

Ms. Sarah Cremin

Committee of Public Accounts

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Date: 19th May 2023

Re: S1257 PAC33

Dear Ms. Cremin,

Thank you for your correspondence. Please find a response below from the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board.

Whether there are delays or logistics issues regarding specialist material or medical equipment that is to be integrated into the building that would have a bearing on the expected opening in March 2024 & details of the protocols for completion and the current progress in that regard.

The National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) is responsible for the Design, Build & Equipping of the New Children's Hospital (NCH) at St James's Hospital campus, CHI at Tallaght Hospital and CHI at Connolly Hospital.

The Design, Build & Equipping process for both CHI at Tallaght and CHI at Connolly is complete and both are fully operational.

The equipping for the NCH is categorised into five separate Groups (1-4) as outlined below and represents a significant investment and quantum of equipment specifically designed to support the new clinical operating model and workforce plan for CHI. Within these five groups there are three different types of equipment as follows:

- Medical Equipment.
- Non-Medical Equipment
- ICT, Audio-Visual Equipment

Equipment in the NCH is currently being installed in tandem with the construction phase, and we expect the completion of Group 1, 2 & 2A to be in line with substantial completion prior to handover to Children's Health Ireland (CHI) for operational commissioning. Group 3 and 4 equipment will be installed post substantial completion within the CHI operational commissioning phase prior to opening. The equipping element of the project is on plan and has no bearing on the construction delays which have been previously reported to the Committee.

All of the Group 1, 2 & 2A Specialist Equipment has been procured for the NCH and is now at various stages

of final co-ordination, manufacture and installation in accordance with the programme. Early Group 2A medical equipment packages at installation stage include Imaging, CDU (Clean Decontamination Unit), AGV (Automated Guided Vehicles) and Dental.

The internal fit out of the 22 operating theatres including 5 Ultra Clean Theatres, a cardiac bi-plane theatre and a hybrid neuro theatre with dedicated MRI is also underway. These works will continue throughout 2023.

Regarding the date of substantial completion, we reported to you in correspondence dated 27th February (S1193 PAC 33) that the Main Contractor was expected to submit an updated programme for substantial completion to the Employers Representative at the end of February 2023, in accordance with the Public Works Contract. The Employers Representative is still awaiting the programme as is required under the contract and is engaging with the Contractor on this matter, once received, this programme will be reviewed and evaluated by the Employers Representative. Once the building is substantially complete it will be handed over to Children's Health Ireland for a period of operational commissioning.

Grouping of Equipment	Impact on the Construction Works	Responsibility
Group 1	Major Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) work and coordination required	Equipment procured and installed by the Contractor pre substantial completion
Group 2	Minor M&E work and coordination required	Equipment procured by the NPHDB and CHI, installed by the Contractor pre substantial completion.
Group 2A	Major Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) work and coordination required	Equipment procured by the NPHDB, installed by specialist vendor managed by the Contractor pre substantial completion.
Group 3	Plug and play, with normal M&E connections to face plates	Equipment procured and installed by the NPHDB and CHI post substantial completion prior to opening.
Group 4	Loose equipment with no M&E requirements	Equipment procured and installed by the NPHDB and CHI post substantial completion prior to opening.

Yours sincerely,



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