

Re: Ownership of the New National Maternity Hospital

Dear Minister,

I wish to have my opposition to the current plans for the National Maternity Hospital known and noted by the Department of Health.

I believe granting ownership of the National Maternity Hospital to a religious order is entirely inappropriate.

I believe ownership being granted to a religious order will affect the ethos of the hospital.

The National Maternity Hospital must be an independent, secular, entity with an ethos of best practice, evidence-based care for all people regardless of culture, creed and colour.

I am not satisfied by the assurances given to this effect to date, and I do not believe the current agreement with SVHCG will result in a hospital as described above.

I call on you as Minister, to prevent a religious order taking ownership of the National Maternity Hospital and honour my demand, as a taxpayer, shareholder and service user, for the National Maternity Hospital to be an independent, secular, entity with an ethos of best-practice, evidence-based care for all people regardless of culture, creed and colour.

Yours Sincerely,
