

CHECKLIST

Things to keep in mind during your search for the perfect new home

Pay attention to the staff

- What was their attitude when assisting you?
- What training do the care staff have, e.g. are there Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurses, Trained Carers?
- Is there adequate staff to provide care overnight and on weekends?

Ask about their provided services

- What type of care or services are provided/not provided?
- Were you given access to look all around the home, in an existing room and at all amenities?
- What are the daily routines of the home?
- What type of social and cultural activities are provided? Is there variety and are you able to choose what interests you?
- What are the meal arrangements – is there flexibility and variety in the menu?
- Can the home meet your medical and/or special needs (e.g. language, culture, religious observances)?

Look at the presentation of the home

- Was the home fresh, clean and in good condition and repair?
- Is there easy access to and well-maintained outdoor areas?

Pay attention to room types and ask about availability

- Do you have the option of a single or shared room?
- Can you have your own private telephone?
- Are there options for couples to share a room?
- What furnishings or personal items are supplied and what are you able to bring with you?
- Are bathrooms shared or private?
- Is there adequate storage provided?

Ask about options that will enhance your quality of life

- Can family and friends be involved in care and activities?
- What transport is provided to go on outings?