PRESS RELEASE

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Temporary ‘Do Not Swim’ Notice issued for Donabate, Balcarrick Beach

A temporary ‘Do Not Swim’ Notice has been issued today by Fingal County Council for Donabate, Balcarrick Beach as a result of a routine sample taken this week.

The results of the sample showed a deterioration in the water quality and it is believed the contamination has been caused by animals and birds. The Health Safety Executive has advised that swimming at the beach should be prohibited until levels return to normal. Another sample was taken today and sent for testing with the results due on Monday.

Donabate, Balcarrick Beach remains open to the public but beach users are asked to respect the temporary ‘Do Not Swim’ Notice as it has been put in place to ensure that the health of bathers is not compromised.

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 www.beaches.ie or by checking the notice board at the entrance to each beach.

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