

# Information & Tracing Bill 2021

## Submission to Oireachtas Committee

### What this Legislation Means

While I very much welcome the fact Birth certs will be made available to all those denied the right to know the real identity prior to Adoption. I have huge concerns regarding the matter of access to records.

Reason for my concerns is the lack of professional records kept by members of the Clergy in this matter.

The aspect of "Care" in early life will this reveal how babies were locked away from their Mothers? Where Mothers were forced to take tablets as breast feeding was strictly forbidden. Will it give real evidence of Pharmaceutical trials that took place in these Institutions without consent of the Mother?

Birth details Clergy registered every birth as "Normal" even those who were in grave need of medical attention and begged to be seen by a doctor. Those who were finally rushed to hospital due to complications.

Will it be known how every single girl locked away in Institutions had one test given on arrival to ensure that she did not have syphilis or any VD disease?(as this is not the practice in any Maternity Hospital )Function

The Terminology used to describe Mothers or expectant Mums is missing from all Government Literature. The labels applied to us as Mothers in some way reinforces the ideology of us being less than a Mother. Where is it stated that one could introduce their Adoptive Mother as a Unnatural Mother? Or Non-Birth Mother?

In order for records to be truthful and transparent how can descriptions of girls locked away be given? And by whom? Clergy are not qualified to give any form of description of character personality Intellect. All of which would be very distorted, due to the fact as held prisoners a young and terrified girl would not be in her own natural state of mind nor show any form of behaviour alike to her real personality.

### Access to Medical Information

As in most general questionnaires filled out on admission to hospital. There are several hereditary illnesses which are carried down through genes in families. The appropriate standard tick a box should apply for all Mothers to furnish Medical conditions known to them in their own family and if known in the Father s family.

I believe this is crucial information and should be given to all . I get terribly upset knowing that no matter how many times an Adopted person has to reveal no knowledge of family medical history over and over again. When all Hospitals should have one box to tick "Were you Adopted" (no record).

Will medical information be given by Clergy? When most institutions did not have any hospital in them such as St Patricks or Bessborough ? Will the records show that their Mother was held in an Annex Dorm building?

Will it be known no General Practitioner was available for their Mother while carrying them?

No Dental care given, nor Optical care?

I would like very much for the "Care" conditions in the Institutions to be made known to all who seek to understand their early life and their delivery of life as in so many cases Mothers suffered for their "Sins" and while giving birth were reminded of such in my case no pain relief. I was informed that this should teach me a lesson not to be in such a hurry to be a dirty girl again. No support for information available in most Maternity hospitals. Carry my child inside of me was a very extreme traumatic episode of my life. My unborn son was subjected to the harsh conditions as much as I was.

I believe our children have the right to know the truth of their beginnings not just their birth but our pregnancy too. Scientifically proven. Our unborn child is as much exposed to cruel conditions as is the Expectant Mum. The well being of an expectant Mum is crucial to reaching full term and bringing a healthy baby into this world. However, much trauma surrounded all those locked away in Institutions and this may have had long term affects on our children, who should be allowed to know

I truly wish the Government will consider the fact that every human alive only have one Mother one Father. Primary care givers, those who do the "Mothering" or act as a Parent for a child can never be the genuine giver of the person(s) life.

I was denied my Motherhood my rightful journey with my first-born son. I would like very much that this Bill reflects the truth of his beginnings. That finally, it is an open and transparent conversation with respectful Titles to those who earned the right to be called someone's Mother or Father.

A prime example is if any child needs a transplant of any description the first call is to real relatives. I welcome the fact that finally siblings will be recognised for their own right to know of each other.

### **Conclusion**

I welcome the proposal of a Contact Register also I am concerned about the availability of "Counselling" on offer to Mother or Father of child. This is because there has never been any text books to give insight to the learned mind as to how separation of Mother and Child affects a Mother who lives daily with her Bereavement namely our "Living Bereavement".

Siblings have been given no support in their part in Transgenerational trauma. There has been studies done n several Countries that now support all those affected by this unnatural separation. Sadly Ireland is a very small Country yet holds the highest record of adoptions and no one questioned as to how this could be?

To end, no one can really know what it is like to find your new baby's cot empty with all their clothes piled in a corner. To live a lifetime of waiting for your son to be returned to his rightful Mother. To know there was not, nor to this day any Duty of Care for either Mothers of their children. The recent Report was supposed to be an investigation, I fear it was always intended to be a "Social history" Imagine if other Countries had taken this slant "former residents" of prison camps or death camps, and a Defused Responsibility by all in authority. The people who captured innocent vulnerable girls

asked to write their version of events. The invisible interned nameless, faceless, voiceless girls who had “No Fault” in this huge profitable Human Trafficking called “Adoption”.