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Dear Ms. Leonard

Thank you for your recent email concerning the new children's hospital and paediatric outpatients and urgent care centre at Tallaght Hospital.

The new children's hospital capital project is progressing well. Excavation and other construction works on the main site such as piling, service diversions and building a utility tunnel for the campus are continuing. The temporary compound at Davitt Road is operational; the purpose of this compound is to store building materials and to allow for the controlled arrival of materials to the construction site, mitigating against potential traffic impacts.

Development is also well advanced on the two new paediatric outpatients and urgent care centres, at Connolly Hospital and Tallaght Hospital. Works at Connolly are progressing as scheduled, the entire concrete structure is substantially complete. Works at Tallaght are also progressing with the decant and crèche works scheduled to be completed in 2018.

The paediatric outpatients and urgent care centre at Connolly is scheduled to open in 2019 followed by the Centre at Tallaght in 2020 in advance of the opening of the main hospital on the shared campus with St James's Hospital in 2022.

The centres at Tallaght and Connolly Hospitals are being built with the aim of improving geographic access to urgent care for children in the Greater Dublin Area. The two centres will support primary and community care through the provision of general community and paediatric clinics, including developmental paediatrics, multidisciplinary care for children with chronic stable conditions and other outpatient services.

Each paediatric outpatient and urgent care centre will provide consultant-led urgent care, with 4-6 hour observation beds, appropriate diagnostics and secondary outpatient services including rapid access general paediatric clinics as well as child sexual abuse unit examination, observation and therapy rooms. Each centre is projected to deal with 25,000 urgent care and 15,000 outpatient attendances every year.

The centres will provide services and environments of the same quality as those delivered in the new children's hospital, with staff rotating through the outpatient and urgent care centres and the main hospital.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Health

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