to centres who have not yet experienced an outbreak of COVID-19 for completion.

As a provider of a centre with a confirmed or a suspected outbreak of Covid-19 it is also available to you on our website should you wish to use it to inform your management of your current situation.

Yours sincerely



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