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£70m Package for Care and Nursing Homes

Back in March when Robin Swann, when he was Health Minister, announced that a £70 million pound package was being distributed to nursing and care homes, I was delighted we were going to be rewarded. I sent emails to Robin Swann's office to see if the Somme Nursing Home was going to be part of this distribution. I was delighted to receive emails to inform that yes the Somme Nursing home will be part of it. I never heard anything and sent another email. I was informed that this is now in possession of the Belfast Trust. Could you let us know what is the outcome of the package and if our staff is getting any of the package.

It is the Belfast Trust's understanding that the £70m funding was made available for uplifts and additional inflationary pressures.

Please see media release: [£70m support package unveiled | Department of Health \(health-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/news/£70m-support-package-unveiled).

The £70m funding was made available for pay cost increases in:

- Independent Sector (IS) Nursing Homes
- IS Residential Homes
- Supported Living settings
- Jointly Commissioned Supported Accommodation
- IS Children's Homes
- IS Domiciliary Care
- Self-Directed Support (SDS) and Direct Payment contracts
- HSC contracts in Community & Voluntary and Hospice sectors

The Trust issued correspondence to Care Homes, to include the Somme Nursing Home, in respect of tariff uplifts and additional funding on 18 April 2024, 3 June 2024 and 19 August 2024. Attached in a separate document are copies of that correspondence.

The Trust can confirm that the Somme Nursing Home have been paid all tariff uplifts for both 2023/24 and 2024/25, as well as the additional non-recurrent funding for inflationary pressures in 2023/24.