



PRESS RELEASE
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City of Dublin ETB Announced As Patron of New National Children's Hospital School

City of Dublin Education and Training Board (ETB) has been selected by the Department of Education and Youth to take on the patronage of the new National Children's Hospital (NCH) School.

Dr Christy Duffy, Chief Executive Officer of City of Dublin ETB said:

“As the State Provider of multi-denominational education and training, City of Dublin ETB is delighted to have been chosen as the Patron of the new hospital school in the National Children's Hospital. We look forward to welcoming all young students into our state-of-the-art school as they become part of our wider City of Dublin ETB network of Community National Schools, Community Special Schools, Community Hospital Schools and Community Colleges.”

The new hospital school is being established at NCH which will be formed through the amalgamation of four existing hospital schools currently located as follows:

- Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin
- Beaumont Hospital
- Children's Health Ireland at Temple St.
- Children's Health Ireland at Tallaght

All paediatric services under CHI will transfer from the current sites into the NCH.

It is expected that the new hospital school will open on 1st September, 2026.

Patronage of the hospital schools at CHI at Temple St. and CHI at Tallaght, will transfer from The Catholic Archbishop of Dublin and The Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin and Glendalough to City of Dublin ETB.

City of Dublin ETB is the existing patron of one Community National School, two Community Hospital Schools at Beaumont Hospital, and CHI at Crumlin, plus one Community Special School, alongside 11 Community Colleges in Dublin city.

Wesleigh O'Hagan, Director of Schools at City of Dublin ETB said:

“Our ETB is keen to respond to the growing demand amongst parents for the State to provide more choice of school types other than single-denominational models. As ETB schools, Community Hospital Schools, benefit greatly from a broad range of support, and services from City of Dublin ETB.”

Notes for the Editor:

City of Dublin ETB was established on 1st July 2013 under the Education and Training Boards Act, 2013. We are the state education and training authority for Dublin with over

3,000 staff who provide education and training opportunities for over 34,000 people across Dublin city.

We do this through running Community National Schools, Community Special Schools, Community Hospital Schools and 11 Community Colleges across the city. Our City of Dublin FET College operates across four campuses in the city providing PLC, apprenticeships, traineeships and a range of further education and training opportunities for adults.

We are responsible for SUSI, the national awarding authority for student grants in Ireland, City of Dublin ETB supports the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of Youth Services in Dublin city and is the lead partner in Music Generation Dublin City.

This provision is supported by a range of services including a psychological service, a curriculum development unit, a buildings capital and maintenance unit and the Head Office administrative staff in Ballsbridge. For more information on City of Dublin ETB visit [Home - City of Dublin Education and Training Board](#).

About Community National Schools

Community National Schools (CNSs) are state, co-educational, multi-denominational primary schools under the patronage of local ETBs. There are currently 32 CNSs across Ireland. For more information on Community National Schools, visit www.cns.ie

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