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Dear Ms Rooney

I have been requested by the Minister for Health, Dr James Reilly, to refer to your correspondence regarding the new National Paediatric Hospital. As you will be the aware the Minister commissioned an independent Review around a number of issues relating to the location of the new hospital on the Mater Campus.

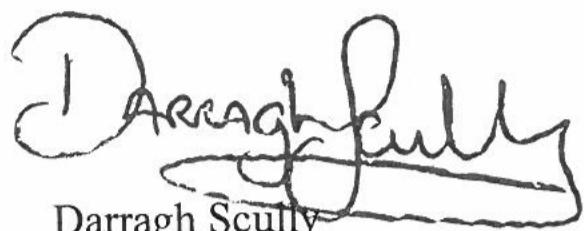
The Review was carried out under the joint auspices of the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI) and the European Health Property Network (EUPHN). NACHRI is a not-for-profit organisation of children's hospitals with over 200 members worldwide, which promotes the health and well-being of children and their families through support of children's hospitals and health systems. EUPHN is an independent organisation with international expertise in the area of capital planning of health facilities, including major hospitals.

The Minister announced the outcome of the Review on the 6th of July 2011. The independent experts who formed the Review Team, having examined all the issues in accordance with the Terms of Reference set by the Minister, came to the unanimous and unequivocal recommendation that the development of the new hospital should proceed on the Mater Campus.

The Minister has confirmed the Government's acceptance of the recommendation of the Review Team and has now requested the National Paediatric Development Board to proceed with a planning application to an Bord Pleanála.

I trust this explains the current position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Darragh Scully'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping underline.

Darragh Scully
Private Secretary