



## CONNECT WEEKLY

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**momentum supports its Stakeholders.** Through partnering with the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital to deliver innovative cleaning solutions...

### Leading acute hospital utilises new innovative robotic cleaning



Left to Right: Cosmin Pascalau and Gabriela Batalia, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital

Momentum Support has been contracted by the Mater Hospital to provide and deliver specialised cleaning with a UVC disinfection robot. The Mater Hospital is the first acute hospital to fully implement this state-of-the-art contactless cleaning technology that will ensure all surfaces are free of Covid-19 and other bacteria. The new technology utilises UVC lights and can decontaminate a room in an average 10-20-minute period, which would have previously taken between 2-3 hours.

Following the onset of Covid-19, the Mater Hospital made the decision to transition to the UVC method due to its effective results and reduced time input. This enables the hospital to operate more efficiently and increase usage of wards, theatres and waiting areas.

Momentum Support cleaning operatives are fully trained to operate the new UVC technology. On a daily basis, Momentum Support staff liaise closely with the hospital's Infection Prevention and Control team to receive a full briefing on the wards, theatres and waiting areas that require UVC decontamination. Once an area has been identified, the Momentum Support team will prepare the room for an intensive deep clean. This process ensures key areas are identified and decontaminated in an efficient and responsive manner.

The UVC machine, which is operated by a smart App, scans the area to measure how long the process will take. Once completed, the room is ready to re-use.

#### The Benefits of the UVC machine:

- ✓ Average decontamination time is 10-20 minutes, depending on the size of the room
- ✓ Reduces terminal cleaning time - UVC takes approximately 30 minutes to complete compared to approximately 12 hours using previous methods
- ✓ It is an extra measure put in place by the hospital to ensure all surfaces are free of Covid-19 and other bacteria present in the room
- ✓ Alleviates pressure on the cleaning operatives
- ✓ The machine's bulbs are cost effective and have approximately 9,000 hours lifespan
- ✓ Improves bed management within the hospital and improves patient flow times
- ✓ Built in safety mechanism switches off the machine immediately when someone enters the room to prevent exposure to UVC
- ✓ Easy to transport around the hospital

#### Click on the link Breaking News.ie

<https://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/hospital-uses-robotic-technology-to-disinfect-rooms-from-covid-19-in-fraction-of-time-1015823.html>

#### Ian Anderson, Group Chief Operating Officer, Momentum Support, said:

*"Momentum Support is proud to assist the Mater Hospital to deliver a high-quality cleaning process through UVC decontamination and ensure all surfaces are free of COVID-19 and other bacteria. As one of the leading acute hospitals in Ireland, the Mater needs a cleaning partner that will provide a best-in-class service and we are delighted to be providing this since 2015. We will continue to operate to the highest standards possible as we support all of our clients during this particularly difficult time. I would like to thank all our staff for their continued hard work and dedication during these challenging times."*

**Kathleen Whelan, Head of General Services at the Mater Hospital** said: *"This new state of the art cleaning technology will have a significant impact on reducing the time it takes to disinfect an area, which will help us to be more efficient as we strive to provide our patients with the highest standards of care. We would like to thank Momentum Support for their continuing excellent service to the Mater Hospital, and for their help in introducing this latest high-tech cleaning solution. Now more than ever, hygiene is critical and this new solution is a positive step in helping to reduce the risk of contamination."*





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momentum supports its Communities through our Charity partner Dublin Simon Community with an update from Sam McGuinness, CEO, Dublin Simon Community -on the release of the Annual Review 2019...



Despite the challenges and barriers that lay before us, we made some great strides in 2019. Together with the support of our staff, donors, funders, volunteers, other NGO's, Local Authorities and the HSE, we supported 7,455 people and families across our services in Dublin, Wicklow, Kildare, Meath, Louth, Cavan and Monaghan. Among these people were:

- 2,435 adults and children moved out of homelessness by our resettlement team;
- 1,016 adults and children who we prevented from becoming homeless;
- 603 adults and children housed through our independent housing;
- 1,281 cases supported by our health and addiction treatment teams;
- 587 people who participated in our education & employability programmes;
- 210 people living in our permanent medium & high supported housing services;
- 1,231 people who accessed our emergency accommodation in Dublin & Wicklow;
- 829 people living in long-term accommodation with us.

2019 also marked the first full year of operations for our Step-Up-Step-Down service, providing semi-acute healthcare to homeless individuals.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support us. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, we know that with your help and our dedication, we can make sure that there is no going back and only a brighter future for all those we serve.

CEO of Dublin Simon Community



Please Click on the link below for a virtual message from Sam Mc Guinness, CEO, Dublin Simon Community



<https://youtu.be/8IH61QsXYTo>

### A Message update on Volunteering:

**Dublin Simon Community ...** "We have unfortunately paused all face to face volunteering opportunities due to the pandemic but if you wish to get more information, you can visit our volunteer section on our website:

<https://www.dubsimon.ie/get-involved/volunteer/>





## CONNECT WEEKLY

momentum supports its Stakeholders as we journey up Mount Responsible to becoming a more Sustainable and Responsible Business ...

### SHAPING THE FUTURE OF WORK PUBLICATION



PERSPECTIVES ON:  
CULTURE, SKILLS, INCLUSION,  
AND WELLBEING



*A new publication has been released this week by the @business in the community Ireland Leaders' Group on Sustainability. As we move to new ways of working, especially remotely, the publication features emerging best practice in the areas of Culture, Skills, Inclusion and Wellbeing that keep the focus on the employee experience.*

*We were delighted to provide our perspective on Wellbeing and to share current initiatives at Momentum Support.*

Download a copy on the BITCI website to read our case study.

<https://www.bitc.ie/the-leaders-group-on-sustainability/worker-of-the-future/>

## momentum supports its Workforce



Hi All.

Due to the Covid-19 level 3 restrictions in Dublin, we decided to move Taking the Lead online. This gave the Supervisors an opportunity to complete their training, taking into account everyone's safety.

Kind Regards,  
Sinead Woods, Learning & Development Manager

**Left to Right:** Timea Markovits, Dublin Landings, Ana Maria Petru, Citi Bank, Jenny Taylor, Google and Vitalijus Utkinas, Google.

