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Galway County Council

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TO: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the November Plenary Meeting of Galway County Council, the Members passed the following motion:

*"The Mother and Baby Homes represent a very dark part of our State's history. That survivors of Mother and Baby Homes have legitimate concerns regarding access to personal information. Therefore, that Galway County Council will write to the Taoiseach and Minister for Children, Disability, Integration requesting the following: That the Final Report of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation be published soon as possible and include the details of the experiences of survivors in each institution. That the Government provide a full State response to the findings and recommendations of the Final Report. That the Government publish new statutory information and tracing legislation without delay. That survivors of Mother and Baby Homes are given access to their personal records consistent with GDPR. That the Department of Children and Túlsa work with the Office of the DPC to ensure that rights of survivors to personal information about themselves under data protection legislation and the GDPR are fully respected. That the Government urgently put in place a range of supports for survivors and adoptees. That the Government continues to engage in consultation with survivors and their organisations as they establish a national archive of records related to institutional trauma 20th century.*

*That a copy of this motion should also be sent to every local authority in Ireland, north and south, as correspondence".*

It was agreed to send a copy of this motion to all Councils.

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Meetings Administrator