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Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, T.D. - DOT-TV-03520-2023
Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD, Reference: DOT-TM-14827-2022
Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD, Reference: DES-CU-04237-2022
Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD, Reference: DJE-MO-10586-2022

Emails & Documents

230320 - 221117 - INDEPENDENT INQUIRY Emails by Mark Vincent Healy - https://bit.ly/3JOxq1C

Department of Education Documents

230307, Update: 230316 - Scoping Inquiry into Historical Sexual Abuse in Schools run by religious orders - https://bit.ly/40lV2QR
230307, Update: 230316 - Terms of Reference for the Scoping Inquiry into Historical Sexual Abuse in Schools run by religious orders - https://bit.ly/3yNP9A5
230307, Update: 230316 - Data Privacy Notice for the Scoping Inquiry into Historical Sexual Abuse in Schools run by religious orders - https://bit.ly/3JtjWHc
230307 – [doc] Terms of Reference for the Scoping Inquiry into Historical Sexual Abuse in Schools run by religious orders - https://bit.ly/3yL80vA

Media

230307 - Scoping inquiry announced into abuse at schools run by religious orders - Irish Times - https://bit.ly/42khpbf
230313 - Why restrict the scoping inquiry to schools run by religious orders? - Irish Times - https://bit.ly/3LwBqoU
230315 - Abuse inquiry - Protestant institutions have escaped scrutiny - Irish Times - https://bit.ly/40jzIv7
230318 - Data safety of child sexual abuse settlement records 'in jeopardy' - Irish Times - https://bit.ly/42pFi0L

Wednesday, 22 March 2023

Dear Taoiseach Varadkar,

I acknowledge receipt of your receipt email below to my emails from 5 March 2023 to 20 March 2023.

I will include the DOT-TV-03520-2023 correspondence reference on all future email correspondence.

A log of all emails can be found through my last email:

> **230320 - Wider school abuse redress scheme would involve 'potentially enormous costs', official documents stated** - https://bit.ly/404f82m

Also, my recent correspondence has also been uploaded through www.OneVoice.ie and can be found at https://bit.ly/3JOxq1C for a wider audience.

I am genuinely concerned without any disrespect to you or your office, for the welfare of survivors of child sexual abuse in the schools of Ireland over decades, which I believe to be placed in jeopardy under current arrangements.

There has to be a 'safe space' for survivors to consider the consequences of any engagement before any engagement. Such safe space, a triage space if you will, is one which might help

survivors get their bearings when they first emerge from the dark place of their experiences and memories. They need some peace for a while.

One in Four is seriously under resourced and suffers serious geographic limitations to be a viable option to meet the needs of a national inquiry of this sort. The matter is very serious and must be seen to be taken seriously. I'm hoping that through enquiries with the medical profession, a far better, fit for purpose, mental health strategy can be implemented. I mentioned this as a crucial first step in announcing any national inquiry when I met four months ago with Minister for Education, Ms Norma Foley TD, Department of Education Secretary General, Ms Bernie McNally, Special Advisor to the Minister, Ms Áine Doyle, and Principal Officer of the Residential Institutions Redress Unit, Ms Emer Doyle on Wednesday 23 November 2022.

I outlined some of the reasons survivors needed an inquiry in an email on 17 November 2022 which was addressed to you also - https://bit.ly/3gjV1vl.

The abuse which occurred has long been on the record as 'systemic' in nature where young boys were concerned and noted in the CICA Report 2009, so the exposure of the 'culture and causes' cannot be anything but painful to those who in successive governments failed to impede such depravity from prospering to the detriment to successive generations of male and female Irish children caught up in such systemic abuse.

The weight of that point cannot be placed on the shoulders of victims any longer. Any defensive posture of the 'system' must be set aside. The state needs to say it failed, show how it failed, and address the consequences suffered by successive generations of children in schools in Ireland. The scandal is not just about what was done to children by perpetrators in violation of their human rights and bodily integrity, but what scandal draws others to do in church and state to protect the church's and state's reputation and financial interests, in a price paid by the sacrificed lives of children.

In exposing the truth in a national inquiry of the cost of the church's and state's reputation and financial interests, in a price paid by the sacrificed lives of children, you are saying we will never place such reputation and financial interests above the future lives of our children. Otherwise, the church and state are bound to repeat this again, and that would be 'insane', a phrase I am adopting from Former Taoiseach, Mr Bertie Ahern's assessment of the failing to have addressed child sexual abuse in schools and society in general https://bit.ly/3Anns2e.

In an interview I had with former Taoiseach, Mr Bertie Ahern, who issued the State Apology on 11 May 1999 to children abused and failed by the state, he said 20 years later, he stated:

> **"what we dealt with was a part of the issue, what needs to be dealt with is the totality of it" -** https://bit.ly/3Anns2e on 26 April 2019.

I look forward to moving forward with the efforts of all of good will in addressing this horror inflicted on the children of Ireland in all our schools, of all faiths and none.

An Opportunity to Meet

The cabinet support for the current non-survivor-led initiative presented to cabinet on 7 March 2023 and granted unanimous approval would be of interest in any discussion with you.

I do believe there is good will in the cabinet but perhaps the anxieties expressed in the handling of this issue ought to be characterised as approved by a survivor forum.

There are survivors who have shown great interest and willingness to work on these matters and bringing those survivors together, with a panel of experts, would certainly be a step in the

right direction of a national survivor-led inquiry, if greater progress is genuinely being sought to address this matter.

Any opportunity granted to meet with you would be welcome.

Yours sincerely,

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