

Draft Proposal for the Provision of a Changing Places Toilet in Certain Buildings

Care Alliance Submission

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We are pleased to make this short submission on the above consultation for the provision of a Changing Places toilet in certain buildings.

For context, Care Alliance Ireland is the national umbrella organisation for not-for-profit groups who support family carers across Ireland. Our membership is made up of organisations across care, ageing, disability and community groups. As such, the Changing Places campaign is one we have long supported, although not in a formal capacity.

Having studied the Draft Proposal in the course of preparation for this submission, we have concluded that we in Care Alliance have nothing further to add to the recommendations. We do, however, wish to show our support for the proposals outlined, in particular the recommendation from the Working Group which recommends that proposed Option B be taken;

Introduce amendments as proposed to the Building Regulations and associated minimum standards in Technical Guidance Document M – Access and Use.

We are pleased to note the addition of both a person who uses Changing Places facilities, along with a family member/ carer in the membership of the working group which developed these proposals. Ensuring the voice of all those who may be using and/or assisting those using such facilities is included, is critical to ensure the highest possible level of accessibility for the largest possible cohort of society.

As for the particulars of the proposed minimum standards, Care Alliance Ireland is not in a position to make particular additional recommendations or comments. We are sure a number of our member organisations will make their own submissions, coming from their own particular viewpoints and mindful of the needs of those they support.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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