

16th February 2016

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Ushers Court,
31-33 Ushers Quay,
Dublin 8

19 FEB 2016

Re: Your Client [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your correspondence of the 15th January 2016 in relation to the above named individual and her request for access to private counselling services.

The terms of the Redress for Women Resident in Certain Institutions Act 2015 (Section 2(1)(f)) states that the "HSE shall make available without charge to relevant participants a counselling service, following a referral made in that regard by a registered medical practitioner". Please note that the act does not make specific mention of payment for private counselling services.

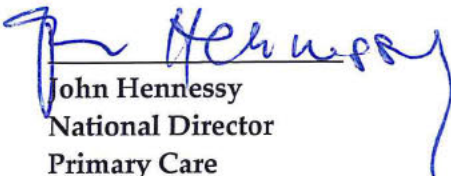
I have discussed this case with Dr Gerard O'Neill, Director of Counselling, and he is happy to clinically review the referral made for Ms. [REDACTED] and make recommendations in relation to accessing counseling. However, he will need to access your client's details to progress same so if this is acceptable to you and your client, Dr O'Neill can be contacted directly as follows:

Dr. Gerard O'Neill
Director of Counselling
NCS South East, CHO Area 5
Lismore Park Primary Care Centre
223 Lismore Park
Waterford

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I trust this addresses the matter but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,


John Hennessy
National Director
Primary Care