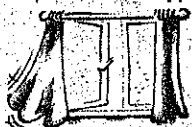


Don't smoke or use naked flame



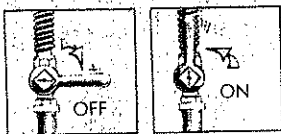
Don't switch anything electrical on or off
- doorbells, switches or appliances



Open windows and doors to let the gas disperse



Check your appliances to see if the gas has been
left on without being lit. If your appliances
area clear but the smell persists...



Turn off gas at the meter



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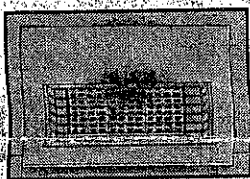
If your phone is in the immediate area of the leak,
use a neighbour's or the nearest callbox.

If you smell gas on the street, telephone Bord Gáis.
Don't assume someone else has reported the smell.

Going on holiday? Make sure each gas appliance
is turned off, then turn off the gas at the meter.
When you return, turn on the gas supply again
at the meter and re-light pilot lights on appliances,
as necessary, following the manufacturer's instructions.

SIGNS TO WATCH OUT FOR

If your appliance uses a chimney or flue pipe



- Staining, sooting or discolouration on or around the appliance
- The appliance burns with a yellow or orange flame
- There is a strange smell when the appliance is being used
- You notice condensation on surfaces when the appliance is in use
- You feel drowsy or unwell when using the appliance

If you notice any of these signs, stop using
the appliance immediately and have it checked
by your installer, service company or phone
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erick. (061) 317822. (f15c)

**APPLICATION TO
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S. & P. Collins are applying for
approval to Limerick County
Council to construct a two
storey house, garage, septic
tank, front entrance and garden
store on site at Lisnagry, Co.
Limerick. (7941)

**APPLICATION TO
PLANNING AUTHORITY**
Limerick County Council: We
wish to apply for planning per-
mission to construct a din-
ing room/sunroom and garage at
Ash Cottage, Briska Mór, Clar-
ina, Co. Limerick. Signed:
Joseph and Colette Kirby. (7943)

**APPLICATION TO
PLANNING AUTHORITY**
Limerick County Council: I,
Phelim Kinehan, wish to apply
to Limerick County Council for
change of use of ground floor
store to restaurant and 1st
floor store to licensed premises,
and also to change the use of
existing 1st floor
restaurant/function room to
restaurant to include for use as
licensed premises at Coach
House, South Quay, Newcastle
West, Co. Limerick. (f15/7455)

**APPLICATION TO
PLANNING AUTHORITY**
Limerick County Council:
Planning permission sought for
the retention of extension to
rear of dwellinghouse at
Killeenagariff, Lisnagry, Co.
Limerick. Signed: Danny
Russell. (f15/7456)

**APPLICATION TO
PLANNING AUTHORITY**
Limerick County Council: We
wish to apply for planning per-
mission for the construction of
dormer bungalow, entrance
gate, septic tank and percola-
tion area at Clooncuina South.

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sill

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It's caught in a tree
Above our onion bed.
Laura Nic Aoidh, age 12, Sales
Primary School, Fernbank.
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Minister announces £20m for hospital

By DYMHPNA
BRACKEN

MINISTER Michael Noonan has given approval to the Mid-Western Health Board for a further £20m developments at Limerick Regional Hospital.

The new developments will consist of a new paediatric unit, new laboratory, newly designed hospital concourse, physical medicine rehabilitation, refurbished radiology department and accident and emergency department, additional orthopaedic beds, and a refurbished

department is staffed by Dr

This money was raised by the Mid-West Hospitals Development Trust, a dedicated group of people led by Louis Craven.

This new cardiac imaging unit provides facilities for cardiac catheterisation for the investigation of coronary disease with the most modern equipment available.

The equipment allows rapid access to angiography facilities for patients from the region and incorporates technical innovations which also limit the radiation exposure to patients.

It is planned to perform approximately 1,000 procedures per year when operating to maximum capacity, and since the unit opened in December, 200 procedures have been performed.

Michael Daly, consultant radiologist, on the medical side and Vera Burke, superintendent radiographer.

The Minister expects the first patients to be using the facilities later on this year.

From his travels around the country, Minister Noonan said he has become aware that the reputation of Limerick Regional Hospital as a centre of medical excellence is "growing among health care professionals".

He thanked everybody associated with the developments and said it was a tribute to everybody involved that building work has progressed so far in such a short space of time.

He also congratulated the Mid-Western Health Board, including former CEO Denis Doherty, Paul Robinson, CEO, and their staff, and Frank Ahern, Shanagolden, and the Department of Health "for their commitment and perseverance which has been a credit and a fine example of efficiency and what can be achieved by the public service".

Cllr Jack Bourke, chairman of the Mid-Western Health Board, said that former CEO, the late Jack Hynes, had the foresight to purchase the land surrounding the hospital for £9,000 an acre at the time.

Some time later, he said, Denis Doherty presented plans to develop the hospital to Minister Rory O'Hanlon, but, he said, nothing happened for a while until Limerick got its own Minister for Health.

"I would have preferred it was a Flanna Fail minister but I'm delighted for Minister Noonan who has made a determined effort," he said.

He thanked in particular the Mid-West Hospitals Development Trust including Mr Craven and Pat Mulcair, who, he said, had raised £2m for equipment in the hospital.

Mr Craven said the Trust's work would not have been possible without the "serious money" donated by JP McManus and Mr Mulcair.

He thanked everybody involved in fundraising at all levels, the staff of the board and the hospital, including Dr Meany for their co-operation.

The nuclear medicine



Minister for Health Michael Noonan, unveils a plaque to open the new cardiac unit at Limerick Regional Hospital watched by Louis Craven, Mid-West Hospitals Trust, Cllr Mary Jackman, member of the health board and Cllr Jack Bourke, chairman, Mid-Western Health Board. (LL)

central sterile supplies and pharmacy departments.

"These important developments will transform Limerick Regional Hospital from accommodation built for the 1950s to a modern health facility ready to meet the needs of the 21st century," claimed the Minister.

Minister Noonan visited the hospital this week, to perform the topping out ceremony for phase one of the development plan, completed at a cost of £20m, and consisting of nine new operating theatres, new out-patient department, new day care facilities with dedicated operating theatres, new intensive care unit and new kidney dialysis facilities.

He also opened both the new cardiac catheterisation suite and the CT scanning and nuclear medical facilities.

"This facility will remove the need for



Deputy Des O'Malley at the Limerick Soroptimists Judith Ironside, Mary McMahon, national president, Byrne, president Limerick Soroptimists.

O'Malley calls in operating ca

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AN INCREASE in the value of the carers' allowance and a relaxation of the qualifying conditions was called for by Deputy Desmond O'Malley, at a carers' weekend symposium organised by Soroptimists International in the Two-Mile Inn.

Deputy O'Malley referred in particular to the "living under the same roof" condition which, he claimed, prevents many people from qualifying.

"In extreme cases, a family may have an elderly relative living a couple of doors away. However, because he is not living under the same roof, the carers' allowance is not available to them," he pointed out.

The provision of care in the community, claimed Deputy O'Malley must be one of the central objectives of the whole health and social welfare policy.

People must have access to the best hospital treatment and the best residential care when they need it. "But they must not be institutionalised merely because there is no alternative," he stated.

There are about 6,000 people receiving the carers' allowance.

That according to Deputy O'Malley "represents 6,000 cases where a modicum of State assistance is supporting the quality of family life and enabling families to stay together in quite difficult circumstances".

On a political note, he pointed out that the introduction of the allowance was one of the most important achievements of the 1989-1992 Coalition Government of which he was a member.

The purpose of the

allowance is to enable people to be cared for at home avoiding the need to go into long-term institutions.

The allowance accounts for only a tiny percentage of the overall welfare budget but delivers a very significant benefit to the people affected.

"As a nation, we have never had more resources available to us to improve the living standards of our people. It is important that the fruits of economic growth are shared with the people, and I think that improving and extending the carers' allowance should be a top priority of Government," claimed Deputy O'Malley.

He questioned the number of people needlessly institutionalised because of the rigidities of the system. "Surely, he said, if the State can afford to care for a person in hospital it can afford an allowance to have them cared for at home."

Deputy O'Malley pointed out that the work of carers can be intense, demanding and sometimes draining.

More than any section of society, he said, they need a break.

He applauded the programme organised by Soroptimists and said "everything possible should be done to support this kind of activity."

"This is the kind of programme which deserves support from the Department of Social Welfare. It is the kind of programme which deserves to be supported by the National Lottery," emphasised the Deputy.

Two hundred and thirty carers enjoyed a rest break courtesy of Limerick Soroptimists.

Friends 'angered'

HEALTH Minister Michael Noonan's decision not to attend a meeting of Limerick Parents' Friends of the Mentally Handicapped has angered the association as they need answers to lot questions.