PRESS RELEASE

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Temporary ‘Do Not Swim’ Notice lifted at Velvet Strand, Portmarnock

The Temporary ‘Do Not Swim’ Notice which has been in place at Velvet Strand Beach, Portmarnock, has been lifted after sample results showed that the water quality is excellent.

An Advisory Notice had initially been put in place following the heavy rain which fell on Monday and this was subsequently upgraded to a Temporary Prohibition Notice on Tuesday following more rain overnight. The decision to issue the notices was precautionary to ensure that the health of bathers was not compromised by storm water overflows.

As this event was close to a scheduled bathing water sample, a ‘Prior Warning’ Notice was also issued on Tuesday. Where short term pollution events can be predicted and they coincide with the scheduled monitoring calendar, this notice is issued in order to protect the status of the beach.

Members of the public intending to enter the water at any beach in Ireland are advised to check the water quality in advance by accessing the EPA website at https://www.beaches.ie/# or by checking the notice board at the entrance to each beach.

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