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Developer to restart work at new children's hospital on Monday 13th July”

“in good faith, following robust communication with the Board and in the interest of completing the project as quickly and economically as possible with the safety of all stakeholders as the top priority and with full implementation of the Government’s mandatory Covid-19 restrictions”.

“We look forward to a successful resumption and getting this vital project moving, notwithstanding all of the challenges that are not of our making,”

10/07/20 Spokesperson BAM

BAM issued the above statement on Friday evening after a significant amount of press coverage originating from an article in the Irish Independent on Thursday followed by other press comments on Friday.

Some Press Coverage

- **Building work stalls on children's hospital after Covid costs row**

- **Work to resume on €1.7bn children's hospital amid costs dispute**
- **Threat of legal action over hospital construction delay**
- **Paschal Donohoe says it's 'frustrating' to see another costs row over National Children's Hospital**
- **Developer behind national children's hospital says work will recommence next week**
- **Work on children's hospital halted over Covid-19 costs stand-off**
- **Lack of Covid-19 compensation unfair, says children's hospital contractor**

In addition to the press coverage the Ministers of Health, Finance and the Taoiseach have all commented on the continued closure.

The National Paediatric Hospital Development Board (NPHDB) confirmed there is a dispute with the developer BAM over who should bear the extra costs of the site being closed since the 31st of March and reopening it while complying with social-distancing rules, which will mean fewer workers on site.

The NPHDB have been informed by BAM that the hospital will open on a phased basis, no other details are available.

Residents have raised a number of issues through the Residents Monitoring Committee. (See [Here](#)).

The NPHDB have assured residents that the site will not reopen before the plans for reopening are discussed with Resident Representatives at a meeting to be organised.

The new hospital is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022 and handed over to Children's Health Ireland to open in 2023.