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Affidea Donate MRI scans to Safetynet Primary Care for people experiencing Homelessness, Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Today Affidea Ireland have announced that they are to partner with Safetynet Primary care, a medical charity that provides medical care to Irelands most marginalised. Safetynet provides GP and nursing care to people experiencing homelessness and to vulnerable migrants and others without access to services. It also provides GP care and screening services to asylum seekers and refugees throughout the country.

On the 20th of December, this partnership will be launched with Affidea donating a day of MRI scanning at their Meath street imaging centre to Safetynet Primary Care.

Barry Downes, Country Manager for Affidea Ireland stated “At Affidea, we are proud to be able to support Safetynet in their provision of care to those most in need”

“This year instead of giving cards and gifts to our business partners we have partnered with organisations who provide care to the most vulnerable in society. We believe that supporting Safetynet in the work that they do will allow us to help those that are often left behind by healthcare in Ireland”

“Our staff have been instrumental in supporting this initiative, and without their support this would not have been possible”

“This year, we will be also be making a donation to Simon Ireland on behalf of our staff “

Dr Fiona O Reilly, CEO of Safetynet Primary care, stated “We are really excited to be given the opportunity to partner with Affidea. It will allow our patients to access diagnostics such as MRI and Ultrasounds that they would otherwise have waited years to access”

“We are very grateful to the Affidea staff, in the Meath primary care centre in particular for all their support and assistance”

Dr Maitiu O Tuathail, GP with Safetynet primary care, Stated “Today, we have had asylum seekers, refugees and homeless patients travel from all over Ireland to have MRI’s, that in many cases, they would have otherwise waited years to have”

“This support from Affidea will make a huge difference to our patients and will facilitate them in getting a diagnosis and the onwards care that they need”

“In many cases it’s the difference between having an operation at the time that it is required versus waiting years until things have deteriorated to an irreversible extent”

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