

Guide for Relatives of Deceased Women

On February 19th 2013, An Taoiseach Enda Kenny apologised on behalf of the State to women who were incarcerated in Ireland's Magdalene Laundries. The government has asked Mr Justice John Quirke, to undertake a three-month review and make recommendations to the Government about the criteria for applying to the Magdalen Fund for payments and other supports.

The Magdalen Commission registration form states that *"an application will only be considered if it relates to an individual, who is still alive, who spent time in a Magdalen Laundry a list of which is below or St. Mary's Stanhope Street"*.

JFM has been approached by a number of relatives of deceased Magdalene women who would like the opportunity to engage with the Magdalen Commission to ensure that their relative is not forgotten. This Guide is intended to assist them in communicating with the Commission.

CHECKLIST

1. The form that is currently available on the Department of Justice website is to be filled out by Magdalene survivors who are still alive only. If you have any concerns about this aspect communicate what concerns you have and why you have these concerns.
2. If there is anything in particular that you wish to see included in the scheme from a relative's perspective communicate this to the Commission.
3. What, if anything, would you hope to receive from the scheme on your relative's behalf and why?
4. What, if anything, would you hope to receive from the scheme on your own behalf and why?
5. Have you experienced any problems so far in gathering records relating to your relative's time in the laundry? If so, let the Commission know.
6. Have you faced any problems so far in dealing with any of the religious orders? If so, inform the Commission.
7. If there are any other concerns or issues you would like to raise with Mr Justice Quirke, it is important to put them in writing and send your communication to the address below.

The Magdalen Commission can be contacted at:

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Montague Court
7-11 Montague Street
Dublin 2

Email: info@idcmagdalen.ie

This Guide is prepared by Justice for Magdalenes (JFM), an all-volunteer survivor advocacy organisation. JFM makes no legal representations and this form is in no way intended to supplant or replace any official documents created by the Irish State. This is simply a guide to help relatives to communicate with the Magdalene Commission