

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

**Communique 9**

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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 a follow-up to this notice, please find attached a regulatory assessment framework of the preparedness of designated centres for older people for a COVID-19 outbreak.

As provider of a centre who has not yet experienced an outbreak of COVID-19 you are required to complete this self-assessment which sets out the minimum standard required to effectively respond to an outbreak of COVID-19. To assist you the self-assessment is also provided in Word format and a copy is available on our website.

You are not required to return the completed self-assessment to us, we will commence a programme of announced, on-site assessment of compliance from 29 April 2020.

Yours sincerely



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