



Press Release

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Beacon Hospital encourages local community to donate blood

-Blood drive helps IBTS with weekly blood donation target-

Working with its neighbours, Beacon Hospital today, Monday, 25th May held a blood donation clinic to help the Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS) achieve the 3,000 blood donations needed in Ireland every week.

All beds were filled during the donation period, which was arranged to allow busy professionals in the Dundrum and Sandyford areas to fit a visit into their working day.

“The mobile clinic provides an excellent opportunity for those based outside the city centre and who otherwise may not have the time to donate, to do so easily and efficiently, whilst also encouraging those who have not donated before to learn more about donation”, said Chief Operating Officer, Beacon Hospital, Laura Gailey.

Beacon Hospital is committed to raising awareness of the importance of blood donation, which provides vital blood supply for those who have suffered serious injuries, who are undergoing surgery, or receiving treatments. “The great response to today’s clinic demonstrates there is a desire to donate, and a recognition of the need to give blood amongst the local community. We hope to hold another blood drive in the near future”, added Ms. Gailey.

Anyone interested in giving blood should visit the IBTS website, www.ibts.ie for further information on donation centres, what is involved in donation, eligibility and current bloodstocks.