

Conas tá síad 'sa bhaile - 'How are they at Home' -

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Enhancing the Quality of Life

OLDER PEOPLE

ENHANCING
THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE

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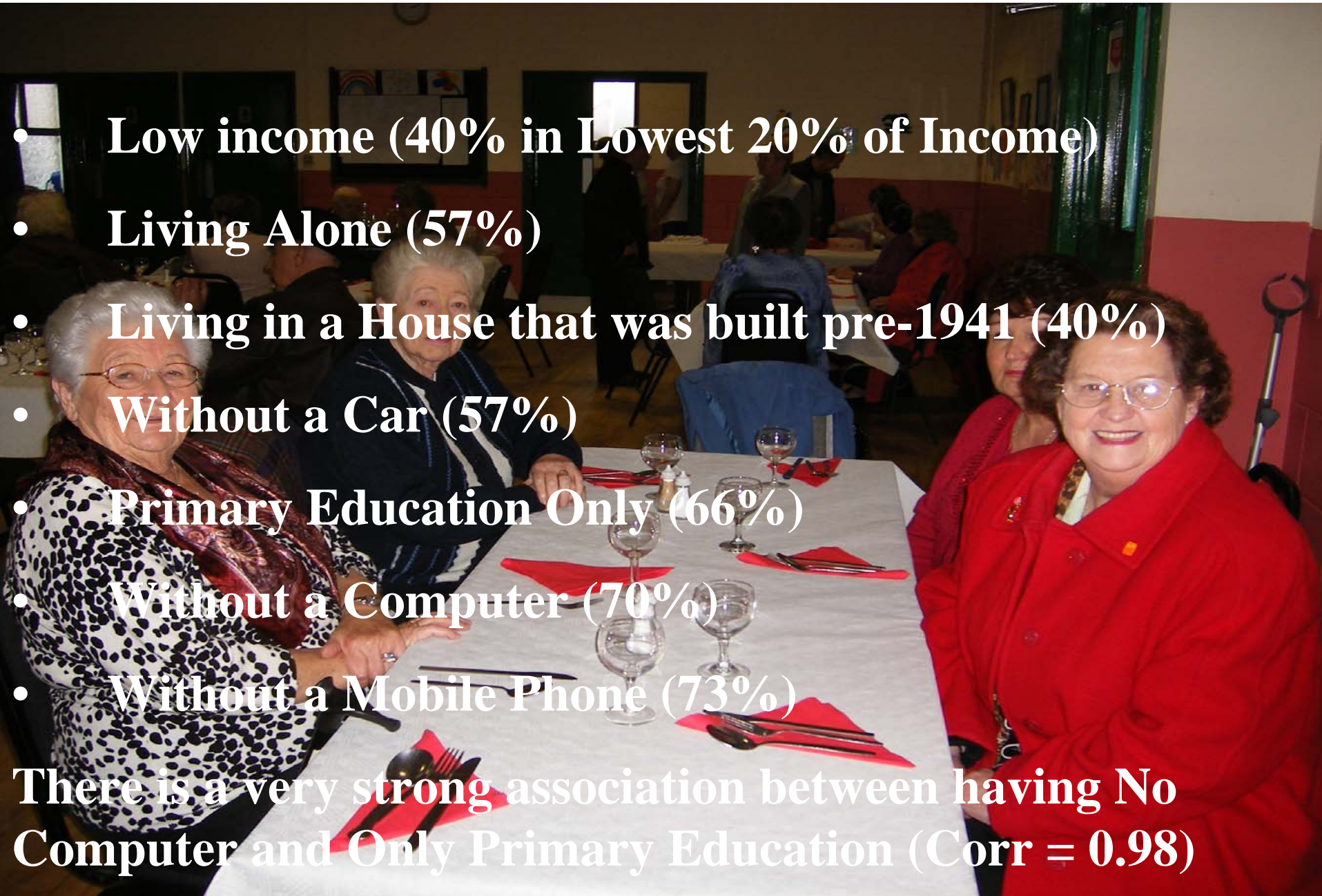
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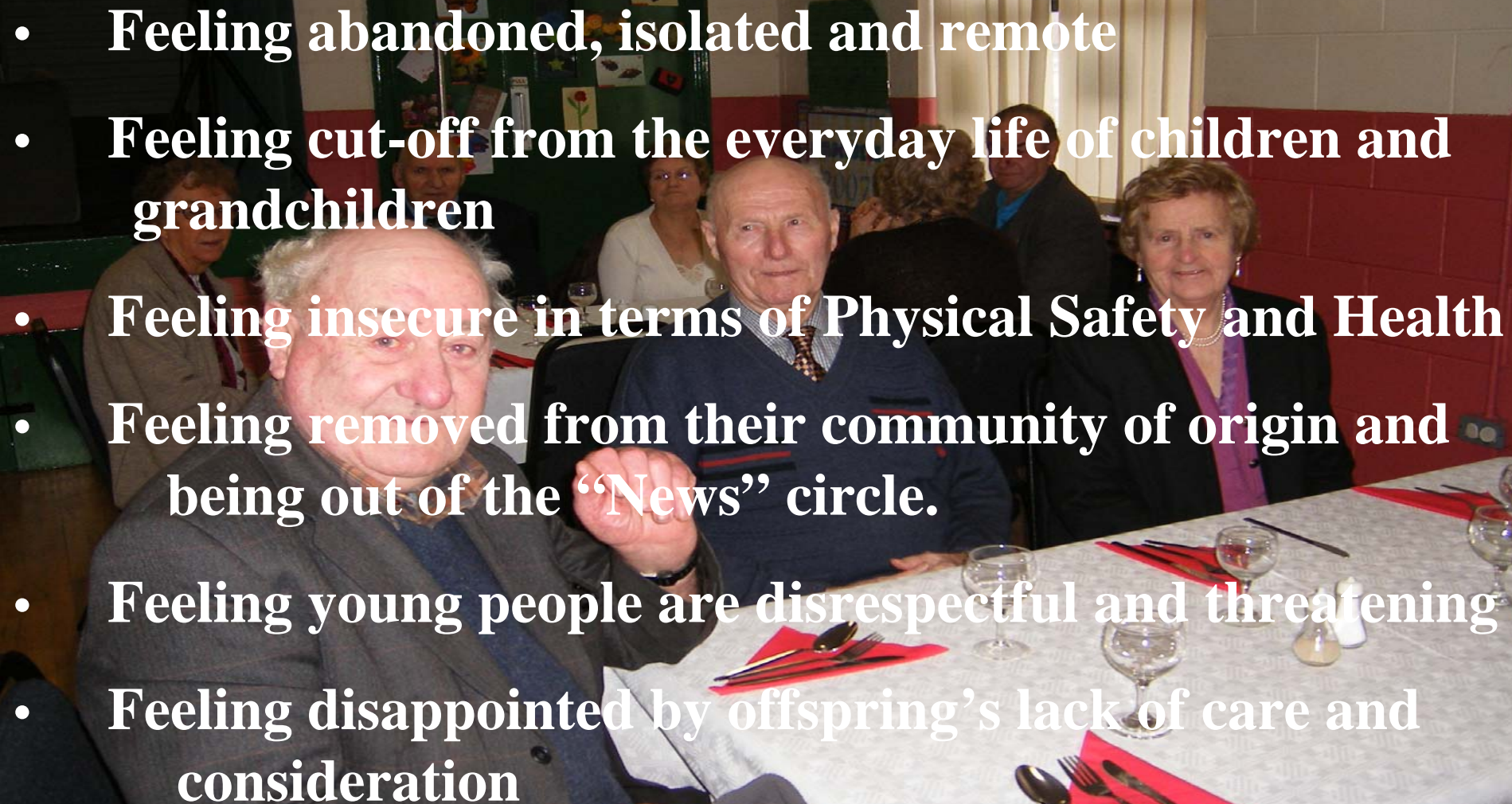
Factors affecting Older People's Quality of Life

- **Low income (40% in Lowest 20% of Income)**
- **Living Alone (57%)**
- **Living in a House that was built pre-1941 (40%)**
- **Without a Car (57%)**
- **Primary Education Only (66%)**
- **Without a Computer (70%)**
- **Without a Mobile Phone (73%)**

There is a very strong association between having No Computer and Only Primary Education (Corr = 0.98)



Consequences for Older People of 15 Years of Social and Economic Change

- Feeling abandoned, isolated and remote
 - Feeling cut-off from the everyday life of children and grandchildren
 - Feeling insecure in terms of Physical Safety and Health
 - Feeling removed from their community of origin and being out of the “News” circle.
 - Feeling young people are disrespectful and threatening
 - Feeling disappointed by offspring’s lack of care and consideration
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Enhancing the Quality of Life by Enhancing Relationships

- Enhancing relationships with self through the Art of Ageing
 - Enhancing relationships with Family and Friends
 - Enhancing relationships with Neighbours and Neighbourhood
 - Enhancing relationships with Support Agencies and Support Organisations
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- A photograph showing a man in a dark blue uniform, likely a staff member or volunteer, smiling as he pours water from a glass pitcher into a glass for an elderly man seated at a dining table. The setting appears to be a community center or restaurant with other people seated at tables in the background.

Enhancing Communications and Access to Information for Older People

Using Webcams to assist Older People communicate with:

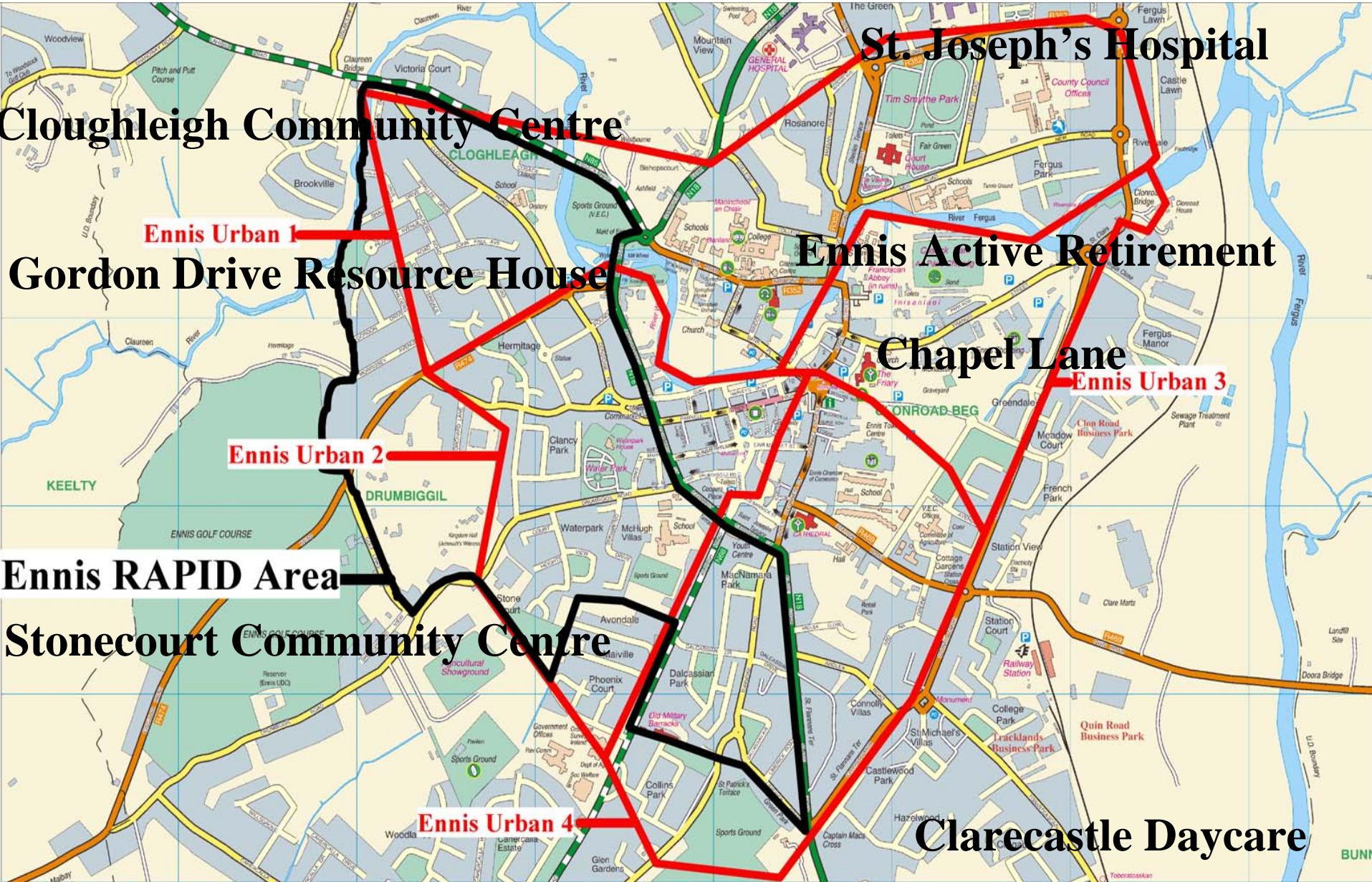
- Other Older People
- Family and Friends
- Neighbours and Neighbour
- Their Service providers and their support

Organisations

- Sources of Information
- Cultural and Social Events



Community Locations of Webcams

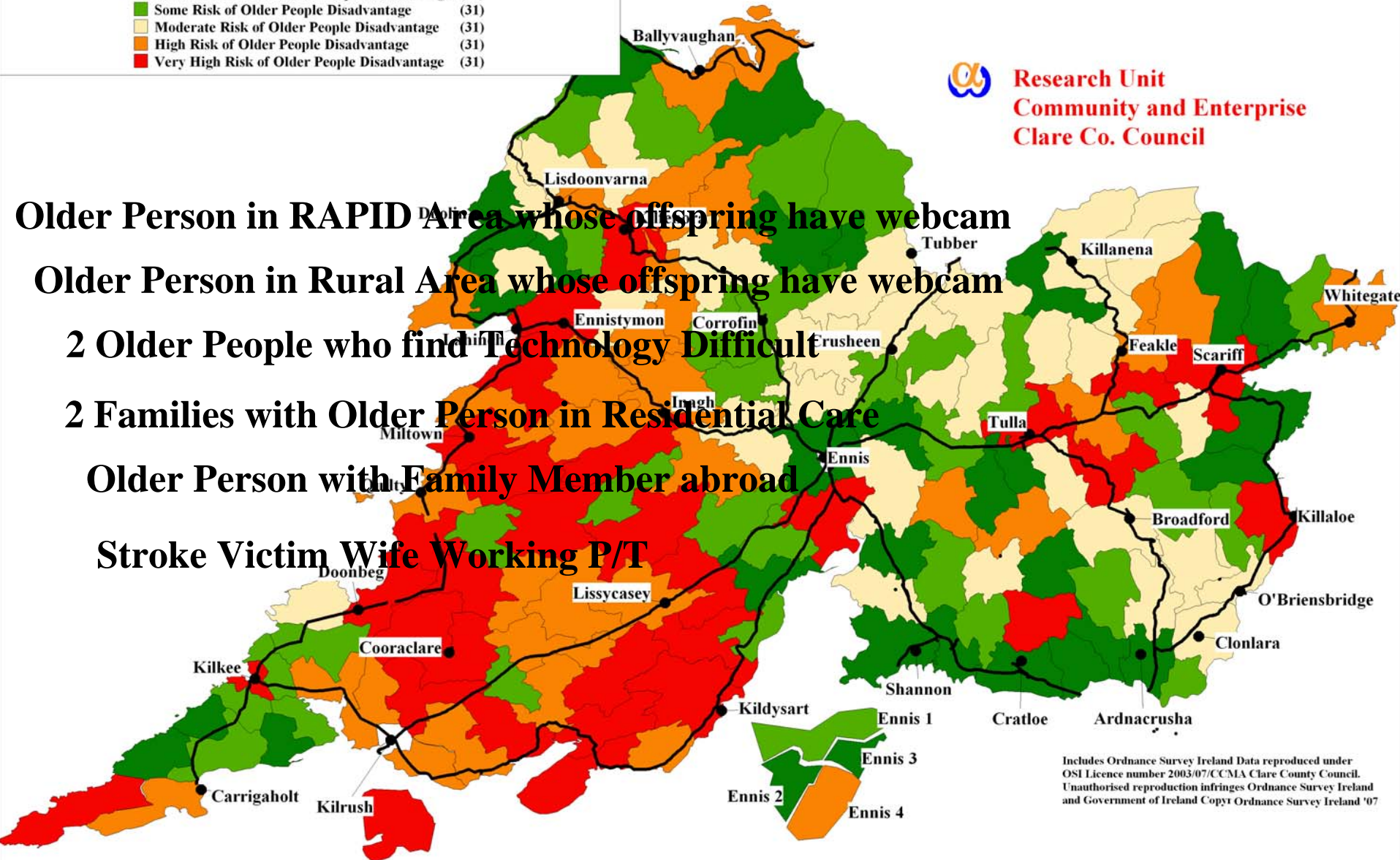


Family Locations of Webcams

2006 Older People Disadvantage in 2 Factor Analysis of 6 Variables
 Living Alone/Two Together, Primary Ed, Built pre-1941, No C/H, No Computer

- Little or No Risk of Older People Disadvantage (31)
- Some Risk of Older People Disadvantage (31)
- Moderate Risk of Older People Disadvantage (31)
- High Risk of Older People Disadvantage (31)
- Very High Risk of Older People Disadvantage (31)

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Older Person in RAPID Area whose offspring have webcam

Older Person in Rural Area whose offspring have webcam

2 Older People who find Technology Difficult

2 Families with Older Person in Residential Care

Older Person with Family Member abroad

Stroke Victim Wife Working P/T

