

Statement of Enable Ireland on the request for contribution to redress

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Enable Ireland deeply regrets any circumstances that may have given rise to applications made to the Redress Board in respect of Marino School in Wicklow, of which it is Patron.

In November 2010 Enable Ireland was contacted by the State in relation to the Residential Institutions Redress Board with regard to Marino School in Wicklow and state payments. Enable Ireland had previously fully co-operated with the Redress Board in substantiating information relating to Marino School. The latter, along with the School of the Divine Child in Cork, were listed in the Residential Institutions Redress Act, 2002 Schedule. Neither school formed part of the Ryan Commission and no applications were made to the Redress Board in respect of the Divine Child.

Enable Ireland operates within very challenging financial constraints and regrets that it is not in a position to contribute to the costs of the State. Enable Ireland relies primarily on HSE funding to provide services. HSE and other state agency funding accounts for 91% of its total funding the balance of which is raised through retail outlets and fundraising. Between 2008 and 2010 there was an 8.75% reduction in HSE funding to Enable Ireland with a further 1.8% reduction in 2011 and a 3.6% reduction in 2012.

Enable Ireland has at all times acknowledged the seriousness of the failings of residential institutions for children and adults with disabilities in the past. Enable Ireland has and will continue to fully co-operate with and support the work of the Redress Board.