Mortuary Refurbishment project Beaumont Hospital 2010–2014

Announcement of funding available for projects that would enhance the service and facilities for patients and their families at end of life from the HFH 2010
Fact finding

- End of Life Committee identified possible area for consideration for grant
- Mortuary submission chosen
- Sub committee nominated
- Site visits
- Feed back to committee on findings
Meeting with HFH and Ronan Rose–Roberts (Architects) with our views/requirements and expectations!

Draft plans submitted/presented to HFH

Promoted buy in from hospital management

Successful outcome with €300,000 allocation to project
Project team

- Put together an internal project team.
- Re-drafting plans, getting costs
- Tendering & Planning process
- Funding short fall!
- Scaling of works, look at what could be done internally – constant best use of monies allocated!
Contingency plans for duration of refurbishment of Mortuary

- Meet with relevant departments/stakeholders
- Agree requirement and set up contingency plans for duration of build
- Do up temporary SOP’s and agree on them, for these changes/plans
- Meet with local Funeral directors for their help with removals (Cost neutral) and use them as spokes people to get the news out
Communication challenges

- Inform as many people as possible internally/externally of the upcoming refurbishment and the agreed contingency plans for duration of this build

- Agree a start date

- Regular engagement with stakeholders
Challenges during build

- Move out of Building but keep functional!
- Services still had to be provided
- Ongoing communication with stakeholders
- Ongoing decision making using external help/knowledge eg (HFH team)
- Fight your corner! But keep everyone on board
During the build

- Regular site visits
- Get realistic completion date and prepare for a return to the building
- Snagging, tweaking
- Hand back from builder
- Move back in
- Communication of new opening dates
- Invitation to stakeholders/staff to view new facility
Old Church
New removal room
Old waiting room
New waiting room
Old front door
New entrance hall
Old external view of Mortuary
New external view of Mortuary
Parking for Families
Back room
Back room with Bariatric area
Family Room
Tea making facilities
Family Room
Family Room in to second viewing room
Ritual washing facilities
NOW ..... 

- Huge difference to the way we work with patients and families at end of life

- We are awaiting completion of an art piece from a competition sponsored by Beaumont Foundation with NCAD

- Thank you to the HfH for this opportunity in improving our facilities