What a night! The Harry Styles concert

I'm 16, from Roscommon and in 4th year in Secondary School. I've been in treatment in Crumlin hospital since April 2021 and during this time my family have been living in The Ronald McDonald House.

I'm busy in hospital a lot of the time but when I can I spend time in the House hanging out with my family and friends. The House has been so busy the last few months with so much going on.

I suppose my favourite memories over the last few months have been the fun days and nights in the House. We've had Summer barbecues, I got to go to the Harry Styles concert, we had big nights in (like the Love Island Finale Party we had in the sitting room) and of course our Virtual Bingo Night where I won €1,000 by pure chance thanks to The Balgriffin Inn!! I couldn't believe it!

I'm hoping to get home from hospital soon, but for the next few weeks in the House I'll be busy designing and painting my own bench for the back garden and also chatting to the New House team about what the teenager room in the New House could look like! How cool is that?

I hope you can take a few minutes out of your busy day to have a read of all of the things that have been happening around the House over the last while. 😊
Things have been very busy behind the scenes of our New House project. It’s been a long road and a lot of work from everyone involved, but we are thrilled to say that we have reached the end of the design stage of the project and are due to go out to tender in the new year.

Recently, we had the opportunity to visit the site and witness first-hand the progress at the New Children’s Hospital. CEO Eilish Hardiman gave us the grand tour and I have to say it really is something to behold. It was first time being onsite and seeing in person you really are taken aback by the sheer scale of the hospital. It will no doubt serve our country and its children for generations to come.

We also got to see our own New House site and I’m thrilled to say that we will be staying true to our motto of “keeping families close”. Our House will stand on a prime site just steps away from the main entrance to the New Hospital. We literally could not be closer.

We’ve still a way to go but we’re getting there day by day. Please let me share with you the most recent drawings we have so you can really imagine what’s coming.

Joe Kenny, CEO
Our House has served us and our families so well over the years, but in recent times we found that the living room and the back garden were in need of a little TLC.

Thanks to the generosity of the public in their response to our Wishlists, as well as some of our corporate friends, our living room and back garden have had a complete makeover!

Both areas look great and far more functional for families, but the main benefit we’ve seen is the quality family time and memories being made in the spaces. Barbecues, birthday parties, movie nights in and visits have been made so much better thanks to these revamped areas in the House.