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UP TO 4,500 construction jobs will be created over 10 years in a planned new campus development, a report has revealed.

A further 1,160 new posts are identified in a science and technology park, shops, offices, plus health and education facilities.

The 73-acre site at Grangegorman is the planned new location of a campus for Dublin Institute of Technology which, at the moment, is spread around 40 centres in the city.

As well as DIT, the site at Grangegorman will be the location for a new centre for mental health patients, a primary school and public library.

The new study entitled 'Joining up the Dots' recommends an integrated strategy to ensure that the site's potential is realised.

John Fitzgerald, chair of the Grangegorman Development Agency, said yesterday: "Dublin's north inner city has always been one of the most disadvantaged areas in the country."

"We have the opportunity to not only provide top class health, education and community facilities in this location, but to also create employment when it is needed most."

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