Working together to deliver a world class hospital for our children

The new children’s hospital on a shared campus with St James’s Hospital will bring together the three existing children’s hospitals (Temple Street Children’s University Hospital, Our Lady’s Children Hospital, Crumlin and the National Children’s Hospital, Tallaght) in a modern building that is custom-built to deliver the best care & treatments that are now available. Much of the current infrastructure in the existing children’s hospitals is not compatible with contemporary healthcare needs and the current duplication and triplication of some services across the three paediatric services in Dublin is unsustainable.

Its completion will result in better clinical outcomes and increased operational efficiency, as well as significantly enhancing the experience of service for children, young people and their families; and staff.

This is the most significant capital investment project ever undertaken in healthcare in Ireland and is a core part of Ireland’s transition to a new National Model of Care of Paediatric services. The new national Model of Care involves treating the vast majority of children and young people as close to home as is medically appropriate, and reflects best national and international developments in healthcare. Paediatricians and child health professionals fully accept that this is best practice.

Indicative Model of Care Network

The new children’s hospital is the epi-centre of a model of care that reaches every community in Ireland.

Local, Accessible Care for your Children

The new children’s hospital will provide specialist care for Ireland’s sickest children. It will also replace the hospitals of Crumlin and Temple Street as the local hospital for children who live in the city and within the M50.

Day-to-day (secondary paediatric care and urgent care) hospital needs of children from the Greater Dublin Area (County Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow) will be catered for in the new Satellite Centres (at Tallaght Hospital and Connolly Hospital in Blanchardstown) where consultant-led emergency care will be delivered. These urgent care units will have observation beds and state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging and x-ray equipment.

Local and regional hospitals around the country will also play a very important part in delivering the new national Model of Care.

"The vast majority of paediatric services are delivered on a same day basis and delivered locally through out-patient clinics or emergency/urgent care units, with approximately 22% of children attending the existing children’s hospitals as in patients coming from outside the Greater Dublin Area."
Why the campus at St James’s Hospital is the best location for the new children’s hospital

There are many reasons why the campus of St James's Hospital was selected as the location for the new children’s hospital, but the primary one is that it will best support the delivery of better clinical outcomes for children and young people. It is recognised international best practice* from a clinical perspective to locate children’s hospitals on the same campus as an adult teaching hospital and a maternity hospital - this is known as ‘tri-location’.

St James’s Hospital is Ireland’s largest and leading adult teaching and research-intensive hospital. It has the greatest number of clinical specialties and national services in the acute adult hospital system. It also has the widest range of adult sub-specialties that can support paediatric services, ensuring patients with conditions whose prevalence does not warrant paediatric-only consultants, get the best support. There are many specialists that work between both adult and children’s hospitals already and this is likely to increase once the new children’s hospital opens.

The tri location of the new children’s hospital and the re-located Coombe maternity hospital on a shared campus with St. James’s Hospital will create a centre of medical expertise to support research, innovation and education.

ST JAMES’S HOSPITAL IS IRELAND’S MOST RESEARCH-INTENSIVE HOSPITAL

ST JAMES’S HOSPITAL HAS THE GREATEST NUMBER OF CLINICAL SPECIALTIES AND NATIONAL SERVICES IN ONE PLACE

THE CAMPUS IS SERVED BY MORE PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPTIONS THAN ANY OTHER HOSPITAL IN IRELAND

Other important factors that led to the selection of the campus of St James’s Hospital are its central location, to provide local inner city services, and its excellent public transport links.

St James’s Hospital is centrally located in Dublin and has more public transport links than any other hospital in the country. The Luas will stop directly at the children’s hospital, many bus routes pass directly by, and Heuston Station is within close proximity. There will also be park and ride facilities at the Red Cow for staff or visitors who wish to ‘park and ride’ to the St James’s Campus via the Luas. This journey is only 14 minutes.

There will be 1,000 parking spaces associated with the new children’s hospital*. This will include spaces for families and visitors, as well as an emergency drop off location. The parking system will also allow families to reserve spaces ahead of arriving to the hospital. Every aspect of the parking requirements for the new children’s hospital has been considered and is included in the Environmental Impact Statement within the planning application submitted to An Bord Pleanála, with approximately 1 parking space being provided for every occupied bed within the new children’s hospital, as well as projections of the daily requirements for the Emergency Department, Out Patients Department, day cases and family parking.

Current parking situation at the children’s hospitals Combined, the existing three children’s hospitals have a total of 230 parking spaces for families and it is recognised that this is not sufficient to cater for current or future family parking demands.

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Extensive Consultation

During the design stage, there were over 1,000 hours of engagement and consultation with local residents and businesses, as well as with staff from the existing three children’s hospitals and with families, young people and children who are former or current users of the service.

This extensive consultation process has led to the development of a world-class building which has been designed to enable staff to deliver the best possible clinical care for children and young people.

“We set out to create a hospital without precedent, the finest medical facilities in a sustainable building, featuring a sequence of spaces inside and out where children’s creativity and freedom of body and mind thrives, it’s about delivering the environment for care to flourish.”

Benedict Zucchi  LEAD ARCHITECT NEW CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Benefits for the local Dublin 8 community

The addition of the new children’s hospital to the campus at St James’s Hospital will have a positive knock on effect to the local community. A Community Benefit Oversight Group has already been established to identify and deliver benefits for the local community, independently chaired by Tusla CEO, Gordon Jeyes.

The Hospital has also agreed to include Community Benefit Clauses in its procurement contracts. This would be the first time in Ireland that a Community Benefit Programme on this scale has been undertaken in a community.

Liaison with local businesses is also underway to identify and plan for the business opportunities that will present themselves once the hospital is up and running.

Over the course of the development, it is estimated that about 2,000 construction workers and 300 service employees will be needed to build the new hospital. Everyone from bricklayers to carpenters, electricians to plumbers, roofer to quantity surveyors.

When will construction begin on the new children’s hospital and the satellite centres?

The planning application for the new children’s hospital and the satellite centres was submitted to An Bord Pleanála in August 2015 and its decision is expected in early 2016. Subject to planning, construction at the satellite centres will commence in early 2016, and they are expected to be completed in early 2017.

The new children’s hospital has been designed to meet projected child population growth and unmet need. The St James’s Hospital Campus has in excess of 50 acres of land. Twelve acres are being made available for the new children’s hospital and the site has been designed for future expansion.

New children’s hospital Information Centre

The National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) has opened a dedicated information centre in Rialto where members of the public can view a physical 3D model of the proposed new children’s hospital, the OPD and Urgent Care Satellite Centres proposed for Tallaght and Blanchardstown, the hospital’s Family Accommodation Unit, and the Children’s Research and Innovation Centre.

Members of the public can see a 3D model and information boards which detail the various aspects of the new children’s hospital project at the new dedicated information centre. An Bord Pleanála are to commence an oral hearing for the new children’s hospital on Monday 30th November.

NEW CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL INFORMATION CENTRE
568 South Circular Road, Rialto, Dublin 8.

Opening Times:
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 11am - 2pm
Thursday 4pm - 7pm
Friday 2pm - 5pm

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Support for the development of the new children’s hospital on a shared campus with St James’s Hospital

The vast majority of paediatric doctors, nurses and health service professionals and managers in this country support this project, including:

Minister Leo Varadkar TD, Minister for Health
Eilish Hardiman, CEO, Children’s Hospital Group
Dr Emma Curtis, National Children’s Hospital, Tallaght
Professor Owen Smith, Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin
Mr Bill Maher, CEO RCSH Hospitals Group
Dr Susan O’Reilly, CEO, Dublin Midlands Hospital Group
Helen Shortt, CEO, Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin
David Sleevn, CEO, Tallaght Hospital
Mona Baker, CEO, Temple Street Children’s University Hospital
Professor Alf Nicholson, Temple Street Children’s Hospital
Dr John Murphy, Temple Street Children’s Hospital
Lorcan Birthistle, CEO, St James’s Hospital
Dr Peter Greally, Group Clinical Director, Children’s Hospital Group
Dr Ciara Martin, Clinical Director, Children’s Hospital Group
Dr Martin J White, Consultant Neonatologist, Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital
Ms Suzanne Dempsey, Chief Director of Nursing, Children’s Hospital Group
Dr Colm Costigan, Chair of Medical Board, Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin
Mr John Caird, Chair of Medical Board, Temple Street Children’s University Hospital
Dr Turlough Bolger, Chair of Paediatric Medical Advisory Board, Tallaght Hospital
Ms Marian Connolly, Director of Nursing, National Children’s Hospital, Tallaght
Ms Grainne Bauer, Director of Nursing, Temple Street Children’s University Hospital
Ms Rachel Kenna, Director of Nursing, Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin
Prof Paul McNally, Consultant in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine OLCHC
Bone Marrow Trust Ireland
Irish Haemophilia Society Ltd
The CARI Foundation
Children in Hospital Ireland
Neonatal Clinical Advisory Group
Ronald McDonald House
Children’s Sunshine Home / Laura Lynn
New Crumlin Hospital Group

and there are many more...

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Eilish Hardiman  CHEF EXECUTIVE, CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL GROUP

This is a truly unique opportunity within the Irish Health system to establish a comprehensive Health Campus of international standing dealing with the most acute health needs of children, young adults and adults.

Helen Shortt  CEO, OUR LADY’S CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, CRUMLIN

We believe that the proposed site is the best site for the children’s hospital for clinical reasons and will provide optimal clinical treatment and outcomes for Ireland’s sickest children and adolescents.

Lorcan Birthistle  CEO, ST JAMES’S HOSPITAL

We believe that the decision to build the new children’s hospital on a shared campus with St James’s Hospital and a fully redeveloped Coombe Woman and Infants University Hospital is the optimal model of care for all women and their babies, particularly the high-risk mothers and sickest infants, in line with international best practice.

Dr Sharon Sheehan  MASTER/CEO, COOMBE AND INFANTS UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

While the staff at Temple Street strive to deliver quality of care, we are somewhat constrained by the space and facilities currently available to us on the Temple Street site. Once we transition to the modern facilities at the new children’s hospital, the overall experience of our children, young people, families and our staff will improve dramatically.

Mona Baker  CEO, TEMPLE STREET CHILDREN’S UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

The tri-location of the new children’s hospital on a shared campus with St James’s Hospital – one of Ireland’s leading teaching hospitals – and the new maternity hospital, will provide the optimal model of care for the sickest children, new-born infants and women. It will improve clinical outcomes, patient experience and reduce waiting times.

Dr Colm Costigan  CHAIR OF MEDICAL BOARD, OUR LADY’S CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, CRUMLIN

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