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Sincerely,

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Ireland’s new children’s hospital:

The new children’s hospital, which will open in 2022, will bring together the three children’s hospitals - Our Lady’s Children Hospital, Crumlin, Temple Street Children’s University Hospital and the National Children’s Hospital, Tallaght into a world class building.

There will also be two new Paediatric Outpatients and Urgent Care Centres central to the model of care - one at Connolly Hospital, due to open in 2019 and one at Tallaght Hospital, scheduled to open in 2020.

Construction on the new children’s hospital started last summer with foundations dug out and rapid progress being made. The Paediatrics Outpatients and Urgent Care Centre at Connolly external façade is almost complete with work due to start at Tallaght at the end of the summer.

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- Sufficient numbers of spaces will have extra width to facilitate unloading wheelchairs and medical equipment. This is something that parents highlighted as a real need during our consultation process and we have ensured that sufficient numbers have been included.

The new children’s hospital centrally located:

- The campus shared with St. James’s Hospital is centrally located in Dublin and has more public transport links than any other hospital in the country. This is important for staff working in the hospital, for visitors and for the hundreds of students who will participate in research at the hospital every day.
- The Luas will stop directly at the new children’s hospital, many bus routes pass directly by, and Heuston Station is within close proximity. There are also Just Eat Dublin Bike stations.
- There will also be park and ride facilities at the Red Cow for staff or visitors who wish to ‘park and ride’ to the hospital via the Luas.

The new children’s hospital:

- Largest capital investment project ever undertaken in Irish healthcare
- St James’s Hospital is Ireland’s largest and leading research-intensive hospital
- 39 clinical specialties under one roof
- Ireland’s first public digital hospital
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- 380 individual en-suite in-patient bedrooms all with a bed for parents
- 93 Day Beds
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- 4 acres of green space – 14 gardens and internal courtyards, including a rainbow garden the length of Croke Park
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### Construction of the new children’s hospital in numbers:

- 15MW of Heating – Enough for 750 Average Households
- 10.5MW of Cooling – Equivalent to 3,000 Fridges
- 350km of Pipework – Equivalent distance from the new children’s hospital to Cork and back to Cashel
- 27 Air Handling Units (430m³/s) – Enough air to fill an Olympic size swimming pool every 5 seconds
- 1.2km of Flues – Enough to stand four times

### More Information:

For more information please visit: http://www.newchildrenshospital.ie/

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