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Working Together For Our Children

Dear Parent/Guardian/Family member

We are transforming services for children and young people in the greater Dublin area. This decision together with a new National Model of Care for Paediatric Healthcare Services in Ireland will positively transform how paediatric services for children and young people are delivered in Ireland, which is 25% of our population. The new children's hospital will be at the centre of a managed clinical network for paediatrics linking in regional and local hospital paediatric units across the country by delivering care to children in the right setting, as close to their home as is clinically appropriate.

A network of care will be established throughout the country, reaching every community in Ireland through regional centres in Cork, Limerick and Galway. The standard of care delivered throughout the network will be the same – whether in the new children's hospital, the two paediatric outpatient and urgent care centres at Connolly and Tallaght Hospitals or a regional unit.

The vast majority of paediatric care is delivered on a same day basis and as close to the child's home as is clinically appropriate. Therefore, the new children's hospital will provide day to day care for children living within the city and the M50, as well as specialist care for children from all over Ireland.

St James's Hospital was selected as the location for the new children's hospital because 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. St James's Hospital is Ireland's leading research-intensive children's hospitals on the same campus as an adult teaching hospital. It has the most clinical specialties and national services in one place. It also provides access to the greatest breadth and depth of adult subspecialties in Ireland that are relevant to support children and young people attending the new children's hospital.

In 2016, An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission for the new children's hospital on a campus shared with St James's Hospital as well as two new paediatric outpatients and urgent care centres at Connolly and Tallaght Hospitals. Planning was also granted for a Children's Research & Innovation Centre and a 53-bedroom family accommodation facility on the same campus as the hospital. The campus at St. James's Hospital will be a leading campus in healthcare and research in Ireland, a leading adult teaching hospital, a children's hospital and in time, a new maternity hospital, when the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital is relocated on the campus. Ireland will have a world class new children's hospital that is purpose built to deliver the best care and treatments that are available for future generations to come.



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Construction Update



Construction work on the new children's hospital on a shared campus with St. James's Hospital is progressing well with the structural concrete frame, walls, slabs and columns now above ground level in the most advanced areas.

Basement excavation and piling are now substantially complete. The mechanical and electrical fit out of the basement plant areas has also commenced. The construction of the new children's hospital will be completed in August 2022. This will be followed by a period of commissioning and it will open in 2023.



A World Class Children's Hospital

The new children's hospital

- 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
- St. James's Campus is served by more public transport options than any other hospital in Ireland
- 1,000 parking spaces at the new children's hospital, 675 for families
- 380 individual en-suite in-patient bedrooms all with a bed for parents
- 93 Day Beds in 18 operating theatres
- 53 Unit Family Accommodation Facility
- 4 acres of green space – 14 gardens and internal courtyards, including a rainbow garden the length of Croke Park
- A Children's Research and Innovation Centre



6150 rooms in total

Located on **12** acres



the size of **6** soccer pitches

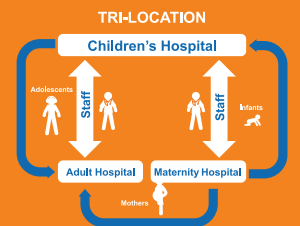
380

individual, ensuite inpatient bedrooms each with a bed for parent



1,000 Parking Spaces

675 dedicated for families
31 emergency spaces at ground level



Tri-location with Adult Maternity hospitals on a shared campus

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 a number of 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 size of Dundrum Town Centre, with an internal street the length of Grafton Street



22 Operating theatres & procedure rooms (nch only)



53 53 unit family accommodation facility



A Children's Research and Innovation Centre

1st public digital hospital

4 acres of outdoor space with 14 gardens and courtyards



A new paediatric outpatient and urgent care centre for Blanchardstown

Children's Health Ireland at Connolly in Blanchardstown is a new paediatric healthcare service opening on 31st July 2019. It is part of the new model of care for children's health services in Ireland providing care as close to the patient's home as is clinically appropriate, **serving Dublin North City, North County and surrounding areas.**

A range of services will be provided at CHI in Connolly in Blanchardstown, including urgent care for the treatment of minor injury and illness that requires prompt treatment but is not life-threatening and does not require a visit to the Emergency Department (ED).

It is staffed by a specialist paediatric staff, including nurses, doctors and health care professionals from the children's hospitals in Dublin.

It will provide fast, convenient, quality care, close to you in our new state of the art facility on the grounds of Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.



OPENING SUMMER 2019



URGENT CARE CENTRE

Some examples of minor injuries and minor illnesses that we treat and don't treat

In our urgent care centre, WE TREAT

- ✓ Sprains, strains, and broken bones
- ✓ Vomiting and diarrhoea
- ✓ Minor burns and scalds
- ✓ Fever in babies older than 12 weeks
- ✓ Small cuts and injuries
- ✓ Mild asthma

In our urgent care centre, WE DON'T TREAT

- ✗ Serious head, back and neck injuries
- ✗ Severe stomach or chest pain
- ✗ Severe burns
- ✗ Fever in babies less than 12 weeks old
- ✗ Seizures
- ✗ Severe trouble breathing
- ✗ Mental health concerns

Short Stay Observation Unit

There is a short stay observation unit, in the urgent care centre where children are observed and treated for up to 6 hours before being discharged, with a very small number required onward referral to one of the other children's hospitals.

What Outpatient Clinics will be there?

Our Outpatient Department will initially open on a phased basis includes two specialities, other specialities will follow.

- General Paediatrics (general clinics, condition specific clinics, rapid access clinic and GP hotline)
- Orthopaedics (Trauma/fracture clinic)

What are the opening hours of the Outpatient Clinics

We will deliver outpatient services from Monday to Friday 08.00-18.00

Why choose CHI at Connolly in Blanchardstown?

- Shorter waiting times
- Open 365 days a year
- A family friendly environment



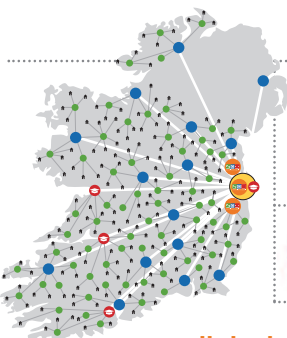
Connolly & Tallaght Paediatric Outpatients & Urgent Care Centres at a Glance



Over **5,000m²** of clinical & work space at each location



50,000 Urgent Care attendances per annum



Part of a **clinical network of care** with the new children's hospital in line with the National Model of Care for Paediatric Healthcare Services in Ireland

10

Urgent Care Assessment Cubicles in each centre



Orthopaedic Fracture Clinics

6

Short Stay Observation Beds in each centre



Radiology Department providing **x-ray & ultrasound**



Co-located with adult teaching hospitals at **Connolly and Tallaght**



Over **32,000** Outpatient Department attendances per annum

General Paediatrics Clinics including Rapid Access



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CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

2019

CHI at Connolly in
Blanchardstown



- Outpatient Clinics
- Urgent Care Centre
- Short Stay Observation

2020

CHI at Tallaght



- Outpatient Clinics
- Urgent Care Centre
- Short Stay Observation

2023

NCH
new children's hospital



- 39 clinical specialities
- Children's Research and Innovation Centre
- Emergency Medicine
- Urgent Care Medicine
- Short Stay Observation

Did you know that the
new children's hospital
will be a **digital hospital**?

NCH
new children's hospital



A **digital hospital** aims to be 'paperlite', utilising technology systems to streamline and automate processes.

Physical design of the building is based on it being a **digital hospital**. Our 'digital first' and mobile strategies will be supported by **wireless technologies** throughout the hospital.



We know that finding your way around a hospital can be stressful. Using **smartphone apps and interactive screens**, wayfinding will help guide you to your destination.



Your hospital check-in will be **quick and easy** though the use of **Self-Service kiosks**.



While your child is an inpatient, the **Patient Edu-tainment system** will provide you and your child with **health information** about your child's condition, **entertainment**, **food ordering** and **school education**.



Your child's **key information** (allergies, current medications, etc.) will be captured once and available to you and all clinical staff through the **Electronic Healthcare Record (EHR)**.

The new hospital will be a **centre of excellence** for training healthcare professionals. To enhance learning, we will **stream live video** from operating theatres to the 3 lecture theatres in the hospital.



Hospitals operate 24/7 with a constant movement of goods and supplies. This will be supported by **Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) or robots**.