

Save Our Children's Hospital Campaign

Protest at Crumlin



Children's Hospital

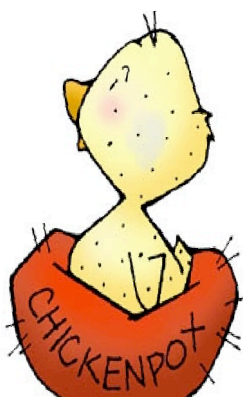
5.45pm Tuesday May 12th

John Bulfin, HSE hospital network manager stated in a letter to Crumlin Childrens hospital in January, " savings should be targeted to ensure frontline patient care services are appropriately maintained".

This is how frontline services are going to be maintained so be very careful of your children this summer. Because of a forecasted deficit of ?9.6 million, three wards are to shut down. This starts with St Josephs due to close on the May 14th and 2 more wards to close in July and August. this will mean over 7,000 fewer inpatient bed days at the hospital this year. There will also be theatre closures, a 15% reduction in day case activity and a 15% reduction in outpatient activity. Two play specialists will be lost on May 14th. These specialists are crucially important for many children. It is expected that the contracts of 17 household workers will not be renewed in May. There will be cuts in agency staffing and in other staff holding temporary contracts, and also in overtime and oncall payments.

This will mean that the largest childrens hospital in the state will not be open for our children in the Summer, operations will be cancelled, if our children break an arm/leg what will happen. This is a step too far, its bad enough that our wages are been cut, or we are losing our jobs, but if

our children lives are put at risk, this cannot and must not happen. The HSE cannot put costs before our childrens welfare. Parents, children, hospital workers, must come out on May 12th. We will organise the immediate next steps from the protest to stop this lunacy.



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