



ÚDARÁS UCHTÁLA na hÉIREANN
THE ADOPTION AUTHORITY of IRELAND

PRESS RELEASE

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The Adoption Authority of Ireland has become aware of concerns of historical child placements carried out by certain adoption societies which may not have been conducted in accordance with the applicable adoption laws which existed at the time. These placements were conducted by adoption societies acting independently of the Authority's predecessor, An Bord Uchtála, and An Bord Uchtála had limited knowledge of the actions of these societies at the time.

The Authority has agreed to undertake a preliminary scoping exercise in respect of a proportion of files held by agencies currently operating under its ambit, in an effort to identify any discrepancies and to facilitate any further investigation which may be required.

*The Authority is mindful of the considerable upset and concern which these events may cause to those potentially impacted and is committed to offering its full support and assistance to all those affected. A dedicated helpline has been launched by Tusla to assist all those with concerns and may be contacted at **Freephone 1800 805 665**. In the meantime, the Authority continues to offer its permanent support services, including the Information and Tracing service, National Adoption Contact Preference Register and other social work services.*

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