

25 October 2023

New Women's and Children's Hospital

- I. Can you confirm what date the new Women's and Children's Hospital will be operational and opened for admissions and associated services.**

There is no Women's and Children's Hospital, however the New Maternity Hospital is on site, programmed to be operational Summer 2024 and the New Children's Hospital project is due to commence on site 2024.

- II. Can you confirm if the concerns around water contamination has been resolved and to provide details on how this issues was resolved.**

There is ongoing water monitoring throughout the duration of construction and the Trust continues to work with the contractor to the delivery of a safe water system.

- III. Can you confirm what the original budget for the new Women's and Children's Hospital was and what the over-spent is to the date on this request.**

The Trust can confirm the New Maternity Hospital remains within business case approvals.

- IV. Can you confirm if the contractors are still being paid, despite the new Women's and Children's Hospital has not been open for admissions and associated services.**

The information requested is exempt under Section 43: Commercial Interests. Providing the information requested would prejudice or would be likely to prejudice someone's commercial interests.

- V. Can you confirm how any additional over-spend will be financed, from the Belfast Trust's own budget and/or additional funds from the Department for Health.**

The New Maternity Hospital remains within business case approvals.