

TEN REASONS TO SUPPORT MARY HARNEY

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as Minister for Environmental Protection

Mary stood up to the vested interests and banned the sale of smoky coal in Dublin resulting in the **elimination of smog** in Dublin and a better quality of life for all Dubliners especially children, older people and asthmatics.

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as Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment

Mary was the most successful employment minister in Western Europe delivering over **600,000 new jobs** in Ireland during her term.

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Mary secured record investment in Ireland by foreign companies and brought **Wyeth** - the world's largest bio-pharmaceutical campus to Grange Castle here in Dublin Mid West.

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Mary stood up to the vested interests in the insurance and legal professions and reformed the insurance sector resulting in **insurance premiums falling by 45%** over 3 years.

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Mary introduced the **minimum wage** to protect low paid workers

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as PD leader and TD for Dublin Mid West

Mary first proposed the **€200 a week pension** and made sure that this promise was delivered. She is committed to **increasing the pension to €300 per week** over the next 5 years.

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Mary followed through on her commitment to get **more taxis on the street** by standing up to the powerful taxi unions. We now have 9,000 extra taxis in Dublin.

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Mary has **worked hard for the people of her home area** all her political life. She was born in Newcastle and went to school in Clondalkin and has always been committed to this constituency. (See inside for details of her local work)

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as Minister for Health

Mary took on the job that many politicians run from – Minister for Health. In just over 2 years Mary has had a major impact on our health services. **Numbers waiting in A&E are down over 60%** in the last 12 months, waiting times for operations have been cut from years to months and our hospitals are cleaner.

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Mary is working hard to reform our health service and is determined to see **patients – not the vested interests - put first**. She wants to see more consultants, better work practices, extra beds and better primary health care in the community.



MARY HARNEY GETS THINGS DONE

Vote

MARY HARNEY NUMBER 1

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A Message from Mary Harney



I have been privileged to represent the people of Dublin Mid West in the Dail and in government over the past 5 years. I sincerely hope that you feel that I have done a good job on your behalf.

I have worked hard for this constituency over the past 5 years

securing significant government funding for new and extended schools, improved public transport services and investments in our roads, new local facilities and enhanced community services. I have been available to you over the past 5 years through my local constituency office and at my weekly clinics.

I took on the job as Minister for Health as I believe passionately that with both reform and investment we can radically improve our health system and over the past 2 years we have seen some significant improvements but there is much more to be done. I want to finish the job I have started and hope to be back as Minister for Health after the Election.

As I have been canvassing over the past weeks I have been genuinely encouraged by the positive reaction and support I have received. This is an extremely competitive constituency with many candidates looking for your vote so I do not underestimate the challenge in getting re-elected. If you would like to see me returned to the Dail I need your support and I am therefore asking for your Number 1 vote on Thursday next.*

I hope that my work, both as your local representative and as a national politician will convince you to support me in the Election on 24th May.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Harney

** If your Number 1 vote is already committed to another candidate I would greatly appreciate your highest available preference.*

HARNEY

Mary has worked hard for the people of Lucan over the past 5 years. She has secured better transport services, the upgrading of local schools, measures to combat crime and anti social behaviour and increased funding for local facilities and amenities. Below are some positive developments that Mary Harney has been involved in delivering for Lucan:

BETTER TRANSPORT SERVICES

- ★ The N4 is being expanded to 3 lanes in each direction with a new interchange to allow better traffic flow at the Newcastle/Lucan junction on the N4 with improved access to Lucan village.
- ★ The Lucan stretch of the Outer Ring Road has been completed with traffic improvements in this area.
- ★ Work has begun on the upgrade of the M50. The M50 is being expanded to 3 lanes and the infamous M50 roundabouts are being replaced by new free flowing interchanges which will ease local traffic congestion.
- ★ Further development of Lucan QBC with funding allocated by government for major expansion in Lucan bus services.
- ★ Adamstown Station opened in April and frequencies will be expanded as the Kildare Route Project proceeds.
- ★ New LUAS route approved for Lucan as part of the government's Transport 21 project. Extension of existing LUAS line to Citywest to begin shortly.

NEW AND GROWING SCHOOLS

- ★ New Colaiste Cois Life secondary school officially opened this month allowing pupil numbers to double.
- ★ Increase in second level capacity in Lucan with extensions to Colaiste Padraig, St Joseph's and at Lucan Community School.
- ★ New 16 classroom primary schools for Lucan Educate Together and Griffeen Educate Together.
- ★ New school and extension at Archbishop Ryan Primary School in Lucan South.
- ★ Extensions approved for Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig, St Thomas', Scoil Aine, and Scoil Mhuire.

DELIVERS FOR LUCAN



- ★ Increased funding for school improvements have benefited all schools in the area.
- ★ New primary school to open in Adamstown in September with Community College with capacity for 1,000 pupils to open after that.

IMPROVING LOCAL FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

- ★ Funding through this year's Sports Capital Grants of €250,000 for Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club and €350,000 for Griffeen Valley Park
- ★ Local clubs including Lucan Utd, Esker Celtic and Weston Hockey Club have all received funding to improve local facilities.
- ★ Task Force established by the OPW following lobbying by Mary to safeguard the Liffey Valley.
- ★ New swimming pool facility for Lucan to go out to tender by SDCC. Work to begin in 2008.
- ★ Mary has allocated funding to groups such as Homestart Lucan and Lucan Disability Action Group who provide excellent community services
- ★ New Community Centre at Ballyowen.

WHERE MARY STANDS ON SAINT ED'S DEVELOPMENT

While I am totally in favour of affordable and sheltered housing, this proposal for 1600 new homes is, in my opinion, just too large and also would have consequences for the protection of the Liffey Valley. Lucan already has significant affordable housing and there is actually alternative land already zoned for housing in the area. As you probably know, it is your local councillors who will decide on this proposal if a formal application is submitted and as such I will have no say in the decision. I have, however, spoken with the 2 PD councillors on the Council and I can confirm that they are both opposed to the proposal.

BETTER LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Mary Harney has been working hard with the HSE to expand the range of health services for people in Lucan. Over the past few months new facilities have been approved and opened while extra services are now being provided. These new and expanded service show that the continued investment by the Government in public health services is making a real difference to local communities. Some of these improvements are:

- ★ Mary, this week, opened the new Ballyowen Lane Medical Centre. The new centre provides a whole range of medical and community based services in the Lucan area.
- ★ Mary approved capital funding of €10m for a new Primary Healthcare Centre at Admastown to serve Clondalkin and Lucan.
- ★ Two 25 bed rehabilitation units were opened at Peamount Hospital in March.
- ★ Two 50 bed Community Nursing Units are being built at Cherry Orchard to provide both long stay and respite care from the Autumn – these will provide both long stay and respite care.
- ★ Day care is now available 7 days a week at Cherry Orchard Hospital and it is intended to extend day care to 7 days at Peamount later this year.
- ★ Nursing home subvention increased to €300 per week for the residents of the 9 private nursing homes in the area.
- ★ 154 local older people are now receiving Home Care packages.
- ★ The €25 million redevelopment programme at St. Loman's Hospital in Palmerstown is well underway.
- ★ A new purpose built €2.5m Addiction Service at Clondalkin is at planning stage and will be built in the coming year.
- ★ A major new school and resource centre for Stewarts Hospital is under construction at Balgaddy.

MARY HARNEY DELIVERS REAL PROGRESS FOR PATIENTS



In just over 2 years as Minister for Health Mary Harney has delivered real progress for patients. These are the facts:

- ✓ **Numbers waiting in A&E are down over 60% in the last 12 months.** Actual waiting times are shorter and we now have new beds in A&E to improve patient comfort and dignity.
- ✓ **Waiting times for operations have been cut typically from 2-5 years to 2-5 months.** Most people are now guaranteed treatment after 3 months as a result of the National Treatment Purchase Fund.
- ✓ **Hospitals are cleaner.** Mary Harney started the first ever national checks on hospital hygiene. These audits are published for all to see and hospitals now have improved hygiene.
- ✓ **More Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards.** Mary Harney secured funding for 230,000 extra cards and made the means test much easier. As a result thousands of extra families qualify for these cards and receive free GP care.
- ✓ **1,600 more acute hospital beds** have been added since 1997 – the fastest expansion in decades.
- ✓ **1,000 beds currently used by private patients in public hospitals will be freed up over the next 4 years and will then be used for public patients.**
- ✓ **Mary Harney has added 400m to the budget for services for older people in just 2 years meaning:**
 - ✚ 5 times more home care packages to support older people in their own homes
 - ✚ Over 2.5 million more Home Help hours
 - ✚ 2,200 more long term beds
 - ✚ New standards being set and enforced for nursing homes with independent inspections.

**‘MARY HARNEY HAS ACHIEVED REAL
PROGRESS IN HEALTH OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS
– NOW LET HER FINISH THE JOB’
Vote No. 1 – MARY HARNEY**

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Why is Mary Harney allowing private hospitals on public hospital land?

For many years we have had 2,500 private beds inside public hospitals used only for private patients. By getting the private sector to finance private facilities co-located on hospital campuses we will free up more than 1,000 beds in public hospitals to make them available for all patients. Our plan will reclaim public beds in public hospitals for public use. Using the private sector is the quickest way to deliver these extra beds.

Why is there a dispute with hospital consultants?

Mary Harney has begun the process of recruiting 2,000 extra hospital consultants. She wants to change the way consultants work to make sure patients can be admitted and discharged when they are medically ready, 7 days a week. She also wants to make sure that all new consultants will be well paid for their work in public hospitals but that they concentrate on their public patients and do not engage in private practices away from the hospitals where their patients are.

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