



Mother and Baby Institutions,  
Magdalene Laundries  
and Workhouses


We understand that this process can be difficult. We want to assure you that support is available before, during and after your participation in the testimony process. The Victims and Survivors Service (VSS) is working with community partners to deliver dedicated testimony support to those directly impacted by Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses.

To access support services, please contact VSS:

 **VSS telephone:**  
028 9031 1678

 **VSS email:**  
support@vssni.org

 **VSS Webchat:**  
www.victimsservice.org

 **VSS Office hours:**  
9am – 5pm, Monday – Friday

## Contact us

If you are considering sharing your experience with us, please get in touch by **Thursday 1st May 2025**. We are happy to answer any questions you have.

 **Phone us on:**  
028 9052 0263

 **Email us on:**  
testimony@independentpanel.org.uk

 **Write to us at:**  
Truth Recovery Independent Panel  
4th Floor  
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Belfast  
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Have you or a family member  
been impacted by a  
**Mother and Baby Institution,  
Magdalene Laundry  
or Workhouse**

in Northern Ireland,  
or their related pathways  
and practices?

We would like to hear from you.  
Please contact us by  
**Thursday 1st May 2025.**



## Our role

- We are an Independent Panel appointed by the Executive Office to find out the truth about **Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses in Northern Ireland from 1922 - 1995**, and their related pathways and practices, including the adoption and care systems.
- We wish to hear from people who have been impacted by or who have any knowledge or memories of the institutions and their related pathways and practices.

## Why share your experience with us?

- Talk to us in a safe and supportive space, with confidentiality as an option.
- Have your experience on record.
- Shape our final report and recommendations to the Public Inquiry.

## Who we would like to hear from

- Any person who has been directly impacted by Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses in Northern Ireland between 1922 and 1995.
- Any person who has been directly impacted by the pathways and practices related to one of these institutions, including;
  - the care system, fostering and adoption practices,
  - related institutions such as 'baby homes',
  - private nursing homes, and
  - cross-border and international transfers of women and children.
- Any family member of a person who has been directly impacted.
- Any person who has worked or volunteered in, or lived in close proximity to the institutions who can share any relevant information, knowledge or memories about their practices.

A list of the institutions we are investigating along with guidance on access to records is available at [www.independentpanel.truthrecoveryni.co.uk](http://www.independentpanel.truthrecoveryni.co.uk)

## Giving testimony

### Talk to us



Contact our Testimony Team who will talk you through the options for giving testimony, and how we protect your confidentiality.

### Pre-testimony



**You choose** how, when and where you will give your testimony. This can be face-to-face, online or in written form.

**You choose** how your testimony will be used, for example, would you like it to be included in the Panel's report.

### Your testimony session



Our Testimony Facilitators will do all they can to ensure a safe and supportive space for you.

You will be listened to with empathy and heard without challenge.

### Post-testimony



We will send you a typed copy of your testimony and follow-up with you to ensure you receive the support you need.