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**Re. 'The Liaison Social Work Role in Nursing Homes and Residential Settings: Guidance for Social Workers'**

Dear Professor Kelleher,

Further to our previous submission, I am writing to forward a copy of our newly published 'The Liaison Social Work Role in Nursing Homes and Residential Settings: Guidance for Social Workers' which outlines guidance for the communication care and practical, emotional and social support the Irish Association of Social Workers believes should be routinely available to all residents and their families. Similar models have been used in a small number of public nursing home units in Ireland to positive family feedback and in the 'family liaison social work role' in nursing homes in Northern Ireland.

I trust this will be useful to the work of the Expert Panel and would like to take this opportunity to wish you well in the development of the final report.

Your Sincerely,

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