



19th October, 2021

Deputy Gino Kenny, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ: 47761/21

To ask the Minister for Health the outcome in which the fair deal scheme has been approved but a spouse subsequently wants to separate and sell the family home: if the home can be sold in this instance: if so, the way that this will affect the approved scheme if after selling the home the person approved for the scheme uses their share of the proceeds of the sale to buy another property; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kenny,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the Parliamentary Question above, which was submitted to this Department for response. In response to this Parliamentary Question, I wish to advise as follows:

The Nursing Home Support Scheme (Amendment) Act which is effective from 20th October, 2021 makes provision for the sale of a persons' Principal Private Residence. The Net proceeds of sale of a Principal Private Residence will qualify for the 3 year cap with effect from 20th October (Prior to this amendment the proceeds of sale of the PPR were not eligible for the 3 year cap). The PPR must be located in the State and the sale completed after the client began to receive care services.

There are various elements to the Nursing Home Support Scheme which need to be considered when making a determination on a persons' eligibility and entitlement. In order to provide a comprehensive response to the particular case as outlined in this parliamentary question, it is necessary to obtain further information. Please provide further details including the persons' name address and date of birth if available

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

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