Dear Resident

Welcome to Connect – the Resident newsletter which gives you an update on construction work taking place on the site of the new children's hospital in Dublin 8. Construction work on the new children’s hospital is progressing well. Across the 12-acre site the excavation, piling, and the structural frame to the underground basement for campus wide facilities management, energy centre, and the one thousand space underground carpark is complete and a number of windows have been installed in the hospital. To date, well over one million square feet of slabs have been poured.

To the southwest of the site, opposite the South Circular Road, the frame to the finger blocks containing the outpatient departments, cardiology wards, therapy and play areas are completed. To the Southeast, the structural frame containing Outpatient departments, Radiology, Critical Care, Operating Theatres and a Clinical Decontamination Unit are also nearing completion.

The frame supporting the fourth-floor garden to the south of the building is partially complete and sections of the ward block from level 4 to 6 have commenced. The mechanical and electrical fit out of the basement and plant areas is well progressed with the fit out of the outpatient departments to commence shortly. The north side of the site has generally reached ground level and the north fingers contain the outpatients, parent’s overnight accommodation, the school and the public restaurant are at level two. The main campus access road has also been diverted into its permanent position to the perimeter of the site.

NCH Community Benefit Programme
Achievements to Date

- 1,830 "New Entrant" Employment
- 2,431.5 Local Employment
- 10 Apprenticeships created

- 3 NPHDB Contracts reserved for Social Enterprises

- 2 Healthcare Science in A Box programmes
- 2 Meet the Buyer Events

- 1,000 million euro spent by BAM on local contracts and with local suppliers

- 2.5 school children, young people and students engaged in our programme

- Youth groups created the Rialto Luas Stop street art project

- 2 youth groups created

- 830,174 weeks

- 2 Construction Career Days

- Maximising Employment & Training Opportunities

- Supporting Local Business & Social Enterprises

- Raising Aspirations through Education

- Building Community Health and Wellbeing

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Main Works Construction February to May 2020

- **Completion of permanent Mount Brown Entrance/Completion of ESB Sub station & connection of power to same**
- **Localised relocation of pedestrian route to allow removal of central access road /formation of temporary lay-bys.**
- **Removal of central access road and commence structure up to concourse level**
- **Outpatient’ fingers 1, 2 & 3 to roof level & commencement of façade work**
- **Continue with internal fit out at Outpatients fingers 5,6 & 7 adjacent to SCR/Continue with External façade works**
- **Construction of single en-suite bedrooms at level 5**
- **Construction of operating theatres to roof level and commencement of fit out in lower ground areas**
- **Commence fit out of operating theatres**
- **Relocation of BAM staff welfare areas to basement/new**
- **Construction of operating theatres to level 4 roof level**
- **Complete façade works at the Energy Centre and the completion of new flue stacks and the decommissioning of existing flue stacks**
- **Facilities Management link works with the new children’s hospital and the adult St. James’s Hospital**

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The overarching objective of the Community Benefit Programme is to maximise the benefit to the local community from the new children’s hospital from the construction phase to being fully operational.

Established 4 years ago, the programme is managed by a full-time Community Benefit Programme Manager and is led by an Oversight Group chaired by Independent chair.

The focus of an Independent Community Benefit Oversight Group is to:

- maximise employment and training opportunities
- to support local business, particularly small and social enterprises
- to raise aspirations through education
- to build community health and wellbeing.

The NPHDB is using pioneering methods to ensure that the local community benefits as much as possible, including innovative ‘community benefit clauses’ in all project related construction contracts, and ‘reserved contracts’ for social enterprises. It is one of the first public projects of its kind to use both.

Together with the main contractor BAM, the NPHDB has held two ‘Meet the Buyer’ events to inform businesses about upcoming opportunities, and BAM has spent €2.5 million to date on local contracts and suppliers.

BAM Ireland Launches €500K Community Benefit Fund

BAM Ireland has recently launched the BAM Community Benefit Fund for the new children’s hospital. Main contractor BAM has provided a fund of €500,000, which has been established to provide education bursaries and apprenticeship support, aid various community projects and develop cultural, arts and sports initiatives in the areas close to the site of the new children’s hospital during the years 2020, 2021 & 2022.

BAM is committed to promoting sustainability across all aspects of its business. Its key sustainability target is to have a net positive impact on climate change, resources and people. This new fund will help BAM to reach this goal through the positive impact these grants will have on lives throughout the local communities.

BAM, the fund’s sole benefactor, has worked closely with the Community Benefit Oversight Group for the new children’s hospital to develop this initiative.

Community based and voluntary organisations located within or working with communities in the Dublin 8 and Dublin 12 areas are encouraged to apply for support through the fund. It is envisaged that the BAM Community Benefit Fund for the new children’s hospital will operate until 2022, with the exception of the educational bursaries which will cover four academic years.

Grants & Educational Bursary closing date for this year is 31st March 2020.

Applications for grants are available