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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 September 2026

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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 June 2026 and September 2026.

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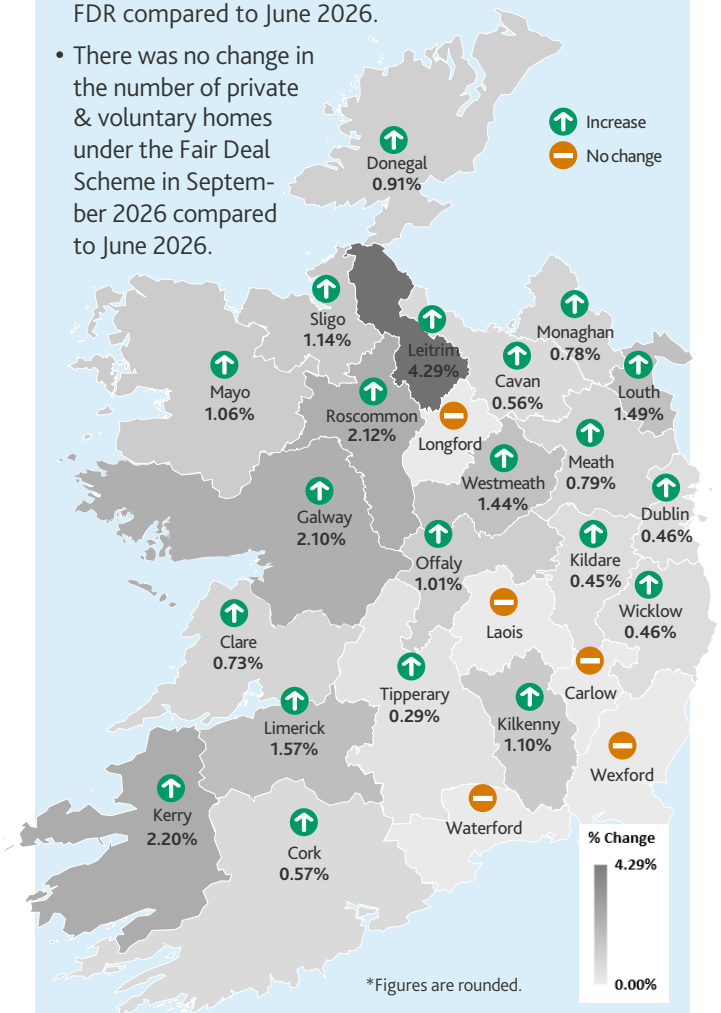
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NTPF weekly FDR: Average quarterly % change* (June 2026 / September 2026)

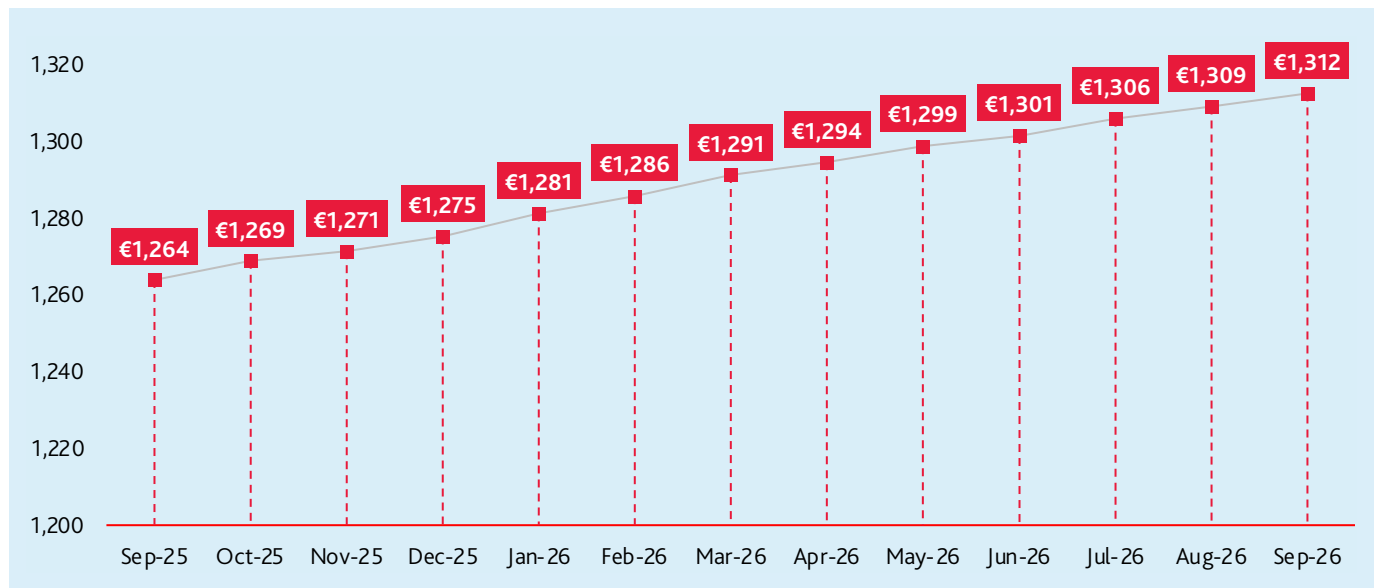
FDR comparison June 2026 and September 2026

This map shows the quarterly average percentage change in agreed NTPF FDRs by county in September 2026 compared to the rates in June 2026 for 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 FDR has increased by 0.84% from €1,301 in June 2026 to €1,312 in September 2026.
- 21 counties showed an increase in the weekly average FDR in September 2026 compared to June 2026.
- The highest average FDR increase of 4.29% in September compared to June was in Leitrim, where the average rate increased from €1,223 to €1,276 (However noting there are only two homes in the County under the Fair Deal scheme).
- The lowest average FDR increase of 0.29% was in Tipperary, where the average weekly rate increased from €1,266 in June 2026 to €1,270 in September 2026.
- Five counties, Carlow, Laois, Longford, Waterford and Wexford, showed no change in average FDR compared to June 2026.
- There was no change in the number of private & voluntary homes under the Fair Deal Scheme in September 2026 compared to June 2026.



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



NTPF Agreed Weekly Fair Deal Rates*

County	Jun 26	Sept 26	% Change		Sept-25	No. of nursing homes under the FDR scheme			
						Jun-26	Sept-26	Change	
Carlow	1,256	1,256	➔	0.00%	1,204	5	5	➔	-
Cavan	1,283	1,291	⬆	0.56%	1,237	7	7	➔	-
Clare	1,251	1,260	⬆	0.73%	1,201	12	12	➔	-
Cork	1,299	1,307	⬆	0.57%	1,259	47	47	➔	-
Donegal	1,247	1,259	⬆	0.91%	1,202	13	13	➔	-
Dublin	1,407	1,414	⬆	0.46%	1,375	86	86	➔	-
Galway	1,243	1,269	⬆	2.10%	1,217	31	31	➔	-
Kerry	1,235	1,262	⬆	2.20%	1,203	15	15	➔	-
Kildare	1,335	1,341	⬆	0.45%	1,300	20	20	➔	-
Kilkenny	1,260	1,274	⬆	1.10%	1,230	10	10	➔	-
Laois	1,284	1,284	➔	0.00%	1,237	3	3	➔	-
Leitrim	1,223	1,276	⬆	4.29%	1,223	2	2	➔	-
Limerick	1,244	1,263	⬆	1.57%	1,204	21	21	➔	-
Longford	1,276	1,276	➔	0.00%	1,217	3	3	➔	-
Louth	1,277	1,296	⬆	1.49%	1,252	9	9	➔	-
Mayo	1,259	1,272	⬆	1.06%	1,219	17	17	➔	-
Meath	1,302	1,313	⬆	0.79%	1,269	18	18	➔	-
Monaghan	1,279	1,289	⬆	0.78%	1,247	4	4	➔	-
Offaly	1,249	1,262	⬆	1.01%	1,213	5	5	➔	-
Roscommon	1,228	1,254	⬆	2.12%	1,209	8	8	➔	-
Sligo	1,318	1,333	⬆	1.14%	1,287	6	6	➔	-
Tipperary	1,266	1,270	⬆	0.29%	1,204	23	23	➔	-
Waterford	1,283	1,283	➔	0.00%	1,233	7	7	➔	-
Westmeath	1,224	1,241	⬆	1.44%	1,186	8	8	➔	-
Wexford	1,265	1,265	➔	0.00%	1,209	14	14	➔	-
Wicklow	1,331	1,338	⬆	0.46%	1,295	17	17	➔	-
COUNTRY AVERAGE*	1,301	1,312	⬆	0.84%	1,264	411	411	➔	-

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

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