

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 1st MARCH 2021  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 8th MARCH 2021**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide members with the following information –

- (a) whether the personal allowance for a Long-Term Care recipient living in a care home has been raised in line with R.P.I. from the rate of £37.80 (in place as at 1st January 2020);
- (b) the number of care home residents that have been required to use this allowance to pay for specialist medical costs, if any;
- (c) the number of claims, if any, made by low-income care home residents (or those in the community) for financial assistance with specialist medical costs via the Income Support scheme during 2020, as well as the total sum requested?

**Answer**

a) The Personal Allowance for a Long-Term Care recipient living in a care home was increased by 1.1% effective from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. The value of the weekly allowance is now £38.22. The published figure for RPI to December 2020 was 0.9%.

b) The personal allowance is for the personal use of the care home resident and the Government does this does not hold any records of how these allowances are spent.

c) The total number of Special Payment claims categorised as medical expenses in 2020 from low income care home residents who also claim a Long-Term Care benefit or from Income Support claimants living in the community was 188 and the total sum paid in 2020 was £27,100.