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	<p><b>Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin 12</b></p> <p><i>....where children's health comes first</i></p>
<p><b>Information for Patients and Parents on the use of Smart phone technology by Nursing staff in the workplace</b></p>	
	
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## **Background**

In Ireland Smartphone usage has increased exponentially. The use of the smart phone in the workplace to facilitate practice has increased with the creation of applications which support the complex aspects of medical care.

In 2011 75% of physicians in the US have at least one iphone. It is assumed that this percentage is replicated worldwide.

In Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin (OLCHC) an application, devised by the pharmacy department to replace the paper version of a hospital medication formulary has been in use for two years. The OLCHC Formulary application is used by many clinical staff. This allows staff access to up to date information on medications which support safe medication practices in the clinical area.

Nursing staff in OLCHC are permitted to use the Smart Phone to access these applications to assist with their daily work.

It is expected that all nursing staff will use professional judgment when using their

smart phone and will be respectful of patient confidentiality and data protection.

## **What you can expect**

OLCHC do not fund the use of the personal mobile phone for use in the workplace except in a few exceptional cases.

There is no arrangement in OLCHC to refund the cost of the use of the mobile in the clinical area.

If nurses are using a smart phone in the department in which your infant/child is located they will be using their own personal device but are not obliged to do so.

## **Nursing staff will use their smart phone for the following purposes.**

- To access clinical information
- To access medication information
- To calculate drug doses
- To access clinical materials for reference purposes

## **Nursing staff will not use their smart phones for the following purposes.**

- To contact you on your mobile
- To contact medical staff on their mobile phone.
- To text family and friends during work time.
- To tweet or access social media during work hours
- To photograph patients or their families with their phone camera
- To contact parents
- To friend parents of patients on the social networks