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## Submission to The Future Hospital Review Scrutiny Panel<sup>1</sup> Terms of Reference Six (TOR6) 20 October 20

#### Introduction

TOR 6 - Assess the level of engagement that was undertaken with States Members, key stakeholders and members of the public.

#### **Statements to the States**

The following four statements on the Our Hospital project have been made to States members:

- A. Chief Minister Report to The States Assembly the New Hospital Next Steps of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019
- B. Assistant Chief Minister's statement to the States of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020:

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ah UKEwj8k X7gLfsAhWExoUKHQfYBOwQFjABegQIBBAC&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.je%2FNews% 2F2020%2FPages%2FStatementOnOurHospital.aspx&usg=AOvVaw0JgwusRVVzi00tsmoXiWx0

C. Assistant Chief Minister's statement to the States of 21st January 2020:

https://www.gov.je/News/Speeches/AssistantChiefMinister/Pages/StatementSenatorFarnhamHospitalProject.aspx

D. Assistant Chief Minister's statement to the States of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020:

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ah UKEwj8k X7gLfsAhWExoUKHQfYBOwQFjADegQlBxAC&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.je%2FNews% 2F2019%2FPages%2FOurHospitalProject.aspx&usg=AOvVaw0tGdo6E3EDaAK2TaOo3K5F

There have also been media releases to coincide with the above statements and the Site Shortlisting Report, on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020, the Kit of Parts report on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020, and the Overdale Site Selection Report on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

## **Engagement with Key Stakeholders**

These are described in the Sites shortlist Document published on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020<sup>2</sup>. Separately, Professor Ashok Handa has been developing the design brief for the Our Hospital Project, due to be published on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and described as 'The Functional Assessment'. Mention is made of his work with the medical stakeholders in the Assistant Chief Minister Senator Lyndon Farnham's statement to the States on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and the lodging pf P123/2020.

<sup>1</sup> https://statesassembly.gov.je/scrutiny/Pages/Review.aspx?reviewid=359

 $<sup>^2</sup> https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Planning\%20 and \%20 building/ID\%20 Our\%20 Hospital\%20 Shortlisting\%20 Report\%2020200825.pdf$ 

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## **Engagement with the Public**

This is an important issue, as it is a requirement of the Outline Planning Guidance issued by the Planning Minister on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 that there should be evidence of consultation with the public. To date (20 October 2020) there has been nothing that is recognisable as public consultation. There was promise of an OH website in January 2020 at a meeting between the Friends of Our New Hospital, the States CEO, DGHCS and the OH Project team, but despite frequent enquiries to ask when it might be published there is no sign of it. However, we are now told that it will go live to coincide with the release of the Functional Assessment on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020, which coincides with the States debate on the choice of Overdale as the location of the OH, lodged as P123/2020 on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

## **Summary**

In our view the level of engagement regarding the OH project with key stakeholders and the public has been wholly inadequate. Only the States Members can assess the level of engagement they experienced but looking from the outside it would appear they have been kept in the dark along with the public.

We would welcome the opportunity to review our submission with you in further detail.

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