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# Private and Voluntary Nursing Home Fair Deal Rate

Analysis of The National Treatment Purchase Fund  
(NTPF) Agreed Private & Voluntary Nursing Home  
Fair Deal Rate (FDR) Changes in March 2026

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March 2026

## Introduction

Every month the HSE releases an update on the prevailing FDR for private & voluntary nursing homes operating under the Fair Deal Scheme across the country. This FDR represents the maximum price per week agreed between the nursing home and the HSE under the Nursing Home Support Scheme, providing an insight into not only the highest and lowest rates being achieved but also into the changes occurring on a monthly basis for each individual private and voluntary nursing home.

Nursing homes under the Fair Deal Scheme allow for residents to pay only a portion of their cost of care and the remaining is paid by the HSE to the nursing home.

For the past number of years, our Healthcare Team in Corporate Finance has analysed these changes, noting trends and patterns on a county-by-county basis and an all-country basis. We have now prepared this report to highlight the change in the rates between December 2025 and March 2026.

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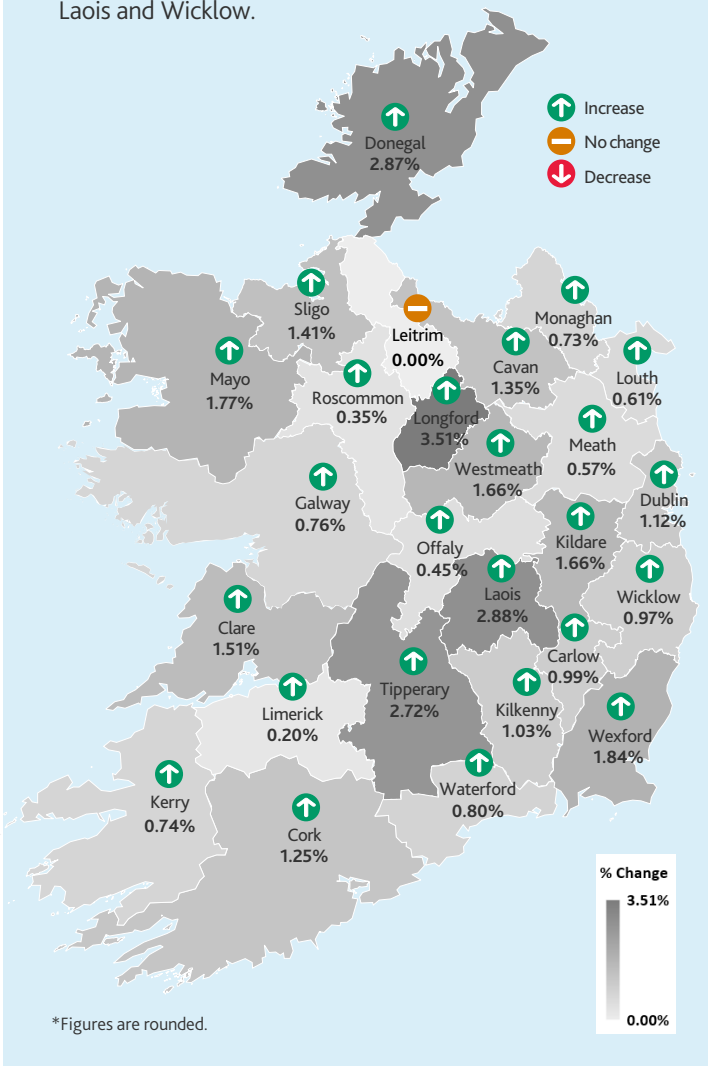
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## NTPF weekly rates: Average quarterly % change\* (December 2025/ March 2026)

### FDR comparison December 2025 vs March 2026

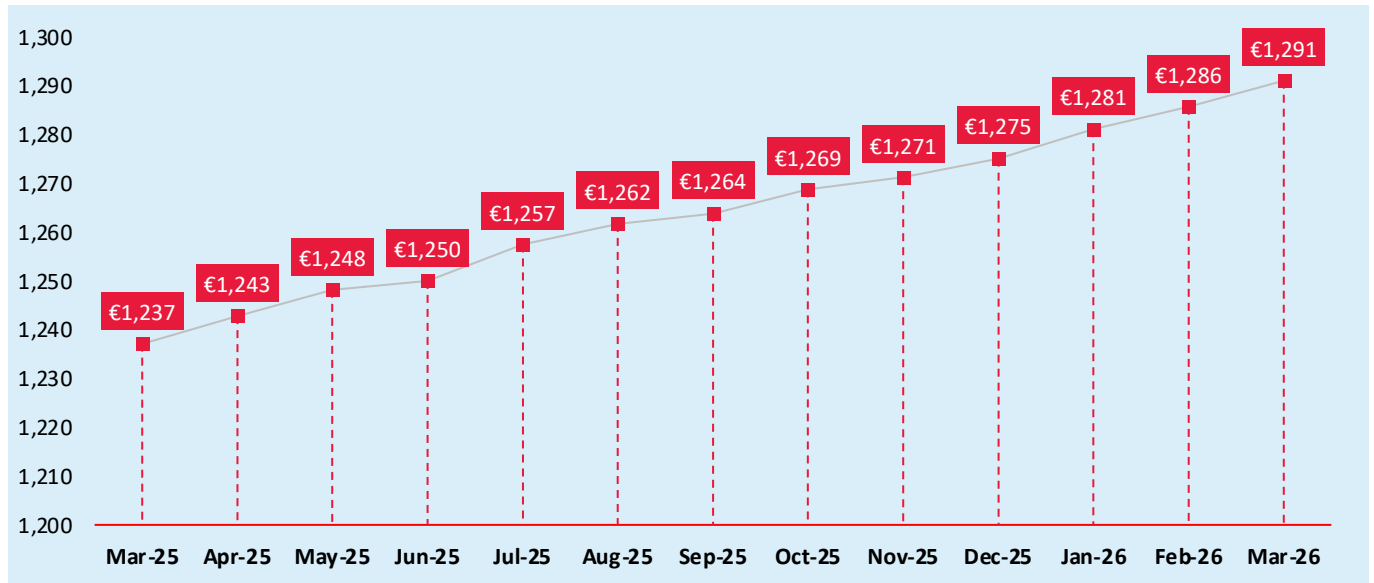
This map shows the quarterly average percentage change in agreed NTPF Fair Deal rates by county in March 2026 compared to the rates in December 2025 for the private and voluntary nursing homes:

- The FDR changes are a result of successful negotiation between individual nursing homes and the NTPF to agree on a maximum price that the nursing home charges under the Nursing Home Support Scheme on a weekly basis.
- The country average weekly rate has increased by 1.25% from €1,275 in December 2025 to €1,291 in March 2026.
- 25 counties showed an increase in the weekly average NTPF Fair Deal rates in March 2026 compared to December 2025, with the highest rate increase of 3.51% in Longford, where the average rate increased from €1,217 to €1,259. The lowest recorded increase of 0.2% was in Limerick, where the average weekly rate increased from €1,224 in December 2025 to €1,226 in March 2026.
- One county, Leitrim, showed no change in average FD rates compared to December 2025.
- There were two less homes in Ireland under the FD scheme in March 2026 compared to December 2025 in County Laois and Wicklow.



\*Figures are rounded.

Last 12 months country average weekly FDR increases for Private & Voluntary Nursing Homes in Ireland



NTPF Agreed Weekly Fair Deal Rates\*

County	Dec 25	Mar 26	% Change	Mar-25	No. of nursing homes under FDR scheme		
					Dec-25	Mar-26	Change
Carlow	1,214	1,226	⬆️ 0.99%	1,161	5	5	⬆️ 0
Cavan	1,262	1,279	⬆️ 1.35%	1,227	7	7	⬆️ 0
Clare	1,215	1,234	⬆️ 1.51%	1,164	12	12	⬆️ 0
Cork	1,274	1,289	⬆️ 1.25%	1,233	47	47	⬆️ 0
Donegal	1,205	1,240	⬆️ 2.87%	1,176	13	13	⬆️ 0
Dublin	1,384	1,400	⬆️ 1.12%	1,358	85	85	⬆️ 0
Galway	1,222	1,231	⬆️ 0.76%	1,165	30	30	⬆️ 0
Kerry	1,214	1,223	⬆️ 0.74%	1,157	15	15	⬆️ 0
Kildare	1,304	1,326	⬆️ 1.66%	1,277	20	20	⬆️ 0
Kilkenny	1,234	1,247	⬆️ 1.03%	1,197	10	10	⬆️ 0
Laois	1,237	1,272	⬆️ 2.88%	1,217	4	3	⬆️ -1
Leitrim	1,223	1,223	⬆️ 0.00%	1,142	2	2	⬆️ 0
Limerick	1,224	1,226	⬆️ 0.20%	1,161	20	20	⬆️ 0
Longford	1,217	1,259	⬆️ 3.51%	1,201	3	3	⬆️ 0
Louth	1,262	1,270	⬆️ 0.61%	1,221	9	9	⬆️ 0
Mayo	1,225	1,247	⬆️ 1.77%	1,185	17	17	⬆️ 0
Meath	1,284	1,291	⬆️ 0.57%	1,241	18	18	⬆️ 0
Monaghan	1,260	1,269	⬆️ 0.73%	1,220	4	4	⬆️ 0
Offaly	1,237	1,243	⬆️ 0.45%	1,194	5	5	⬆️ 0
Roscommon	1,209	1,213	⬆️ 0.35%	1,151	7	7	⬆️ 0
Sligo	1,289	1,308	⬆️ 1.41%	1,256	6	6	⬆️ 0
Tipperary	1,226	1,259	⬆️ 2.72%	1,193	24	24	⬆️ 0
Waterford	1,256	1,266	⬆️ 0.80%	1,209	7	7	⬆️ 0
Westmeath	1,204	1,224	⬆️ 1.66%	1,164	8	8	⬆️ 0
Wexford	1,235	1,258	⬆️ 1.84%	1,207	14	14	⬆️ 0
Wicklow	1,305	1,317	⬆️ 0.97%	1,269	18	17	⬆️ -1
<b>COUNTRY AVERAGE*</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>⬆️ 1.25%</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>⬆️ -2</b>

\*Figures are rounded, country average rates provided includes all private & voluntary nursing homes under the Fair Deal Scheme

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