



Brendan Glennon – How the Health System failed him.

Cardiac Arrest

- Resuscitated after Cardiac Arrest
- A few days in the Cardiac Unit
- Transferred to Medical Ward

Medically fit for Discharge

- Dementia diagnosis became a problem.
- I wanted to support Brendan at home
- What I requested
 - 1 weeks convalescence pre discharge
 - 1 hour morning and 1 hour evening to support Brendan to come home.
- I was advised none of this was available
- Fair Deal was the only option

Cost of Brendan's care
 10 wks Hospital compared to 2 weeks
 convalescence and 14 hours per week at
 home

Hospital bed per week €2,500 x 10		Convalescence x2 Home Help 14 hrs x 8	€2,000.00
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	€25,000.00		€4,352.00

Health Deterioration

- After a fall he is confined to bed
 - He develops bedsores
 - Becomes incontinent
- Lack of specialised seating – pressure cushion
- Doesn't want physiotherapy
- He becomes depressed
- He stops eating
- Dehydration – Water at the bedside

Outcome of Hospital Stay

- By the time fair deal was approved Brendan was
 - totally immobile
 - Incontinent
 - had given up eating,
 - was deeply depressed and his psychological distress was ignored.
- None of these conditions were anything to do with cardiac arrest, they were all due to the lack of integrated dementia aware care.

- Early diagnosis of Dementia is now recommended.
- Who would want to admit to a diagnosis of dementia if this is the kind of treatment one could expect?



Thank you for listening