

Updates Relating to Mother and Baby Institutions.



**An Roinn Leanaí
agus Gnóthaí Óige**
Department of Children
and Youth Affairs

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Commemorative Events Grants Scheme

On 2 March 2020 the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr Katherine Zappone announced the launch of a grant scheme to support commemorative events for former residents of Mother and Child Institutions and those who had comparable experiences in County Homes. This new grant scheme will provide financial assistance to survivor led advocacy groups for the purpose of organising and running commemorative events.

When announcing the scheme Minister Zappone said *“This grant funding supports local community based memorialisation and promotes a survivor centred approach in a way which enhances the agency and capacity of former residents to commemorate their lived experiences on their own terms.”*

Guidance information is available to support you in completing the application forms for this grant. If however you wish to speak to someone in relation to this grant scheme or the application process, we are happy to answer any further questions you may have.

If you have further questions or need help, you can get in touch by:

Telephone: 01 6473200 (Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm)

Email: commemorativegrantscheme@dcya.gov.ie

Application forms and further information about the grant scheme can be found on the Department’s website or at the following links;

Link to [application form](#) Link to [information pack](#).

The scheme was developed in response to the recommendations which emerged from the work of Collaborative Forum of Former Residents of Mother and Baby Homes and is now open and taking applications.

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Closure of Cúnamh (formerly CPRSI) Adoption Agency

Due to the closure of Cúnamh, the agency's files have been transferred to the Adoption Authority of Ireland in mid-December 2019. These files include open information and trace cases and a waiting list for those requesting an information and tracing service.

It is the intention of the Adoption Authority to provide a service to anyone whose information was held by

Cúnamh. The Authority will do so as soon as relevant procedures are in place. The Authority hopes to be in a position to contact persons whose cases are open and those on the waiting list in early 2020. New enquiries for those seeking a service related to the Cúnamh files can be made using the details below.



Adoption Authority of Ireland
Shelbourne House
Shelbourne Road,
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4
D04 H6F6



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THE ADOPTION AUTHORITY of IRELAND

Phone (from Ireland): 01 230 9300

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Email: SW@aai.gov.ie

Web site: aai.gov.ie

Useful Contacts



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Adoption Policy Unit

Www.dcy.gov.ie Phone: 01 6473000 Mon to Fri 9:30 to 17:00

Address: Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Block 1,
Miesian Plaza, 50-58 Baggot Street Lower, Dublin 2, D02 XW14



Health Service Executive
Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte

You may wish to contact the HSE National Information Line if you have a question about health services, your entitlements, or how to access HSE health or social services in your area.

Low Call Telephone: 1850 24 1850 (or 041 6850300) from 8am to 8pm, Monday to



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Mother and Baby Home Unit

Address: Department of Children and Youth Affairs,
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Dublin 2. D02 XW14

Email: motherandbabyhomes@dcya.gov.ie

Www.dcy.gov.ie Phone: 01 6473200
Mon to Fri 9:30 to 17:00

Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes

Confidential Freephone (ROI only): 1800 80 66 88

Confidential Freephone (Outside ROI): +353 1 6445088

Www.mbhcoi.ie Email: info@mbhcoi.ie



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Address: Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill,
Galway.

www.galway.ie Phone: 091 509000
Email: customerservices@galwaycoco.ie

Any person seeking adoption
information and tracing
information may wish to contact
the following agencies:



An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

www.tusla.ie

Address: Tusla - Child and Family Agency,
The Brunel Building,
Heuston South Quarter,
Saint John's Road West,
Dublin 8.

Email: info@tusla.ie **Phone:** 01 7718500



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