## JFM Research publishes Supplementary Guide to Magdalene Restorative Justice Scheme

Justice for Magdalenes Research (JFM Research) has published a **Supplementary Survivor Guide to the Magdalene Restorative Justice Scheme.** 

In July 2013, in response to the difficulty expressed by some survivors in understanding their entitlements under the Magdalene Restorative Justice Scheme (referred to as the 'Ex-Gratia Scheme'), JFM Research published a Survivor Guide to the Restorative Justice Scheme to provide guidance and inform, empower and enable survivors.

Unfortunately, some survivors have continued to express confusion and distress in navigating the Scheme. With this in mind therefore, this Supplementary Guide represents a response to ongoing concerns JFM Research has with the Ex Gratia scheme, many of which are laid out in an opinion piece in today's Irish Examiner (http://www.irishexaminer.com/analysis/restorative-justice-for-magdalenes-259187.html)

As with the previous Survivor Guide to the Restorative Justice Scheme, the intention of this Guide - which includes a breakdown of the Terms of the Scheme and sample letters - is to provide information in an unbiased manner to enable survivors to make their own decisions about participating in the Scheme. JFM Research wishes to share this document freely with anyone it may benefit.

Since October 2011, JFM Research (then JFM) has been calling for a Dedicated Unit and helpline for Magdalene survivors. Mr Justice Quirke included these measures in his recommendations. To-date, no Dedicated Unit and helpline have been put in place. JFM Research hopes that this Supplementary Guide and our previous publications will be of assistance in the meantime.

The Guide is available to download from our website at the following link:

http://www.magdalenelaundries.com/press/Supplementary%20Survivor%20Guide%20to%20Magdalene%20Restorative%20Justice%20Scheme.pdf

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**Please note:** Due to circumstances beyond our control, JFM Research's availability for interview is extremely limited and we apologise for any inconvenience. We hope that the link below to our opinion piece from today's Irish Examiner is of assistance.

The following articles from today's Irish Examiner may be of interest:

Restorative Justice for Magdalenes (JFM Research opinion piece)

http://www.irishexaminer.com/analysis/restorative-justice-for-magdalenes-259187.html

McAleese report leaves questions unanswered (Simon McGarr opinion piece)

http://www.irishexaminer.com/analysis/mcaleese-report-leaves-questions-unanswered-259188.html

Magdalene laundries - Pay up now

http://www.irishexaminer.com/viewpoints/ourview/magdalene-laundries--pay-up-now-259212.html

Just 33% of Magdalene survivors get redress

http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/just-33-of-magdalene-survivors-get-redress-259185.html

'Subterfuge' claim after laundries victims asked to sign waivers

http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/subterfuge-claim-after-laundries-victims-asked-to-sign-waivers-259182.html