

Statement on Progress of Co-location

Beacon Medical Group

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Beacon Medical Group and its minority partner UPMC remain committed to the government policy of co-location, as outlined in the Renewed Programme for Government.

Negotiations with the HSE and Department of Health have been ongoing since BMG was awarded the tenders in July 2007 for three co-located hospitals in Beaumont, CUH and MWRH, and are now at an advanced stage. These projects will entail investment of over €600m in Irish healthcare infrastructure and services, provide 2,700 construction jobs immediately and 3,000 permanent jobs once the hospitals are completed.

A number of Irish and International banks are heavily involved in the negotiations in order to bring this process to a successful conclusion, which would result in an institutionally accepted contract that is the norm in projects of this type. As soon as the final contract is deemed acceptable on the international investment market and therefore 'fundable' by our banks, BMG will then be in a position to immediately mobilise our construction teams. Planning permission for all three hospitals has been in place since June 2009.