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TO:  
Committee on Children, Disability,  
Equality, Integration and Youth  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

■ Middle Abbey Street  
Dublin ■  
Ireland  
20 October 2021

## Birth Information and Tracing Bill

Dear Ms Gibbons,

Further to your letter dated 20 October 2021, we would like to draw your attention to the following concerns:

### 1. Head 2 : Interpretation

This section defines “relevant person” as follows:

- “(a) an adopted person,  
(b) a person who is or has been the subject of an incorrect birth registration, or  
(c) a person who has been nursed out or boarded out or the subject of pre-adoptive foster care,  
or  
(d) a person who has reasonable grounds for suspecting that he or she may have been the  
subject of an incorrect birth registration, or  
(e) a person who has reasonable grounds for suspecting that he or she may have been nursed  
out or boarded out or the subject of pre-adoptive foster care, or  
(f) a person who resided as a child in an institution listed in schedule 1 (to the extent that such  
a person does not fall within paragraphs (a) to (e) above).”

Please note that “(f)” above refers to **Schedule 1** list of institutions, a copy of which is attached below. Our concern is that this schedule does not include the 5 institutions listed below where members of our community were placed as infants and babies and were not in any of the institutions listed in Schedule 1. We urge you to include these institutions to ensure that any survivors who were in these 5 institutions are not excluded from the Bill.

1. **St Brigid’s Industrial School for Girls, Loughrea, Co. Galway**
2. **Benada Abbey Industrial School for Girls, Ballymote, Co. Sligo**
3. **St Joseph’s Industrial School for Girls ( High Park) , Whitehall, Drumcondra, Dublin 9**
4. **St Francis Xavier’s Industrial School for Girls and Junior, Ballaghaderreen Co Roscommon**
5. **St Joseph’s Industrial School for Girls and Junior Boys, Clifden, Co Galway**

These are the only institutions, not in the Schedule 1, we are aware of that received babies. There could be other institutions that were not called ‘mother and baby homes’ and other Industrial Schools that took babies.



## 2. Birth Registration

There are members of our community who have been long-term in institutions, who discovered that their identities, in particular their fathers name and country, had been falsely recorded in the institutional files, often making it difficult and sometime impossible to find their families and ethnic identities.

This has been an egregious loss of identity for children left in Institutions. We have a right to our identities and ask that where our fathers have subsequently been found, and paternity proved, that their names are registered on their birth certificates if they so wish. There is no point in correcting institutional records, but true identities should be recorded on the official records, which is the birth certificate, should any survivor wish to have this carried out.

This recommendation has already been made in the Collaborative Forums report, and it is not clear from this Bill that the state will ensure this right to identity is vindicated.

Yours sincerely

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## Schedule 1

### List of Institutions

#### A. Mother and Baby Home Institutions

St Patrick's / Pelletstown, Navan Road, Dublin 7  
The Tuam Children's Home, Tuam, Co. Galway  
Bessborough Mother and Baby Home, Cork  
Manor House Castlepollard  
Sean Ross Abbey  
Árd Mhuire Dunboyne  
Bethany Home, Dublin  
Denny House, Dublin  
Miss Carr's Flatlets, Dublin  
The Regina Coeli Hostel, Dublin  
The Castle Newtowncunningham, Co. Donegal  
The County Clare Nursery, Kilrush, Co. Clare  
Belmont Flatlets, Dublin  
St. Gerard's, Dublin

#### B. County Home Institutions

Sacred Heart Home and Hospital, Carlow  
St Felim's County Home and Hospital, Cavan  
St Joseph's Hospital, Ennis  
Cork County Home and District St Finbarr's  
Our Lady of Lourdes Home, Midleton, Cork  
Mount Carmel Home, Clonakilty, Cork  
St Patrick's Hospital, Fermoy, Cork  
St Joseph's Home, Stranorlar, Donegal  
Dublin Union (St Kevin's Institution)  
St Brendan's Home, Loughrea, Galway  
St Columbanus Home, Killarney, Kerry  
St Vincent's Hospital, Athy, Kildare  
St Columba's County Home, Thomastown, Kilkenny  
St Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick, Laois  
St Patrick's Home, Carrick-on-Shannon, Leitrim  
St Ita's Home, Newcastlewest, Limerick  
St Camillus Hospital, Limerick



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St Joseph's Hospital, Longford  
Sacred Heart Home, Castlebar, Mayo  
St Joseph's Home, Trim, Meath  
St Mary's Hospital, Castleblayney, Monaghan  
St Vincent's Hospital, Tullamore, Offaly  
Sacred Heart Home, Roscommon  
St John's Hospital, Sligo  
Hospital of the Assumption, Thurles, Tipperary  
St Patrick's Hospital, Cashel, Tipperary  
St John's Hospital, Dungarvan, Waterford  
St Mary's Hospital, Mullingar, Westmeath