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## Joining the Dots – Connecting voices for child-friendly healthcare in hospital.

Joining the Dots is a joint initiative between the Children's Hospital Group Board (CHGB) and the Ombudsman for Children's Office (OCO) in partnership with Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; Children's University Hospital, Temple Street; and National Children's Hospital, Tallaght with the help of Children in Hospital Ireland (CHI) volunteers.

Children in Hospital Ireland are delighted to participate in this project through assisting parents and children in A & E's, Outpatients departments and wards to complete questionnaires.

The Joining the Dots Survey will take place during the months of July and Children in Hospital Ireland Volunteers will be on hand to distribute and collect questionnaires and help with any queries you may have. We thank you in advance for your participation.

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## Objectives of Joining the Dots

- To support children attending hospital, together with parents, hospital staff and management, to express their views on a range of matters relating to the delivery of services to children and young people.
- To promote child-friendly healthcare and respect for children's rights in hospital by supporting participants to share views on matters relating to children's rights under the UNCRC, as they arise in hospital.
- To illuminate good practices and to identify any areas where improvements may be merited or needed.
- To support the three children's hospitals and the Children's Hospital Group respectively in their continued work to develop services for children and young people in the three children's hospitals and in the new children's hospital.

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