

# CLANN: IRELAND'S UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN: GATHERING THE DATA

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## Clann Statement Gathering Process and Ethical Protocols

### 1. Contact Clann

If you would like assistance in compiling your statement, contact Clann at [statements@clannproject.org](mailto:statements@clannproject.org) or via post at this address: Rod Baker, Hogan Lovells International LLP, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1A 2FG, UK. The details you provide will be entered into a secure database and access will be restricted to the Clann Project Team and Hogan Lovells.

### 2. Preliminary Questionnaires

Hogan Lovells will then contact you with a short Preliminary Questionnaire which you will be asked to fill out and return. If you are comfortable doing so, you may at this point give consent to JFMR and ARA to use the information provided in the questionnaire to produce anonymised statistics. Your identity will not be revealed in public.

### 3. Interview

When you return your Preliminary Questionnaire, Hogan Lovells will contact you to arrange a phone interview. With your permission, the interview might be recorded by a representative from Hogan Lovells.

### 4. Review draft statement and return to Hogan Lovells

After your interview, Hogan Lovells will prepare and send you a draft version of your statement for approval. You are free to amend your statement, to add details you may have omitted, to remove other details, or to correct errors. All of your documentation and drafts of your statement will be confidential to you and Hogan Lovells.

### 5. Consent process

Hogan Lovells will then send you a final copy along with the Clann Consent Form in which you state your preferences for how your statement is used. The Clann team will abide by your signed Consent Form.

### 6. Usage of statements

JFMR and ARA will not have access to your statement unless you sign a Consent Form giving your permission. If you consent to JFMR and ARA using your statement for research and advocacy purposes, any such use will anonymise the statement (or any extract(s) used) and any personal identifying details will be redacted. Meanwhile, you retain full control to use your statements for any purpose you see fit, and if you choose, you can identify yourself. However, neither Clann nor JFMR/ARA will identify individuals in any of its research findings or submissions.

**Your witness statement (and documentation, if applicable) will only be used in accordance with your signed Clann Consent Form.**

Clann's full Ethical Protocols are available at this link: <http://clannproject.org/wp-content/uploads/Clann-Ethical-Protocols.pdf>