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## Testimonial for Emma Walsh re Truvo / Hugh Lane / OLCHC Patients Art Competition, 2009

In early 2009 Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin was approached by Emma Walsh of Truvo to take part in a sponsored Children's Art Competition. This competition, entitled "Getting Mugged for Truvo," invited patients in Crumlin Hospital to design a coffee mug to be used by Truvo employees.

The competition was a resounding success. Workshops were held in the hospital with artists from the Dublin City Hugh Lane Art Gallery. Over 80 patients submitted entries in 4 different age categories and the winning artwork was exhibited at a prize giving ceremony in the Gallery on a very special Saturday in September.

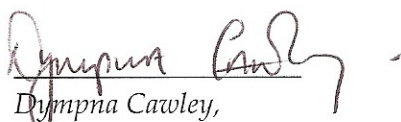
Emma was the prime mover and driving force behind the competition. Her vision and commitment took this event from being a good idea to a really wonderful experience, especially for the participating patients and their families.

In conjunction with the Hospital Play Department and our sister organisation the Children's Medical and Research Foundation, Emma harnessed the talents and energies of other companies and groups, including the Hugh Lane Community Arts team and the Art and Hobby Shop.

The fruit of this collaboration was the exhibition and prizegiving in the Hugh Lane Gallery. For parents of children who were coming through serious illness the event marked a special day of pride and thanksgiving. For other families, whose children were battling against the odds, the day created precious lifelong memories. The event also raised a considerable amount of money for the hospital.

Emma deserves great credit for bringing this competition through from inception to completion. She is a person of many talents and her creativity, energy, management skills and warm personality will be a tremendous asset to similar projects.

I am delighted to recommend her through this testimonial.



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