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Be part of a world class children's hospital in Dublin 8

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We want to hear your ideas and concerns.

The National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) team is mindful of our neighbours' concerns. We are continuing to work with you, local residents groups and St. James's Hospital to create a scheme that will be a proud addition to our Dublin 8 community.

St James's Hospital already has a long established relationship with residents and this engagement is in addition to that.

In addition to the regular drop-in and information sessions, this newsletter is developed by the Project Team as a way of sharing information. The focus of this issue is answering some of questions that we are receiving. Subsequent editions will update you on key developments, provide project news and answer additional queries that we receive.

Next Resident Drop In Session

F2 Centre,
Reuben Plaza, Dublin 8
25th June 4-8pm



FIND OUT ALL ABOUT THE PROJECT AT OUR ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS ▲

“ *The new children's hospital will be the most significant capital investment project ever undertaken in healthcare in Ireland. Its completion will lead to a change in how acute health services are delivered and will result in improved survival rates for the sickest children and young people on the island of Ireland.*

Its location on a shared campus with St. James's Hospital – Ireland's largest teaching hospital - will be a major boost to your area, bringing employment, strategic opportunities in healthcare and service businesses and co-ordinated development. The investment of €650m will result in the creation of 6,000 direct jobs, will add value to your area, and bring further commercial investment.

This hospital will be a life-changer for children and a catalyst for positive change in Dublin 8. I invite you to join with us in ensuring that planned enhancements are introduced as soon as possible and to lend your support to this great national project. ”

John Pollock PROJECT DIRECTOR NPHDB

Re: new children's hospital project

Dear resident

As the CEOs of the three existing children's hospitals - Temple Street Children's University Hospital, Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin and the National Children's Hospital at Tallaght Hospital - and the Children's Hospital Group, we are asking for your support for this great national project. We understand you have concerns and ask that you engage with the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board Project Team to have these considered and addressed as part of the planning process. We cannot overstate the positive impact that it will have on the lives of sickest children, young people and their families for generations to come.

The new children's hospital is the most significant capital investment project ever undertaken in healthcare in Ireland. Its completion will enhance how acute children's health services are delivered, resulting in improved survival rates for the sickest children and young people. For the first time, all paediatric specialities will be 'under one roof'. Not only will this mean that the sickest children and young people will receive all their treatment in one location, it will be in a world class physical environment making it a much better experience for these children and their families.

Sharing a campus with St. James's Hospital means that children and young people will have access to the largest and broadest number of consultant specialists in adult services that can support paediatric services including the national adult burns, plastics and reconstructive unit, Ireland's leading adult haematology service, a large cancer service, specialist laboratory and diagnostic services and radiation treatment on the campus. Consultants from these adult services will support the delivery of complex care and treatments to children and young people. Currently consultants from adult services travel to the three children's hospitals to support their paediatric colleagues in delivering care in situations where there are not enough children with specific conditions to warrant a paediatric only service.

It is also planned to develop a maternity hospital on the campus and the tri-location of adult, child and maternity services on one single campus will result in better clinical outcomes for high risk babies and mothers.

The National Paediatric Hospital Development Board Project Team has identified a range of business services that will be needed to support the hospital and its staff and is working closely with Dublin City Council, local businesses and other representative groups to ensure that the entire campus, incorporating adult, child and - in time - maternity services, will act as a catalyst for the planned regeneration programme for your neighbourhood.

The importance of the new children's hospital on the campus shared with St. James's Hospital in improving the lives of sick children, young people and their families is immeasurable, and your support in making it a reality is greatly appreciated.

With kind regards,

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OUR LADY'S CHILDREN'S
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Your Questions Answered



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? When is the nch project submitting its planning proposal and how can I see it?

The planning application for the hospital is being submitted in the coming months. We will ensure that you are kept informed as this process progresses. A dedicated website will be launched to coincide with planning being submitted where you will have access to all of the plans, to view in your own time. A minimum of six weeks are then provided for observations. On project of this scale, it is usual to go through a phase of Oral Hearings.

? Why is the hospital located on a campus with St. James's Hospital?

As set out in the 2012 Dolphin report – an independent report commissioned by the government on the best location for a new children's hospital - a tertiary children's hospital co-located with an adult hospital is the international norm. Co-location on a campus with St. James's Hospital, Ireland's largest teaching hospital, will increase survival rates of the sickest children and young people suffering from the most complex clinical conditions.

From a location perspective, St. James's campus is central and has better public infrastructure linkages than any other hospital: three Luas stops serving Heuston and Connolly Stations around the boundary of the hospital, a 15 minute walk to Heuston Station, six bus routes that pass through the hospital and 3 Dublin Bike Stations. The hospital can be reached in 15 minutes from the M50 at off-peak times, this means that it can be reached by the children and families who need to access its clinical care.

? What are you doing to ensure that the new children's hospital will not contribute to further congestion on the streets around the St. James's campus?

We are working in collaboration with Dublin City Council, St. James's Hospital and the National Transport Authority on our Mobility Plan for the campus. Parking will be available to families at the new hospital. The majority of trips associated with families to the hospital will be during the off-peak periods.

? What are the benefits to local residents of having the hospital located close to our homes?

This investment of €650m will result in the creation of 6,000 direct jobs and will be a catalyst for further commercial investment in the area. The hospital's presence will be central to the regeneration plans for the area with the hospital team committing to specific deliverables in this regard. In addition to the obvious clinical benefits associated with the hospital the residents and businesses, as well as existing staff of the campus, will benefit from significant social, environmental and economic improvements in the years to come.

Liaison with local businesses is underway with the Project Team helping the local community to identify and plan for the business opportunities that will present themselves once the hospital is up and running. Opportunities in areas such as gym facilities, crèche and childcare services, restaurants and cafes have already been identified as real opportunities.

? How many parking spaces are being allocated to the new children's hospital?

There will be 1,000 parking spaces associated with the new children's hospital. These will include spaces for families and visitors as well as an emergency drop off location. The parking system we are putting in place will enable families to reserve a parking space ahead of arriving to the hospital.

? Can you look at measures to help improve traffic conditions at the Rialto entrance?

Improvement works are proposed for the Rialto entrance and the junction of Brookfield Road / South Circular Road to both improve junction capacity and enhance cycle access locally, including to and from the hospital.

The new children's hospital plan includes a new entrance / exit from the hospital's basement car park onto Mount Brown. This will reduce the volume of traffic using the Rialto entrance and assist in mitigating the potential traffic impact at this location.

What improvements are proposed to enhance public transport access to the new children's hospital?

A number of measures are proposed to enhance access to the existing public transport services in the area including:

- The construction of a new pedestrian access from Mount Brown to provide enhanced access to the existing Quality Bus Corridor (QBC) on Mount Brown - this will include the upgrade of the existing steps leading to Cameron Square.
- The provision of direct pedestrian access to the Hospital from the Rialto Luas Stop.
- The provision of new bus stops at the main entrance to the new children's hospital
- Improvements to bus journey times within the St. James's Hospital Campus through the removal of through traffic.
- The Mobility Management Plan includes measures to support the use of public transport by staff.
- Improved cyclist and pedestrian facilities in and around the campus.

Are there any proposals to provide vehicular access to St. James's Hospital Campus via St. James's Walk?

An additional vehicular access to the St. James's Hospital Campus was considered from the south east via St. James's Walk, however it was discounted because the access points were considered unsuitable for additional traffic. No change to the management of traffic along St. James's Walk is proposed.

Will the new entrance to the Hospital from Mount Brown be signaled?

The current proposals for the Mount Brown entrance do not include traffic signals. A pedestrian crossing is proposed for the street to provide improved pedestrian access to the bus stops located on Mount Brown. The provision of a new pedestrian crossing will assist to manage traffic speeds along Mount Brown.

Will a Quality Bus Corridor be constructed along South Circular Road to support the construction of the new children's hospital?

The new children's hospital does not propose the construction of a Quality Bus Corridor along South Circular Road and discussions with the National Transport Authority indicate that they have no proposals to provide a Quality Bus Corridor along this street at this juncture.

Is there traffic data available to the public?

A number of studies have been undertaken to assess the impact of anticipated changes in traffic patterns as a result of the new children's hospital. This data is being used to inform the mobility and access plans and to help refine the final plans for the development. The data is still being analysed, the results of which will be made available to local residents – and the broader public – as part of the planning application.

The location of the helipad will be disruptive to my home – is it really necessary?

Air access will be required 4 times a week across both the adult and children's services and will help to save lives. It is accepted as international best practice. Rapid access to specialist care via helicopters improves outcomes for children.

What about staff parking? I'm concerned staff will try to park on my street if there are not enough spaces on campus?

There will be no increase in staff parking on St. James's Campus. We are working closely with the management team at St. James's Hospital and with the teams in the three existing hospitals to encourage more people to consider public transportation as their means of choice for travelling to work. A full mobility and accessibility plan is being rolled out to support this goal over the next few months with a view to encouraging people to make changes before the hospital opens in 2019.

Separately, discussions with the transport department of Dublin City Council have taken place with regard to putting measures in place to prevent people from parking on the residential streets. Dublin City Council has a formal procedure for the implementation of pay parking on residential streets. The introduction of pay parking would deter commuters from parking on your street. It is recommended that contact is made with Dublin City Council as soon as possible to begin the process of introducing pay parking on your street, the contact details are noted below.

**Dublin City Council, Parking Enforcement and Policy Section
Environment and Transportation Department
Block 2, Floor 6, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8
Tel: (01) 222 2261, Fax: (01) 222 2190**

<http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-parking-dublin-parking-city-residents/start-parking-scheme>

The introduction of a pay parking system requires the support of the majority of residents on a particular street.

If you already have pay parking on your street you can speak to DCC about the extension of the period of time when parking is covered by discs. The cost of on street parking can also be addressed to disincentive visitors and staff from using the streets in the evenings and at weekends.

DCC is happy to review the proposed changes to the operation of the pay parking and they can be contacted to discuss possibilities associated with the control of pay parking in the vicinity of the Campus.

Which routes will construction traffic use to access the Hospital?

The primary construction routes serving the new hospital will be via Mount Brown and South Circular Road. Access to the construction site will be managed and vehicles will not be permitted to queue on the local roadways. The new hospital has been given use of a HSE site on Davitt Road to facilitate construction. This site will be used for storing materials to allow for the controlled arrival of materials on site. In addition the site can be used to stage vehicles waiting during construction events such as major concrete pours, this will assist in mitigating the potential impacts during the construction of the new hospital. Construction traffic and deliveries will be minimised during peak periods.



OVERVIEW OF NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CONCEPT ▲

A World Class Addition to a Dublin 8 Tradition of Healthcare - since 1727.

St. James's Campus developed by the blending together of different traditions – in 1727 a founding hospital was opened on the site, Jonathan Swift and Arthur Guinness were among those that served on the board of governors. That blend of tradition is continued today with the campus home to the country's largest academic teaching hospital.

The establishment of the new children's hospital will lead to a change in how acute health services are delivered in this country. For the first time, the three children's hospitals will come together on the one site and allow children to have all services in the one place rather than those with multiple challenges in their conditions having to travel between hospitals.

In designing this hospital, the project team is committed to contribute to our shared local community. The new children's hospital wants to be a good neighbour, and to that end is developing a master-plan for the area, which will include shared amenities in and around the hospital. Amenities such as playgrounds, cafes, sports areas, and quality urban spaces both inside and



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IT IS A PROJECT GOAL TO PROVIDE GREAT AMENITIES FOR HOSPITAL AND RESIDENTS ALIKE ▲

out. We are also developing a mobility plan together with Dublin City Council and the three children's hospitals to maximise solutions to reduce the number of private cars in favour of public transport and cycling.

This is an exciting project with unique challenges and opportunities for our whole neighbourhood. We invite you work with us as we create a truly great project for the children and young people of Ireland, and for the residents and businesses in Dublin 8.



▲ MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL TOGETHER WITH MINISTER FOR HEALTH, LEO VARADKAR AND MEMBERS OF THE PROJECT TEAM

“ We will all be really proud of this iconic Hospital when it's built. ”

Minister Varadkar said: “This breath-taking design does its job really well. It's clear from the open-plan building, the gardens, the sports facilities, and the state-of-the-art wards that this is a unique building. I'm delighted that the Youth Advisory Council were the first people to review the design. I know the project team is engaging in extensive consultation and engagement with all key groups but it's the young people, the current and future users, who are central to the project. And I'm delighted to say that their response has been really positive.

“This is the largest health infrastructure project in the history of the State. But it's only when you see a model or an artist's impression that you realise just how much work has gone into the project, and I want to commend the Development Board for reaching this stage. We will all be really proud of this iconic Hospital when it's built.”

We look forward to seeing you at our information session on **Thursday 25th June at the F2 Centre, Reuben Plaza from 4pm until 8pm.**

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