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Fwd: Dental care for former residents of Magdalene laundries

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From: Fintan Hourihan

Date: 13 July 2015 at 15:40

Subject: Dental care for former residents of Magdalene laundries

Dear Dr O'Donnell,

I write as chief executive of the Irish Dental Association with regard to the provision of dental care and treatment to former residents of the Magdalene laundries.

Members of the dental profession have been contacted by the HSE recently and notified of the limited dental care and treatment being made available to former Magdalene residents by the state as part of a new Government initiative. This has been met with great disappointment by dentists for such a vulnerable and wronged group, and a sense of a distinctly ungenerous approach by the state especially in contrast to other groups wronged during their stay in state-funded institutions.

I have been asked by leaders within our Association to make contact with campaigners for the former Magdalene residents to convey the great dissatisfaction of the dental profession with the approach of the state to assisting the former Magdalene residents, particularly the limited scope of such assistance and the conditions attaching to the provision of such treatment.

I would be happy to discuss this further if you wish to contact me at

Yours sincerely,

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