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€1m to provide training and supports for Home Carers

Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton T.D., announced today (8th June, 2015) that one million euros from the Dormant Accounts Fund, has been made available to provide a range of supports for Home Carers.

The Department of Social Protection (DSP) will sponsor the new round of funding, which includes measures to promote supports for Home Carers. The new measure will be administered and managed by Pobal, who today stated that applications will be open to eligible groups from 1st July with a closing date of 22nd July 2015. Pobal will also be providing a series of four regional pre-application information meetings which will take place during the month of June.

The Tánaiste said, “**I am delighted to announce that €1m is being made available through the dormant Accounts Fund for project proposals which provide training, information and related support services for Home Carers. The purpose of this measure will be to upskill carers to provide the best care possible, to reduce the risk of injury to the carer and to help them cope with the emotional and psychological aspects of their role. Funding will also be made available to provide for the dissemination of resource information for Home Carers and to provide supports to reduce social isolation experienced by Home Carers.**”

Full details on this measure, the online application process, and how to register for the pre-application meetings are available from Pobal’s website on www.pobal.ie.

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Note to Editors

Pobal is a not-for-profit intermediary organisation that manages various funding programmes on behalf of the Irish Government and the EU. www.pobal.ie

The Dormant Accounts Fund is a scheme for the disbursement of funds that are unlikely to be claimed from accounts in credit institutions in Ireland i.e. Bank, Building Societies and An Post.

The fund is administered under the 2001 Dormant Accounts Act, together with the Unclaimed Life Assurance Policies Act 2003 and the Dormant Accounts (Amendment) Act 2012 and is under the statutory functions of the Minister of the Environment, Community and Local Government with effect from the 1st January 2013. The New Dormant Accounts Disbursement Scheme 2010-2016 was announced on the 16th November 2013 and will apply for a maximum of 3 years and sets out the objectives to be achieved by making disbursements from the Fund.

In each year monies may be disbursed in accordance with Part 6 of the 2012 Act, from the Account, but only for the purposes of programmes or project to assist:-

- The personal and social development of persons who are economically or socially disadvantaged
- The educational development of persons who are educationally disadvantaged or
- Persons with a disability (within the meaning of the Equal Status Act 2000)

The Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2014 has been adopted by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government which outlines the measures (programmes) and amount of funding which can be allocated to project proposals which meet the requirements and criteria under each measure in 2015.