







Questions submitted to Joint Committee on Health Meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
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The New Children's Hospital Alliance (NCHA) respectfully requests that the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health ask for answers to the questions submitted below from various members of our organisation.

- 1)What was responsible for the incremental cost increases. From €405K to €650K to an undisclosed figure which Eilis Hardiman would not reveal to over €1B ?
- 2)These costs are now at €1.73B. A breakdown of these costs is necessary or show where the extra billion has gone.
- 3)Does the current cost now include all equipment and IT?
- 4)Is commissioning an extra cost?
- 5)When they talk about completion in 2022 is this the opening date or will they as usual spend an extra few years commissioning the hospital?
- 6)Can we get a breakdown of costs so far for excavation and site preparation. Does this include replacing the facilities demolished?
- 7)What has been/will be the cost of housing repairs required in the district eg.in Ceannt Fort and the South Circular Road.
- 8)How many nursing vacancies exist in James's? This is largely due to inability to park.
- 9)Re Minister Reilly's answer to question asked in the Dáil,7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012( Q No. 212 below) – would the Health Committee please request to see the content of the Government's "carefully considered".."detailed supplementary information on cost, time and planning which was subsequently sought from members of the[Dolphin] Group with the relevant technical expertise" in 2012.

Q No. **212. Deputy Micheál Martin**   asked the **Minister for Health**   if he or his Department have seen or discussed the Dolphin report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. [\[45670/12\]](#)

Minister for Health (Deputy James Reilly):   The Dolphin Report was presented to me on 8 June last by the members of the Dolphin Group. I have since then given careful consideration to the report and sought additional detailed technical analysis from those members of the Dolphin Group with the relevant expertise before bringing the report to Government with a recommendation. Yesterday, Government decided to develop the New Children's Hospital at the campus of St. James's Hospital in Dublin. In identifying the new site, the Government has carefully considered the report of the Dolphin Group along with

detailed supplementary information on cost, time and planning which was subsequently sought from members of the Group with the relevant technical expertise.

10) For each of the following, how much money was/is/will be spent ,and percentage-wise, how has/will the cost been assigned between the SJH and the NCH budget? Are both included in the €1.73B(and rising) which the Minister says will be the cost of the NCH project.?

- The reconfiguration of the adult hospital at St James's ?
- The new Service yard and its link corridor under the adult hospital?
- The relocation of the Drimnagh sewers?,
- The vacant shell under the NCH for the future underground whole campus Energy Centre ?
- Acquiring the site for and building of the new 6 story adult ambulatory outpatient centre?
- The multifaith facility in the adult hospital which also has to service the children's hospital needs?
  
- The helipad –all costs including projected operational cost.

11))Why is the Operational cost of the hospital now so significantly increased when only six years ago it was said in the Independent Review that there would be an annual saving of €23 million in operational costs when the NCH opened at the Mater? (Independent Review 2011, volume one, Financial Analysis).

12)The site for the NCH was to be signed over to the HSE with no legal encumbrance and at no cost to the State. Was the HSE or the Dolphin Group made aware that it was not in the gift of St James's to make that guarantee, as it did to Dolphin, given that part of the St James's site comprised St. James's Private Clinic, a separate legal entity not owned or controlled by St. James's Hospital? The cost to the HSE/NCH/Taxpayers of this transaction was €2,625,000 plus legal fees.

Why then did the HSE pay for the Consultant Private Outpatient Clinic? Who has paid for the replacement facilities now in Hospital One and Two?

13)Re the Children's Research and Innovation Centre (CRIC) an integral part of the NCH according to the Bord Pleanála planning application:

How much will it cost?

Who will own it?

A letter to the Dolphin Group from Trinity in 2012 stated that the CRIC would be housed in a new building on land whose leasehold was owned by Trinity College. Has the leasehold interest been ceded to the HSE from Trinity College as required as an integral part of the NCH? There is surprise at the omission of the CRIC from the recent Children's Health Ireland Act 2018. We

want assurances that it is owned by the Children's Health Ireland (NCH). Who is paying for it - philanthropic sources? Yet it is included in Minister Harris's €1.73 costing? The six adult hospital groups have single academic partners - Trinity, UCD, RCSI, UL, UCC and NUIG. The NCH/Children's Health Ireland will, according to the Children's Hospital Group Board's CEO, have multiple academic partners. If philanthropically supported, donations for building the CRIC must be made to the NCH and not to one individual academic partner, as ownership of the CRIC must, for the children of Ireland, belong to the NCH.

14)How much has/will the relocation of decanted buildings cost?

15)How much has the satellite unit at Connolly hospital cost (separate construction and equipping figures please? What is its projected operational cost?

16)How much has enabling, and decanting for the new satellite at Tallaght hospital cost? How much has the replacement crèche cost? What is the final projected cost of the new satellite building and its equipment and furnishings ? What will its operational cost be?