

## Press Release

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### CUH and Churchfield Community Trust Launch Local Food Supply Project

*Official launch to take place at the Garden Café, The Foyer Building, Assumption Road, Blackpool on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm*

**This summer sees Churchfield Community Trust become an official supplier of some locally grown produce to the Catering Department at Cork University Hospital.**

Cork University Hospital is the first healthcare facility in the world to be awarded a Green Flag for its work around environmental management and sustainable healthcare. This local supply project sees the hospital reach out to the community in an attempt to provide **local, seasonal herbs and vegetables** to its patients.

Churchfield Community Trust offer training, work and enterprise skills to disadvantaged young men in the North of Cork City with a particular focus on adult education, woodwork, **catering skills** and **horticulture**. This project offers CCT an opportunity to further develop its horticulture programme with the potential to become self-sustaining. The project has the capability to provide longer term support for individuals from a socially disadvantaged background that may need extra time and support that cannot be provided through current short term initiatives.

This project is supported by the **HSE Community Work Department** and **Health Action Zone** who aim to develop innovative programmes that enable growth and creative solutions to emerge from within communities in response to health and social issues. **MBA Charitable trust** was involved in the development of the business plan.

The **Catering Department at CUH** serve over one million meals every year. This initiative allows the hospital to really take ownership of where its food is produced and provides an opportunity to modify menus to include **seasonal vegetables and herbs** that may not be available from wholesalers. It also creates a connection between the patient and their food as there is a strong possibility that a patient may be from the area where the food has been grown. CUH is delighted to have an opportunity to support a local social inclusion project.

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