

SEANAD ÉIREANN

Private Members' Motion, 24th May 2023

Senator Mary Fitzpatrick & Senator Catherine Ardagh

That Seanad Éireann:

Recognising:

- The contribution of Dr. Kathleen Lynn to the provision of healthcare to children and mothers, including her co-founding of Ireland's first children's hospital in 1919, St. Ultan's Hospital for Infants;
- The pioneering work of Dr. Kathleen Lynn in prioritising children's health at a time when paediatrics was a fledging discipline;
- Dr Kathleen Lynn's tireless championing of social justice and public health;
- That the new national children's hospital identity should be directly linked with the social justice values of this pioneering female medical doctor and champion of children's, women's and public health to guide and inform the values of future of paediatric care in the new Children's Hospital; and

Noting:

- The campaign to name the national children's hospital after Dr. Kathleen Lynn that is led by the 1916 Relatives' Association;
 - The broad support for this campaign from political and non-political parties and organisations such as the Oireachtas Women's Caucus, Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, SIPTU, Fórsa, and the National Women's Council of Ireland; and
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Agreeing that:

- The new national children's hospital will lead the provision of paediatric healthcare in Ireland for generations to come;
- The new national children's hospital will be a key enabler of strategic reform of the way that we deliver healthcare services for children and young people;
- The name of the new hospital should reflect the values that will inform the care it provides for generations to come; and

Calls for:

- The new national children's hospital to be named after Dr. Kathleen Lynn.