

News Statement



Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory opens at Bon Secours Hospital Tralee

New €2.2m Facility is the only Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory in Kerry

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The Bon Secours Hospital Tralee, Co. Kerry, today announced details of their newly opened €2.2m Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory. The only Laboratory of its kind in Kerry, the five bed Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory will treat both private patients and patients referred from Kerry General Hospital.

Commenting, Mr. Paul Garnett, Hospital Manager, Bon Secours Tralee:

“According to numerous studies* Kerry has the highest incidence of Cardiovascular Disease in Ireland. It is our objective that this new Unit will facilitate the early detection and treatment of heart disease in the county, thereby saving lives. The primary focus of the Bon Secours Hospital Tralee is on meeting the needs of Kerry’s General Practitioners (GPs) and their patients. We regularly meet with GPs to take soundings on what services are required within the Kerry healthcare system, so as to further enhance our services, and to avoid duplication with other healthcare providers in the County. This process was one of the determining factors when the decision was taken to begin construction of the Unit last November. Prior to the opening of our Catheterisation Laboratory this month, patients were referred to facilities in either Cork or Limerick, usually involving long journeys and delays in appointments. We are delighted to be able to provide this new service in County Kerry and to continue to positively contribute to the health and well being of our community”.

The Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory will provide the following services; Coronary Angiography; Coronary Angioplasty; Insertion of temporary and permanent pacemakers; insertion of implantable defibrillators; Digital Subtracted Angiography (DSA); insertion of dialysis, oncology and vascular access (VASCATH, PORTCATH devices), Intravascular Ultrasound and Functional Flow reserve studies

The Catheterisation units’ team is led by Consultant Cardiologist, Dr. Louis Keary, assisted by a team of professional staff, including Cardiology Registrar, Clinical Nurse Manager; Staff Nurses, Resuscitation Training Officer, Cardiac Technician, Specialist Radiographer, Care Assistants and household staff. Dr. Louis Keary will be joined by an additional Consultant Cardiologist, Dr. Yvonne Symth, in August 2008.

The opening of the Catheterisation Laboratory is part of the Bon Secours Hospital Tralees' on going development strategy which has also seen the opening of a new Respiratory unit, under consultant, Dr. Alan Mulgrew, in January of this year. This new Respiratory Department includes the diagnosis and treatment of asthma, chronic obstructive airways disease and sleep apnoea.

The Bon Secours Hospital in Tralee opened on Denny Street in 1879 and has been at its current site in Strand Street since 1922. Under the care of the Sisters of Bon Secours, today the Hospital currently employs 460 staff, with over 35 additional consultants attached to the Hospital. The Not-for-Profit Bon Secours Tralee is one of the four hospitals in the Bon Secours Health System Ltd**, the largest private health care provider in Ireland.

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Notes to Editor

* *Key facts on heart disease in Kerry
In particular high incidence amongst males
(Ref; Building Healthier Hearts - 5 year action plan 2000 – 2004).*

** Established in 1993 to co-ordinate the management of four hospitals under the care of the sisters of Bon Secours, the The Bon Secours Health System Ltd, has hospitals located in Cork, Dublin, Tralee and Galway. In total the four Hospitals employ over 2,000 staff dedicated to bringing their professionalism, expertise and compassion to bear on our inpatients, outpatients and day cases.

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