

€7,000 for additional security measures at Dodder Valley Park

ADDITIONAL security measures at a cost of over seven thousand euro have been put in place in an further attempt to combat anti-social behaviour in Dodder Valley Park.

Last week, it was reported that CCTV cameras were installed in the park in 2020 at a cost of €8,450. The Council have confirmed that recently the CCTV system has been modified at a cost of €7,635 to include an audio facility to

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deter groups from congregating at the Old Bawn Pavilion in the park.

Residents have called certain areas of the park a "no-go zone" after a certain time of the evening

due to gangs congregating to drink, sell drugs and engage in intimidating behaviour in recent months.

CCTV has also been installed on the greenway at Old Bawn and Seskin View to Eirhouse via the bridges over the Dodder River and Ballycullen stream as part of the National Transport Authority project at a cost of approximately €80,000.



Only attend hospital A&E in case of an emergency

'The cyber attack has impacted on how we run the hospital'

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TALLAGHT University Hospital this week appealed to members of the public to only attend its A&E department in the case of an emergency, due to the ongoing impact of the health service IT cyber attack.

The Emergency Department (ED) for adult services remains open at Tallaght but there are delays as the hospital uses manual, back-up systems.

Those who need to attend ED are asked to bring as much information as possible with them - hospital correspondence, Medical Record Number (MRN) and a list of current medications.

The Echo understands that on Monday of this week, there was more than 190 attendances at the local ED, which is higher than the normal weekday average of 150 - with significant delays reported.

"We are appealing to members of the public to attend the ED only in the case of an emergency," the hospital said.

"Patients will be assessed and treated based on clinical priority."

Patients attending for scheduled care - outpatient clinics, elective surgery, dialysis, haematology and oncology - are advised to attend as scheduled, unless contacted directly by the hospital.

All radiology appointments are cancelled until further notice.

According to TUH, this will remain the case until the national system is back up-and-running.

Any appointments postponed will be rescheduled as quickly as possible.

It is understood that the current impact on services will remain in place for the rest of the week, with members of the public

encouraged to visit the hospital's website for updates in the coming days.

Lucy Nugent, TUH Chief Executive, said: "The cyber attack has impacted on how we run the hospital.

"Without the systems we normally use things are slower and regrettably delays are inevitable.

"We apologise for any inconvenience caused to patients and to the public, please be patient with the staff who are working under incredibly challenging conditions."

Ms Nugent added: "Since this happened last Friday the hospital is working under our contingency plan.

"Patients attending our services over the next few days and possible weeks can expect delays until such time as patient information, diagnostic reporting and other affected IT systems are secure and operational.

"We apologise to our patients for delays or disruption in service while we work our way through this challenge to our hospital and the wider

healthcare system.

"We will maintain essential services with patient safety our priority."

In relation to paediatric services at the Children's Hospital Tallaght, emergency services are open.

However, Children's Health Ireland (CHI) has asked families to not attend scheduled appointments unless contacted.

"We understand this is distressing for families of our services and our staff," CHI said.

"A sincere thank you for the efforts being made and we ask for your co-operation for the remainder of the week.

"As there are manual processes in place, we will be slower than normal seeing our patients.

"We are asking all families if their child's care is not urgent to help us by only attending if your child needs emergency or urgent care."

In relation to services at the Children's Hospital Tallaght, CHI has issued the following information -

which is expected to be in place until Friday, May 21.

All elective inpatient and day cases are cancelled alongside all outpatient and private clinics.

Some essential day case inpatient and outpatient services are continuing, with families being contacted by the team at CHI Tallaght to confirm attendance.

Those attending both the adult and children's hospitals and ED services have been asked to bring an appointment letter or any correspondence with their Medical Record Number (MRN) on it, which will assist with retrieving records.

At the time of *The Echo* going to print on Wednesday afternoon, the above was expected to remain in place until the end of the week, when the situation will be reviewed, and further updates released.

Members of the public are advised to visit Tallaght University Hospital's Facebook page or website, www.tuh.ie, for updates.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCEDURE UNDER PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED).

Proposed Development of a Social Housing Project for Independent Living for Older Persons, consisting of 9 units on undeveloped lands on Saint Ronan's Crescent, Dublin 22.

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given of the proposal to construct the following scheme by South Dublin County Council.

Proposed Development of a Social Housing Project for Independent Living for Older Persons, consisting of 9 units on undeveloped lands on Saint Ronan's Crescent, Dublin 22.

The proposed development shall consist of:

- 5 No. 1 Bedroom Houses (2 person)
- 2 No. 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Apartments (3-person)
- 2 No. 2 Bedroom First Floor Apartments (3 person)

The works include: New home zone access from Saint Ronan's Crescent, landscaping works to boundaries and all necessary associated ancillary works on the site and to adjacent areas. All units to be minimum A2 BER rated. The housing provision comprises of one storey terraced units and two storey terraced end units grouped around a central courtyard.

The proposed Scheme has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and a preliminary examination for Environmental Impact Assessment. The Planning Authority has concluded that there will be no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and therefore an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, plans and particulars of the proposed scheme will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy for a period of four weeks from Thursday 20th May 2021 only by appointment at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, and available online on the Consultation Portal.

Submissions:

Submissions or observations in relation to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made as follows:

Online Submissions: <https://consult.sdublincoco.ie> up to 11.59 p.m. on Friday 2nd July 2021.

Or

Written submissions not later than 4.30pm, Friday 2nd July 2021.

Please address your submission to:

Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department,
South Dublin County Council, County Hall,
Tallaght, Dublin 24.

NOTE: Please make your submission by one medium only.

Only submissions received by Friday 2nd July 2021 and addressed as set out above, will be considered.

Submissions cannot be accepted in any other format or to any other postal address. Submissions and observations should state the name, address, and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc. which you represent.

It should be noted that the Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by South Dublin County Council. South Dublin County Council's Personal Data Privacy Statements can be viewed at www.sdcc.ie and all personal data will be retained in line with statutory requirements.

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