

# MARIE SHERLOCK T.D.

## *Fighting for a Fairer Dublin*



### *Cabra & Blackhorse Avenue Newsletter Spring 2025*

**If you have an issue, local or national,  
please reach out.**

#### **Contact us!**

The fastest way is to ring my office 01 6184564  
or email [marie@mariesherlock.ie](mailto:marie@mariesherlock.ie)

#### **In the community:**

Every Friday, we will be knocking on doors in  
different parts of the constituency so keep an  
eye out for us!

#### **Walk in Clinics:**

Last Monday of every month

**Ballybough:** Community Centre, 12 midday

**East Wall:** Sean O' Casey Community Centre, 1.15p.m.

**Stoneybatter:** Holy Family Parish Centre,  
Prussia Street, 3 p.m.

**Cabra:** Deaf Village, Rataoth Road, 4.15p.m.



To get regular updates on what is  
happening across our communities  
or to join my newsletter, click on the  
QR code.

**Updates on Cabra & Blackhorse  
Avenue and the wider  
constituency – overleaf ➡**

## *Thank You*

*A chara,*

It is a great honour to have been elected T.D. to  
represent the people of Dublin Central.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all who  
put their confidence in me and I will work every  
single day to represent all of the people across  
our communities.

Mar Teachta Dála don Baile Átha Cliath Láir  
is mór an onór dom bheith tofa chuig an  
toghcheantar is éagsúla sa tír- toghcheantar  
lán le dúthshlán mór a sharú ach cultúr bróidiul  
aici.

There is enormous frustration and despair  
about housing in our communities, about the  
lack of childcare, healthcare and safety on our  
streets.

I will work really hard to hold government to  
account and to bring forward ideas. None of  
our problems are insurmountable but we need  
the political will to change.

Help me make the difference for our  
communities. If there are issues in your area,  
please do get in touch. My details are below.

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*Marie*

**Marie Sherlock T.D.**

*Dublin Central*

*Labour Party Spokesperson on Health*

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## Vital need for more health services in the Community

As Health spokesperson for the Labour Party, I am acutely conscious of the major gaps in our local health service with regard to primary care, hospital care, mental health and disability.

Some of the key priorities for me are:

- More GP care in our communities
- Eliminate CDNT and primary care wait times for children with additional and complex needs.
- More mental health beds and community services.

There has to be a serious review of the training, recruitment, retention and pay for those working in these services.

### Summerhill's GP Care for All must not be allowed collapse



*This GP practice serves over 2,600 patients in Dublin 1 and is threatened with closure. Tax changes introduced in 2023 effectively prevent not-for-profit medical charities from operating. I'm fighting to ensure this model of GP care can continue and expand.*

### Shameful lack of access to special needs support and education

Across our two primary care centres and three CDNTs in Dublin Central, wait times to access assessment of need is approx. 3-4 years with another wait of 2-3 years for access to in-person therapies and support. These delays are imposing a huge toll on children and their families. Recruitment and retention of staff are critical issues that have to be fixed.



*Marie with Side by Side founder Rachel Kane, Niamh McDonald, Imelda Whelan and other public representatives at a public meeting in Belvedere Youth Club.*

## Supporting Local Early Years services

I'm hugely aware of the major impact the shortage of available and affordable childcare places is having on families. We need to support existing services and crucially ensure the expansion of ECCE, early years and after school places.

This is a cost of living issue, a child support issue and a workers' rights issue for working parents and particularly working mothers.



*Marie with staff and parents outside **Rainbow Community Playgroup in Stoneybatter**. We are working with parents and staff to ensure the continuation of two ECCE sessions in the building.*

## Housing

This remains the single biggest issue in our constituency with a dire lack of affordable housing and growing numbers unable to buy or to rent.


Across our communities, we see an appalling failure to tackle long term vacancy and dereliction. There are just two houses registered as derelict in Cabra (531 Carnlough road and 16 Broombridge Road) and just one vacant site (former Premier Chickens factory). This grossly underestimates the number of empty buildings in the area.

A number of social housing developments are being planned or are under construction in the area.

- **Dominicans, Rataoth Road:** works due to start on 95 units. Completion expected in 2026.
- **Bannow Road:** Clúid housing body will develop 144 units. Planning has yet to be submitted. Completion date expected in 2027.
- **St Finbarr's Court:** 46 senior citizens' homes due to be completed by the middle of this year.
- **Blackhorse Avenue:** 62 social housing units for completion by end 2025. Negotiation for purchase from developer ongoing.

## Active travel plans and Bus Connects

 **Safe cycling:** The plans for the long awaited cycle lane between Cabra Cross and Dalymount are slowly moving along. We understand that the design stage is about to commence and a public consultation will follow.

 **Bus Connects Blanchardstown to city centre:** this was approved last year but is being challenged by a judicial review taken by the fuel station on the Old Cabra Road. It is due to be heard in the High Court on May 7th.

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**Lucht Oibre**