



Press Release

MUH Emergency Department to open December 3rd.

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Mercy University Hospital is pleased to announce that its new Emergency Department will be open from midday, Wednesday December 3rd next. The new department will operate on a 24/7 basis.

From 1.00 a.m. Tuesday, December 2nd, to facilitate the transfer of function, the existing department will be closed.

Staff familiarisation and equipment testing is being carried out at present. GPs and other health professionals have been invited to view the facilities ahead of opening.

The full suite of additional medical and para-medical services originally intended by the hospital will not be available and part of the new facility will be cordoned off to await their hoped-for - introduction on a phased basis in the future.

Said MUH chief executive, Pat Madden: “We are very pleased that we now have a definite date for the opening. There has been a very long delay in moving the department from facilities that were acknowledged as “not fit for purpose”. Our staff who have been working in very inadequate and difficult circumstances down the years have been outstanding.

“MUH has always had an innovative approach to the provision of emergency services and it is disappointing that our vision of the kind of optimum service that could be provided at the new Emergency Department cannot be delivered at this point. We had hoped the services would have included the availability of an advanced nurse practitioner to fast track minor injuries, allied health practitioners such as a physiotherapist, occupational therapist, social worker and GP Liaison support. These additional services cannot now be provided in the new facilities but may be introduced at a later stage, on a phased basis, depending on the level of HSE support provided,” said Mr. Madden

The new department is situated on the ground floor of the Hospital’s newer building, the Lee View Block. Access for non-ambulance casualties is via the dedicated entrance which is clearly marked and signposted in Grenville Place facing the River Lee. There is another entrance in Grenville Place which is for ambulance use only.

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