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Restorative Justice Scheme

Following publication of the McAleese report (The Report of the Inter-departmental Committee to establish the facts of State involvement with Magdalen Laundries) the Government asked Mr. Justice John Quirke to devise a scheme to address the needs of the women who were admitted to and resided in a designated laundry and who worked there without pay. Justice Quirke submitted his report to Government in June, 2013 – The Magdalen Commission Report.

The Government accepted all his recommendation in principle which included, the payment of an ex-gratia lump sum to each eligible woman. The report sets out the amounts which may be paid which vary between €11,500 and €100,000. You can apply for these monies straight away.

The Government later decided to include two additional institutions in the scheme - St Marys Domestic Training Centre, Stanhope Street; and House of Mercy Domestic Training School, Summerhill, Wexford.

What should you do now?

The application form should be fully completed, signed and returned to the Restorative Justice Implementation Team, Department of Justice and Equality, Montague Court, Montague Street, Dublin 2 along with the requested support documents. If you need help in completing the form you are welcome to contact the Team at 01-4768620 or call to your Citizens Information Centre. It is important to complete all sections of the form as an incomplete form will be returned and may cause a delay in processing your application.

You may have nominated a third party as a contact person. However, it is important that you include on your application form, if you have not already done so, a current home address at which you normally reside.

Support Documentation

Along with the completed application form you will need to provide some support documentation:

- Birth Certificate – long form.

- Proof of your current place of residence – a Gas bill or Electricity bill or Telephone bill will suffice.
- Proof of your identity – for example a photocopy of your Passport, or of your Driving Licence (Photo ID)
- Proof of your PPS Number – for example a photocopy of your Social Welfare Card or of your Medical Card
- Photocopies of records or other evidence of residence in one of the relevant Magdalen institutions; or in St Marys Training Centre, Stanhope Street; or in House of Mercy Training School, Summerhill, Wexford.
- A recent passport size photograph.

At this point you don't need to seek legal advice. The purpose of this application is to verify your residence in a relevant institution and assess your eligibility for the lump sum payment.

You will be contacted again once that process is completed and at that point you may decide to seek legal advice.

If you don't have records or evidence of your residence in one of the relevant institutions you will need to contact the religious order to request a copy of whatever documents they hold in relation to your time in residence with them (see list of religious institutions).

If the religious congregation have no record or incomplete records for you, all you need to do is forward us a copy of your request to the religious congregation and their response. We will then be in touch with you to see how we can best confirm that you resided and worked in the designated institution in question.

Restorative Justice Implementation Team
29 June, 2017

Religious Institutions

| Contact Persons for the Religious Orders who operated the Laundries relevant to the Mr. Justice Quirke's report | |
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| Religious Order | Relevant institution/Laundry |
| <u>Good Shepherd Sisters</u> Sr. Brid Mullins Good Shepherd Provincialate <u>Ring:</u> Sr. Brid Mullins 021 – 4503815 or 087 - 2724436 Email: mbridmullins@gmail.com | St Mary's Cork Road, Waterford St Mary's New Ross, Wexford St Mary's Pennywell Road, Limerick St Mary's Sunday's Well, Cork. |

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| <p><u>Sisters of Our Lady of Charity</u></p> <p><u>Write to:</u> The Ministries Desk Sisters of Our Lady of Charity 63 Lower Sean McDermott Street Dublin 1</p> <p><u>Ring:</u> Ms Valerie Coonagh Tel: 01 8711109 or 087 7719723 ministeriesdesk@olc.ie</p> | <p>St Mary's Refuge, High Park, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9</p> <p>Monastery of Our Lady of Charity Sean McDermott Street (formerly Gloucester Street), Dublin 1;</p> |
| <p><u>Sisters of Mercy</u></p> <p><u>Write to:</u> Ms. Marianne Cosgrave Catherine McAuley Centre 23 Herbert Street Dublin 2</p> <p><u>Ring:</u> Ms. Marianne Cosgrave 01-6387521 info@mercyarchive.ie</p> | <p>Magdalen Asylum / Magdalen Home, 47 Forster Street, Galway</p> <p>St Patrick's Refuge, Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin</p> <p>Summerhill Training Centre, Wexford (Laundry operated in the Training Centre)</p> |
| <p><u>Sisters of Charity</u></p> <p><u>Write to:</u> Sr. Christina Gorman Mary Aikenhead House St. Mary's Donnybrook Dublin 4</p> <p><u>Ring:</u> Sr. Christina Gorman 01-2698744 or 087-2127245 generalate@rsccaritas.com</p> | <p>St Mary Magdalen's, Floraville Road, Donnybrook, Dublin</p> <p>St Vincent's, St Mary's Road, Peacock Lane, Cork</p> <p>St Mary's Stanhope Street (Laundry operated in the Training Centre)</p> |