

Birth Mothers and Their Children for Justice Northern Ireland

Annual Report 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

As per our Constitution the purposes of our Charity is to assist, help and advise survivors of the Mother and Baby Homes Northern Ireland by the way of education and to campaign for a Public Enquiry into such abuse and seek redress for the survivors and victims of such abuse.

Throughout this period the Trustees continued to meet on a regular basis to plan the yearly activities. These activities included:

- Supported new member so the group to support their long- lost children
- We provided a Listening Ear for those that were isolated for many years
- We built confidence and self esteem
- We lobbied for justice with MLAs
- We engaged with other groups on a cross community basis
- We networked with other good practice examples in order to develop our knowledge
- Members of the group took part in research carried out by Queen's University into the Mother and Baby Homes in Northern Ireland
- Met with the Department of Health in relation to research into thirteen Mother and Baby Homes in Northern Ireland.
- We raised awareness of what happened in these Mother & Baby Homes
- We support people impacted by what happened in these Mother & Baby Homes e.g. those suffering mental health difficulties and Post traumatic Stress Disorder
- Hosted good practice visits
- Signposted clients to relevant services

Signed: M Dillon

Date: 6 March 2020

Signed: O Mace

Date: 6 MARCH 2020