

Election 2016

Commitments on Dementia

- **Fine Gael** have committed to the full implementation of the National Dementia Strategy. Please see page 72 of their election manifesto- http://www.finegael.ie/_uuid/b5055220-ec96-4f03-b18a-4506e8d3119c/manifesto.pdf
- **Fianna Fáil** have committed to the implementation of the National Dementia Strategy and the development of a second strategy that will ensure people with dementia are supported to live well in the community. They have also said they will ensure that every person with dementia that requires home care has access to dementia-specific care in their home, that we must act so that everyone with dementia has access to a timely diagnosis and appropriate post-diagnosis support, and that the needs of people with younger onset dementia must be addressed. Please see page 34 of their health manifesto- <https://www.fiannafail.ie/download/health/Putting%20Patients%20and%20Services%20First.pdf>
- **Sinn Féin** have committed to the implementation of the National Dementia Strategy and the development of a second strategy that will ensure people with dementia are supported to live well in the community. They have said they will work to ensure that every person with dementia who requires home care has access to dementia-specific care in his/her home and have committed to enhancing provision for housing adaptation. They have said they will aim to ensure that everyone with dementia has access to a timely diagnosis and appropriate post-diagnosis support. Please see page 72 of their health manifesto- https://issuu.com/sinnfeinireland/docs/healthdoc_dec2015_final_web
- **The Green Party** supports investigating the development of 'Dementia Villages' such as those in the Netherlands, where patients with cognitive impairment are cared for in settings which are in line with their childhood and young adult memories. They have also given a commitment to The Alzheimer Society of Ireland that they will support the implementation of the National Dementia Strategy and the development of a second strategy that will ensure people with dementia are supported to live well in the community. Please see page 26 of their health manifesto- <https://greenparty.ie/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Green-Party-Health-Policy-Jan-2016.pdf>
- **The Labour Party** has referenced the National Dementia Strategy in the 'Positive Ageing' section of their election manifesto, but has not included any commitment to its implementation or to the development of a second strategy. Despite this, a number of Labour candidates have pledged to support the implementation of the National Dementia Strategy and the development of a second strategy that will ensure people with dementia are supported to live well in the community. Please see page 81 of their election manifesto- https://www.labour.ie/download/pdf/labour_manifesto_2016.pdf