

Report of the Independent Review of National Children's Hospital project FAQs

1. How was the Review team selected?

At the time I was considering the establishment of the Review I became aware that the **The National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions** (NACHRI) was holding one of its annual meetings here in Ireland. I invited a delegation from NACHRI to meet with me and set out my proposals. Four of these world renowned experts, all of whom are CEOs of major children's hospitals, were kind enough to offer their assistance in carrying out the clinical aspect of the Review.

For the financial and technical aspects of the Review the **European Health Property Network** (EUPHN) recommended the team chaired by Mr Erskine and led by Mr Cooper.

2. How/why were the notional sites selected?

It is important to remember that this Review was not a site selection process. The three notional sites were selected to address issues that had been raised regarding possible savings from building on a greenfield site and concerns around access and proposals for options to build on a site on or near the M50

3. What about access to and parking at the hospital and parking?

The Term of Reference for the Review expressly requested the Team to examine issues around access. The Review Team examined this issue thoroughly and in their Report they say that they were reassured in this regard.

In relation to staff and transport the Report notes that the availability and use of public transport is a major positive for the Mater site and it lauds the success of the Mater Hospital for its encouragement of staff in their use of public transport.

3a. What if Metro north is not delivered?

Please refer to the Review Report which states that the access studies took "into account the "worse case scenario" - the possibility that the Metro North station will not be developed on the site"

3b. What about Helicopter access?

The important thing in this regard is that there should be helicopter access to the hospital. The Report notes that the planned helipad will be a campus facility serving both the children's and adult hospital and that a dedicated access route from the helipad to the children's hospital, which will not pass through public or adult areas, is provided for.

We have recently received confirmation that Helicopter access to the hospital will be available 95% of the time. This represents a very high level of availability and compares well with international best standards.

5. Funding for the hospital

The estimated cost of the combined hospital and AUCC at Tallaght is currently €650 million (€600 for the hospital and €50 million for the AUCC).

Dedicated exchequer funding of €450 million has been set aside for the project. The rest of the funding will come from a number of sources, e.g. commercial enterprises, Car Park, Research, Education, Retail Units, Private Clinics, Hospital School and Philanthropy.

The Government is currently carrying out a review of all capital funding.

6. Hospital Capacity

The number of in-patient beds is 384 beds in the hospital at Eccles Street.

The total number of Day Beds is 85 day care beds, split between the hospital - 57 beds and the Ambulatory & Urgent Care Centre - 28 beds.

There will also be observations beds in the Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre to avoid hospital admissions. There will be 12 of these observation beds in the Emergency Department and 8 in the Urgent Care Centre.

7. Hospital Activity

The projected activity for 2021 (when the child population is expected to peak) is as follows:

In-patient admissions - 27,885

Day Care attendances - 28,120 split between the hospital - 18,689 and the Ambulatory & Urgent Care Centre - 9,431

Emergency Department Attendances - 122,438, split between the hospital 67,341, and the Ambulatory & Urgent Care Centre – 55,097

Out-Patients - 223,506, split between the hospital 146,204 and the Ambulatory & Urgent Care Centre – 77,302