

An Bord Pleanála Oral Hearing

**Irish Water
Greater Dublin Drainage**

**Response to Inspector regarding engagement with
St. Francis Hospice**

Consultation

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GDD Oral Hearing

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Inspector, I want to respond to your query on Wednesday relating to the engagement with St. Francis Hospice which is located in the Abbotstown estate adjacent to James Connolly Memorial Connolly Hospital (Connolly Hospital).

From the outset of the project, the GDD project team has engaged with HSE Estates and Connolly Hospital management as the point of contact for all engagement in relation to the hospital and associated services which included St. Francis Hospice following its opening in 2015.

This has included nine individual meetings between 2013 and 2019 (including a study tour to Shanganagh WwTP in September 2014) as listed below:

5th September 2013 – Connolly Hospital Manager

18th September 2014 - Blanchardstown Hospital Study Tour to Shanganagh WwTP

30th September 2014 - Meeting with Connolly Hospital and HSE Estates

18th August 2015 – HSE Estates

26th August 2015 – HSE Estates

1st February 2018 – HSE Estates

25th July 2018 – HSE Estates

12th March 2018 – HSE and Connolly Hospital

18th January 2019 – HSE and Connolly Hospital

Following its opening in 2015, the project team engaged directly with the management of St. Francis Hospice in relation to carrying out of noise and air quality surveys in 2016 and 2017.

All access to the Hospice is provided by the HSE through the James Connolly Memorial Hospital. In developing the proposed project, Irish Water has sought, through our engagement with the HSE and the management of James Connolly Memorial Hospital, to ensure that this access is maintained to the both the Hospital and Hospice throughout the construction of the orbital sewer and Abbotstown pumping station.

All potential impacts for the Hospital and Hospice are fully assessed in the EIAR with appropriate mitigation measures identified and proposed.

Furthermore, the design of the proposed pumping station buildings has been undertaken to tie in with the architectural vernacular of the surrounding area including St. Francis Hospice and will be appropriately screened.