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Dear Deputy Smyth,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has a role in upkeeping the houses which are falling into derelict especially in North Strand Dublin, when the owners are in a nursing home as part of the Fair Deal scheme.**

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme (Fair Deal) is a scheme of financial support available to those deemed to require long term residential care at registered Nursing Homes. The Scheme requires a care needs and financial assessment of the applicant to establish that they require long-term residential care services and to calculate their client contribution. The latter includes assessment of applicant income and assets, including the valuation of their principal residence.

The Fair Deal scheme has no entitlement to act or responsibility for the management of an applicant's assets. Recent legislative changes to the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009 provide for NHSS supported clients to rent their principal residence and have the allowable rental income amount disregarded from the calculation of their client contribution.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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