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

Statement of Witness 8

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF [redacted]

I, [redacted], of [redacted] WILL SAY:

1. I make this statement for the purpose of providing evidence to the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation established by the Irish Government pursuant to Section 3 of the Commissions of Investigation Act 2004.

2. Attached to this statement is a bundle of papers marked [redacted] References to page numbers in this statement are to page numbers in this bundle of papers.

3. I make this statement as an adopted person.

Background

4. I was born [redacted] at St Finbarr's hospital, Co Cork, on [redacted] 1969. I am [redacted] years old. My mother, [redacted] made the decision to give me up for adoption and this was arranged through the Catholic Protection and Rescue Society of Ireland ("**CPRSI**") on [redacted] 1969. My adoption order was granted on [redacted] 1970.

5. My adoptive parents were always open about the fact that I was adopted. I made no attempt to contact my birth mother, or to establish her identity, until November 1988.

Circumstances of my birth and early life

6. In my attempts to discover the identity of my birth mother, I have uncovered a number of documents relating to the early life of my birth mother and her family. I understand my birth mother's parents emigrated to [redacted] where my birth grandmother died. Her children were placed in an orphanage in [redacted] before being discovered by an Irish priest who arranged for them to be repatriated to Ireland. My birth mother's father abandoned his children after he appeared in court for child neglect and shortly afterwards left the country for [redacted] My birth mother was sent to St Finbarr's in Sunday's Well, an industrial school, from where she was discharged in [redacted] 1965.

7. My birth mother was then committed to a Magdalene Laundry for about 12 days between [redacted] 1968 and [redacted] 1968 for "larceny of pair of nylons" (page 1). After release from [redacted]

the Magdalene Laundry, my birth mother and her sister, [redacted] were subject to supervision by a probation officer for a year – I was given a copy of their probation report by the Department of Justice in July 2012 and this report is exhibited to this witness statement at pages 1 to 11. Although initially quite a lot of detail is provided on this part of my birth mother's life, the report soon focuses principally on her [redacted] sister [redacted]

8. The report finishes in April 1969, which was shortly after [redacted] had given birth to her first daughter. It is quite clear from the report that [redacted] had no intention of giving up her child for adoption, but the report also indicates that she was pressured by CRPSI, and perhaps even her probation officer, into giving up her baby and she eventually did give up that child for adoption. However, this child was never adopted – she was diagnosed with [redacted] and spent her childhood in foster care. [redacted] had another daughter a year or so later, and this child was placed in adoption. I have since met with this second daughter, whose adoptive parents told her that had they known of the existence of the older daughter, they would have adopted her too so both sisters could have grown up together. They were never given this opportunity.

9. The probation report does not reveal too much information about my mother's circumstances immediately before my birth, but I understand that as soon as her baby began to show, she was sent to the Sacred Heart Mother and Baby Home at Bessborough on [redacted] 1969. This was where we returned when we left St Finbarr's Hospital Co. Cork in [redacted] 1969 (to where my birth mother was sent in labour because she had Rhesus negative blood), first to the maternity hospital (the Sacred Heart Hospital) in the home and then to the convent. Information I have been provided reveals that I was born on [redacted] 1969 at St Finbarr's Hospital Co. Cork and baptised on [redacted] 1969. I have not been able to establish who my godparents are.

10. Medical notes from the Sacred Heart Hospital, which I received following a freedom of information act request I made to the Health Service Executive in 2010 (page 12 to 18) (the "**FOI Request**"), indicate that I was given a PKU test on [redacted] 1969 and the BCG vaccine on [redacted] 1969. To my knowledge I was not given any other vaccinations.

[redacted]

Observations in these medical records show that I was a healthy baby and was fed a diet of cows' milk, rice, water and sugar.

11. On 26 April 1969, my birth mother wrote a letter to Father [redacted] a Catholic clergyman who I understand was head of the CPRSI at that time, to let him know her desire to have her baby "placed for adoption as soon as possible" (page 19). I am not aware of a response to this letter, but my birth mother wrote Father [redacted] a second letter on 27 May 1969 (pages 20 and 21) re-iterating her desire to have her baby adopted and enclosing certain medical certificates and completed adoption forms.

12. A letter from my birth mother to [redacted] an adoption worker, (pages 22 and 23), indicates that my birth mother was becoming increasingly frustrated with how long it was taking for the adoption process to be completed, and that this was making the prospect of parting with her baby (me) harder to face.

13. I understand from my adoptive parents that they heard about the adoption process being arranged by CPRSI through a television appeal for adoptive parents by a clergyman. I believe my adoptive parents then wrote to Father [redacted] as he wrote them back a letter dated 28 April 1969 (page 24) in which he asked them to complete an application form he enclosed with his letter and requested a meeting with them to discuss the adoption process.

14. I understand that my birth mother then took me to Dublin on the train. The adoption agency brought my birth mother into one room and my adoptive parents into another room and a social worker took me from my birth mother and handed me over to my adoptive parents.

15. On her return home, my adoptive mother noticed I had a very bad rash and called a doctor who visited her home. Apparently I looked like I'd been boiled in a pot; the doctor was horrified and my adoptive mother was very upset.

16. My adoptive parents received two visits from social workers after I'd been adopted, in July and October 1969. In fact, it was [redacted] the same social worker my birth mother had written to seeking my adoption.

17. I was very fortunate in my childhood and I had a very strong relationship with both my adoptive parents. My adoptive mother has sadly passed away but my adoptive father is still alive. I grew up with [redacted] siblings – [redacted] were natural children of my adoptive parents and my adoptive parents adopted a son about [redacted] years after they adopted me. I think if there was any way to rear an adopted child I think my mum did it right.

Information and finding out about my Birth Parents

18. I made no attempts to trace my birth mother before I turned eighteen. After I turned eighteen, my adoptive mother and I approached the CPRSI where [redacted] was still working. She said that since my birth mother had never come forward, she could not provide me with any information. However, she did divulge that my birth mother was aged 16 when I was born (which later proved to be false) and that she had given me the first name [redacted] (which was indeed true).

19. After this meeting I got on with my life and not long afterwards, I got engaged to be married. However, the week before I was due to be married, the priest informed me that he didn't have a copy of my baptismal certificate. My adoptive mother called [redacted] to ask her for a copy of the certificate, but [redacted] demanded to know the identity of my fiancé and his father's name. When my adoptive mother asked her why she needed to know this information, [redacted] responded that she wished to check we were not related (which was way too late because I had a [redacted] year old child at home). [redacted] said she'd track down my baptismal certificate and she would send it directly to the priest. I did not see a copy of this certificate at the time but I assume the priest received it because he had no problem marrying us. Neither the priest nor [redacted] would let me see it.

20. From then on I rang the CPRSI each year (which I understand changed its name to Cúnamh in 1992). [redacted] said that she would make enquiries and get back to me but I never heard anything.

21. It was only when I got access to a computer, and when I read some of the many posts made on the Adoption Ireland website, that I realised that I could make searches myself. My first search was for my birth certificate. [redacted] had mentioned the name [redacted] so I looked through the records of every child born in 1969 (which were recorded alphabetically by surname) until I found my birth certificate which revealed my birth mother's name was [redacted]

22. I called in to Cúnamh's office again in May 1995. I understand from information given to me in 2003 (pages 25 to 27) that after this meeting [redacted] made some preliminary enquiries but did not take any further action because I had not made a written request – I was never informed I had to make a written request for effective enquiries to be carried out.

23. The next step I took, in January 2003, was to make an application to be put on a Cúnamh waiting list so that Cúnamh could carry out a search on my behalf. I was told the waiting list was approximately 27 months but in the meantime I was given some non-identifying information (pages 25 to 27). On 11 September 2006, I received a letter from Cúnamh from [redacted] a social worker, inviting me to attend a meeting at their offices. She told me my date and place of birth, when I was baptised and that I was given a PKU test.

24. In March 2007, [redacted] telephoned to let me know that she had not been able to track down my birth mother. She suggested that she would soon have to end the search and implied that because she had been unsuccessful even with all the information she had, my own attempts to track down my birth mother would also be unsuccessful.

25. However, two weeks later, I received a letter from Cúnamh dated 12 March 2007 asking me to visit the Cúnamh office to receive an update on my enquiry. I assumed that they were going to tell me that they would close my file because they couldn't find anything.

Instead, [redacted] told me that she'd found a sister of my birth mother, [redacted] who was living in Cork. [redacted] had spoken to [redacted] who was unwell at that time, on the telephone and [redacted] told her that my birth mother had been run over by a train. [redacted] then handed me a scrap of paper (page 28) which read "your birth mother's [redacted] sisters were diagnosed with breast cancer. The eldest had a breast removed in [redacted] 2005 and has since been diagnosed with lung cancer. Your birth mother's [redacted] sister was also diagnosed with breast cancer and died at the age of [redacted] years of age in [redacted] 2005". I was very upset – [redacted] told me that somebody had pushed my birth mother under a train. So I had to return home on the bus thinking about the fact that breast cancer ran in my family (and I have [redacted] daughters) and that my birth mother had been pushed under a train. I was in shock.

26. I did have the opportunity, in July 2007, to meet with [redacted] before she died in [redacted] and I have also met some of my other aunts and a half-brother (who was born in England about a year after me). I also met my birth father in 2007 but we are no longer in touch.

27. Throughout the time I spent researching my birth family I found the authorities from whom I sought assistance obstructive and unhelpful. In fact, from the information I received from the FOI Request, you can see that the nuns from the Sacred Heart Mother and Baby Home in Bessborough created a file on me (pages 15 to 17) shortly after I wrote to them in March 2004. In November 2005, Sister [redacted] at Sacred Heart Mother and Baby Home in Bessborough provided certain information regarding my birth mother to [redacted], a social worker at Cúnamh, but the letter (page 18) goes on to expressly prohibit [redacted] from disclosing this information to me. Amazingly, notes I have received from my FOI Request also reveal that in 2007 the nuns from the Sacred Heart Mother and Baby Home in Bessborough had actually infiltrated an online adoption group that I was a member of and were recording in my file what questions I asked and whether they had been responded to – their notes on this are exhibited at page 16.

Access to information

28. My attempts to research the identity of my birth mother, and other birth relatives, were repeatedly and deliberately frustrated by those authorities I contacted.

29. I also feel that Cúnamh were not honest with me. I now know that [redacted] knew about my cousins (the children of [redacted], and my birth mother's younger sister, [redacted] because they too were adopted and in Cúnamh's records. [redacted] had also met [redacted] because [redacted] had tracked the two children she gave up for adoption through Cúnamh. In fact, two years after [redacted] died I asked [redacted] whether she had informed [redacted] two children who she'd given up for adoption of her death. She responded that she hadn't because they'd never asked her. It was only when I tracked down the birth certificate of [redacted] daughter using information contained in the probation report that [redacted] inadvertently let me know that [redacted] had also had another daughter, and only then did she agree to arrange for the three of us to meet each other in 2012.

30. Further, as you can see from the newspaper clipping exhibited (page 29), my birth mother committed suicide, she was not murdered. That was a terrible way to end and the thing was if I had found her I don't know whether I could have helped her but I could have been given that chance. She missed a chance to meet her [redacted] grandchildren; I would have tried my best to help her. I was never given the opportunity to help her.

31. I can only speculate as to why my birth mother gave me up for adoption. Her letter to [redacted] suggests that my birth mother was anxious that I be given a good home. Research I have undertaken into my birth mother's early life suggests that, given her own experiences in the Irish welfare system, it is hardly surprising that my birth mother believed I would have a happier life if placed with adoptive parents – she had nothing really to offer me.

32. The way I look at it, I am [redacted] years of age, I have raised [redacted] children. I pay my bills, I pay my taxes, I am a normal citizen of this country but at the end of the day I was treated like a five year old child. I am angry that it was so difficult to track down my birth certificate,

and that nobody was able to assist me. I should have been given my medical records – to hear about my family's increased risk of breast cancer so late on in my life is shocking, especially since I have [redacted] daughters myself. And finally, [redacted] concern back in 1991 that me and my fiancé might be related, several years after we'd already started a family, and the fact that I discovered one of my cousins living in the same town as me with a son the same age as my youngest daughter, highlights just how dangerous Cúnamh's policy of keeping adopted children ignorant of their birth family's identity could be.

I believe that the contents of this statement are true.

Signed ... [redacted] .....

[redacted]

Date 11/May/2016

[redacted]



RECORD OF SUPERVISION

Ref. No.

PART A: PERSONAL PARTICULARS, HISTORY AND ENVIRONMENT WHEN ORDER MADE

I Address [redacted]

Surname [redacted] ~~Married~~/Single*

First names (a) [redacted]
(b)

Date of birth (a) [redacted]/1947 Age at date of order (a) [redacted]
(b) [redacted]/1949. (b)

Religion Catholic

II (1) Descriptive details of offence, or circumstances, leading to order
(State any offences taken into consideration or dealt with at same time)

Larceny of pair of nylons from Dunne's Store.

(2) Enquiries for Court Pretrial/Remand* Bail/Custody*

(3) Previous proceedings and court decisions with dates and courts

III (1) Probation Supervision } *Order from 8/4/1968 to 8/4/1969 Period of order 1 year

(2) Court making order District Court

(3) Order for damages, compensation or costs

(4) Sureties

(5) Officer instituting proceedings

(6) Date	Particulars of special requirements and amendments

(7) Supervising officer	Court	Dates From	Dates To
[redacted]			

TO BE COMPLETED WHEN THE CASE IS CLOSED P.T.O.

Date order terminated	Reason for termination

** delete word which does not apply*

IV LIVING ACCOMMODATION

(1) Type of dwelling Bed-sitter, very small & cramped

(2) Structural condition Good

(3) Standard of furnishing £2 divan beds & dressing table

(4) Standard of cleanliness and comfort Fair

(5) Neighbourhood—urban/~~rural~~*

(6) No. of rooms 1

(7) No. of persons 3

(8) Is there overcrowding?—yes/~~no~~*

(9) Rent per week £ 3 gns.

Arrears (if any) at date of order £

(10) Other information

V FAMILY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

(a) Name and relationship (if any) to person under supervision	(b) Age, Religion, Occupation, Average weekly earnings	(c) Health	(d) Convictions or court orders
[redacted] Father remarried			
[redacted]	(24) Employed as [redacted]		
[redacted]	Subject		
[redacted]	(18) Good Shepherd Convent		
	(15) Sundays Well, Cork.		
	(14) do.		
	(13) do.		

* *delete word which does not apply*

9/4/68 Called to Gloucester St. Convent & met [redacted] & [redacted] both well-built, pretty, blonde girls [redacted] was very talkative but [redacted] was tearful and wouldn't even look at me. The girls said their mother had died some years ago & they were reared in Sundays Well Convent, Cork. They have a sister [redacted] aged [redacted] also in town, a brother in [redacted] & some younger sisters still in Sundays Well. Their father is remarried in [redacted] & has another family. They mentioned that he had taken them to [redacted] when they were 14 & 15 years old instead of allowing them continue their education & they obviously resented this. They had worked in various city hospitals & had recently been dismissed from [redacted] for coming in very late (5 a.m.). [redacted] clothes were still in Fumo St & I undertook to get them. [redacted] was in St. Vincents Hospital as a patient at present.

10/4/68 Called to Fumo St & got [redacted] clothes. Was told they had been very troublesome & were great liars. Phone-call from Sr. [redacted] St. Vincents Hospital re [redacted] Sr. [redacted] from Montenotte had been in to visit her & tried to persuade her to return to Cork but she wouldn't go. Although S. was giving her £5 for her fare. Mother [redacted] of Dunboyne had also been on about them. All are concerned for their moral welfare. [redacted] had now obtained a job in a house in [redacted] The girls had had a flat on [redacted] & it was suspected that their boy-friends were paying for it.

19/6/68 Sr. [redacted] phoned to say that the girls were very adamant that they were leaving that day. They had not been troublesome & had come in punctually each evening.

Called to Gloucester St in the afternoon & met the girls. Sr. [redacted] had 2 jobs ready for them, one with [redacted] & the other with [redacted] Took the girls to visit & [redacted] was taken on by [redacted] & [redacted] by [redacted] Both were good homes & the arrangement was for the girls to start on 22nd at 9.30 a.m. On to Cork for a month to see how they fared. Took them to Henrietta St Hostel for accommodation.

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Name [redacted] Ref. No. .....

Date of Birth..... Sheet No. .....

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PART B—TREATMENT AND PROGRESS

Give below initial assessment, three-monthly summaries of treatment and progress and final summing up of the situation when supervision ends.

(Regard should be had to intelligence, health, behaviour, attitude to parents, school or work, and to probation officer, special aptitudes or interests. The final summing up should indicate factors likely to contribute to future success or failure).

30/4/68 Called to Hostel 7.15 pm but girls were not in.

1/5/68 [redacted] phoned to say that they had found a flat in [redacted] for 3 gns. which would be more economical than the Hostel which was £3/10/0 each full board. They do not require meals, & the flat would save bus fares, also. Told her I would not be too happy about this arrangement & that they would have to prove that they could conduct their affairs properly. She said she understood this. She said they both love their jobs.

10/5/68 (am) [redacted] phoned to say that she was worried about [redacted]. [redacted] had come in late that morning & had given as her reason that she had to call the doctor for [redacted] who was pregnant. She herself was in bed as she had had a miscarriage following the death of her father & was very dependent on [redacted]. She was not too happy about the flat.

(2PM) Called to flat & met [redacted] & [redacted]. The latter had lost her job & was staying in the flat. She was very silent, even taciturn. [redacted] was getting ready to go out & I took her into town. She denied that she was pregnant & said none of her sisters were either.

13/5/68. AM [redacted] phoned to say [redacted] had not come to work. She had phoned [redacted] & [redacted] was not in either. Said she could not keep [redacted]. Had given her £1 and 6/- in her first week & had not deducted this from her wages of £4 so in fact had paid her £5/6/0. Said a lot of food had gone from deep-freeze & that [redacted] had been coming in later & later each morning. When she got back from hospital the house was very dirty.

8.M. Called to flat. no reply.

Called to [redacted]. Said that [redacted] was very unsatisfactory, coming in late, reading, unreliable & knocking around with a very wild type of boy who lives nearby.

7.30PM Called to flat. The girls were reluctant to admit me. The beds were unmade & linen was very grubby. They said

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they had slept it out that morning. They promised to phone to apologise. Seemed quite depressed & said they had no money. Gave them 5/-. Tried to advise them & get through to them. [redacted] had name & address of job on [redacted] but had done nothing about it. Promised to phone in morning to let me know how they got on.

14/5/68. [redacted] phoned - [redacted] had not phoned or called. She had put an ad in the paper for another girl.

Called in afternoon. [redacted] said she did not like to face [redacted] Said [redacted] had gone to work & [redacted] had gone to job on [redacted] [redacted] later came in & said she had got the job at £4/10/0 per week. Tackled [redacted] about lies (she said [redacted] & [redacted] had told her [redacted] was pregnant) unreliability, brief skirts etc. Said she would call to Gloucester St & get another name for employment. Would phone me in morning.

16/5/68. [redacted] phoned to say that one of the girls is missing.

Called 6.30 p.m. & met [redacted] She told me she had spent the previous day in Gloucester St. & that the other two had been locked out - they didn't know where she was & [redacted] had gone to [redacted] to get the key. This was why [redacted] had thought her to be missing. She said she had got a job as a [redacted] in [redacted], at £8 per week plus tips but the hours are long 8.30 - 7 p.m. (sometimes 9 p.m.). She thanked me for my concern for them!

24/5/68 Wrote, copy letter attached.

27/5/68. [redacted] came to Ormond Quay. She said that [redacted] is working late & had been paid £10 last week. She herself is still with [redacted] is earning £5. They have moved to a bigger flat at [redacted] Rent £6 per week for bedroom, sitting-room & kitchen. [redacted], her boy friend, accompanied [redacted] He is a mod-type but seemed alright.

Passed on names & address to [redacted] to visit.

17/6/68 Phone message from [redacted] Now working in still-room of Bank & living [redacted]

21/6/68 Called - no reply

22/6/68 Called - gone out 7.30 p.m.

Name..... [redacted]

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14/7/68. 8PM Called to [redacted] Landlady said the girls had just gone out & she would ask them to phone me.

24/7/68 [redacted] came to Ormond Quay by appointment. She said that [redacted] was no longer sharing the flat as she would not work & [redacted] & she had rows about this. [redacted] is still working with [redacted] The family had gone on holidays for 3 week & she had found another flat in Phibsboro for that time. She thought [redacted] might be in a flat in [redacted]

~~2/8/68~~

8/8/68 Went to [redacted] 11 P.M. looking for another probation & met [redacted] & [redacted] there. They were alone when I saw them. They had no news of [redacted] Promised to go home early.

23/8/68 Called to [redacted] said [redacted] stands in the Butcher all day long with a cloth in her hand. Came in 2 days running at 10.15 a.m & 10.35 a.m & she is due in at 9.30. [redacted] had given her notice - [redacted] told me she had an interview with [redacted] factory & would be taken on in 2 weeks time. She thinks [redacted] is married.

12/9/68 Phone call from [redacted] to say that [redacted] was there [redacted] & [redacted] are in [redacted]

13/9/68. Called [redacted]. [redacted] told me that [redacted] had been staying in a flat in [redacted] with 3 men. Whilst she is promiscuous she is not a prostitute & they cannot keep her in [redacted] Mr. [redacted] brought her there & is trying to get her fixed up otherwise. [redacted] was truculent at first. She said she had been living with relations of her boy-friend in [redacted] They wanted to get married but she thought there would be difficulty in getting letters of freedom since she was under 21. Arranged to take her to Club in Phibsboro.

14/9/68. Brought [redacted] to Club at 8.15 p.m. Mr. [redacted] was not there. [redacted] understood to see her home. Called to [redacted] & met [redacted] She looked well. Said she was still working with [redacted] Said [redacted] has to go back to St. Vincents for treatment.

16/9/68 Spoke to Mr. [redacted] who agreed that [redacted] would be better off in [redacted] Mr. [redacted] suspects she is pregnant.

17/9/68 Called to [redacted] admitted that she is pregnant & said [redacted] is also. Wants to keep the baby even if [redacted] doesn't [redacted] She hasn't yet seen a doctor. Took her P.T.O. Gloucester St. Mr. [redacted] said she would get a doctor to see her

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20/9/68 8 P.M. Called [redacted] is working in a [redacted] factory in [redacted] Earning £6/10/0 [redacted] said she is to visit the gynaecologist in St. Vincents - Offered to take her on Monday, 30th & she agreed

23/9/68 Called to Hostel for [redacted] as arranged. Refused to come out to see me & told Legionaries I had nothing to do with her. The Hostel authorities said they would get their own doctor, Dr. Craig for her

23/9/68 [redacted] wrote to [redacted] telling him to come to visit her. She said he is weak & she has to bully him into doing things - she is prepared to bully him into marriage. Fr [redacted] said he is about [redacted] years, well-dressed & will probably put other girls in the same position. Fr. [redacted] had visited her mother & found her to be a formidable person

28/9/68 (Sat.) [redacted] was very upset. Said she couldn't stay another night in [redacted] a friend, [redacted] was visiting her. A friend of mine had left in clothes for her. Arranged to take her out on Sun

29/9/68 (Sun.) Called to Convent at 3.30 p.m. [redacted] asked if she could see [redacted] in Navan Road. Phoned St. Patrick's [redacted] said [redacted] had refused to see [redacted] Called to [redacted] home at [redacted] said he was out. She has not made any attempt to face up to her responsibilities. [redacted] wrote informing his parents of her position. She is now interested in going to Good Shepherd Dunboyne.

4/10/68. Brought [redacted] to Dunboyne. Mother [redacted] will consider accepting her if [redacted] agrees to pay her maintenance.

7/10/68 Brought [redacted] to Dental Hospital at 8.45 a.m. for extraction. Her gums are very inflated & she must receive treatment.
Phoned [redacted]. He agreed that [redacted] would be maintained at Dunboyne
Phoned Mother [redacted] & told her. She said it would be better for [redacted] to have her teeth seen to before going to Dunboyne if it did not take too long.

8/10/68 — 10/10/68 — Letters & phone calls re teeth, etc.

15/10/68 Called for [redacted] at 1.30 p.m. & took her to Dental Hospital. Her gums need treatment & she was given another appointment before fillings could be done. Took her to Dunboyne. Mother [redacted] thought she was more relaxed than on her previous visit & said it would be important that I visit her frequently

28/11/68. Called to Hostel & was told that [redacted] was working in [redacted] since the previous day. [redacted] has now left the Hostel & is living in a flat at [redacted] with [redacted] who is a very bad influence. She had called to see [redacted] the previous night.

29/11/68 [redacted] was out when I called at 7.30 p.m. but it was thought she might be working.

11/12/68. Called to Hostel in afternoon & was told that [redacted] is working steadily but she had stayed out on Saturday & Sunday nights & perhaps on Friday also. She said she had stayed with a friend in her flat.

17/12/68 [redacted] phoned & said she is staying with a friend in a flat at [redacted] Called 7 p.m. [redacted] flat-mate is known as [redacted] who told me she had been educated in Holy Faith, Glasnevin & Laurel Hill, Limerick.

23/12/68 Called to flat. [redacted] said she will be working Christmas Day & is happy enough about that. She promised to phone on 30th to arrange to come with me to Catholic Protection & Rescue Society

31/12/68 [redacted] did not phone. Called to flat. No reply.

8/1/69 Called 7.30 p.m. Not in.

14/1/69 Spoke to Sr [redacted] Richmond Hospital who told me that [redacted] had only come in to work very occasionally (2 days per week?) She had left altogether before Christmas.

16/1/69 Miss [redacted] Holles St. Hospital phoned to say that [redacted] baby is due in April. She had given her address as [redacted] I called to that address and met a girl from the Aran Islands. She was in bed although it was 4 p.m. She told me she worked for a while & then took holidays. The house is a veritable rabbit-warren. I had to knock at several doors before finding the right one & they were all opened by young men. The girl said that [redacted] would have to leave next day as her sister was returning. I left word for [redacted] to phone or call to see me next day.

17/1/69. [redacted] did not call. It was a morning of torrential rain. [redacted] phoned in afternoon to say that [redacted] had called to her office. She advised her to contact me & gave her bus fare. She would see her tonight & tell her to phone me 2.30 - 3 p.m. next day.

Name.. [redacted] Ref. No. .....

Date of Birth..... Sheet No. .....

RECORD OF SUPERVISION

PART B—TREATMENT AND PROGRESS

Give below initial assessment, three-monthly summaries of treatment and progress and final summing up of the situation when supervision ends.

(Regard should be had to intelligence, health, behaviour, attitude to parents, school or work, and to probation officer, special aptitudes or interests. The final summing up should indicate factors likely to contribute to future success or failure).

17/10/68 Phoned Hume St re [redacted] cards & was told she worked there from 18/3/68 – 25/3/68. Her cards No. 1140560 had been lodged with Dept. Social Welfare. Phoned Dept. & was told that as she is over 21 that she needs 156 stamps & has only 51.

23/10/68 Phone call from [redacted]. [redacted] was very distraught, not troublesome Asked me to visit her

23/10/68 Called to Dunbayne. [redacted] said she would like to go to [redacted] or [redacted] Is smoking very heavily although they are rationed out. Very pale. Talked to her at length.

24/10/68 [redacted] had appointment with Dental Hospital. She didn't want to return to Dunbayne. Brought her on visit to Gloucester St. Got embroidery to do & was paid 6/- for last lot. Also cigarette. Lunch in Savoy. Promised to see her in 2 weeks time.

29/10/68 Phoned [redacted] Promised to visit [redacted] on Sunday

1/11/68 Letter from [redacted] Replied. Mr. [redacted] said he will visit [redacted] [redacted] had called & said she was in great form. He called her a great achiever"

6/11/68 Phone call from Mr [redacted] Dunbayne. Said [redacted] is much happier. Was in Bells St on 4th. Baby may not be due until March. Must get down weight. Went to Dental on 5th to keep appointment

11/11/68 Called Dunbayne. [redacted] said she did not want to stay there but was not as adament as previously. She was in better form & admitted that she was eating dinners for the first time. [redacted] said she was quite contented, reading & sewing. She asked me to get baby wool for her

18/11/68 Letter from [redacted] attached. Also my reply

21/11/68 Phoned Dunbayne. Matron [redacted] said my letter was effective so far. Knitting away [redacted] Said not to do anything unless I heard from her.

25/11/68 Letter from [redacted] Phoned Dunbayne. Sisters feel that [redacted] does not really want to leave but that she feels she must protest for some reason. Phoned [redacted] will deal with her.

Called Dunbayne. [redacted] insisted on leaving. Had no coat. Took her to [redacted] & got her a coat. [redacted] will try to get her a job in Richmond Hospital.

Name. [redacted]

Date of Birth.....

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18/1/69 (Sat. 2.30 – 3.30. No phone-call from [redacted] 6.30 p.m. [redacted] phoned my home. She said she was still staying at [redacted] I told her I would call on Monday 20th & she should be ready to come away with me.

20/1/69. I called to see [redacted] Archbishop's House before going to [redacted] & told him there was really no pressure that I could bring to bear on [redacted] to bring her before Court on a warrant for breach of Probation could only result in a dismissal or her committal to Mountjoy. Neither would be of any benefit to her. He told me he did not believe I would find her at [redacted] He had seen her the previous night on her way to the pictures, hand in hand with a "terrible sight." She had told him that I was after her. I called to the flat. After prolonged knocking [redacted] opened the door. She & [redacted] were still in bed (11.30 A.M.) After talking for about half an hour she agreed to go to St. Patrick's for the moment but insisted she would not stay there. She also said she must see [redacted]. I put her on the phone to him – she had really nothing to say to him & regarded him as a buffer against me. I took her to St. Patrick's, Navan Road & saw [redacted] at 1.30 p.m. It was agreed that [redacted] should go to work in the [redacted] for 3 weeks (Sr. [redacted] arranged this with the [redacted]) & then go to St. Patrick's. [redacted] said that [redacted] had signed the Adoption papers for her baby & would leave St. Patrick's in a week's time. I then took [redacted] to Clontarf for an interview with [redacted] Watson & later returned with her to Blessington St. for her clothes. I gave her bus-fare to return to Clontarf by 7 p.m. for supper.

23/1/69 Phoned [redacted] & was told [redacted] had left the previous evening & had not returned. Later I heard from [redacted] that she had called to Glencentre St. & said she had a rash on her face & was looked very sick & sad.

24/1/69 Phoned [redacted] – he had no news of [redacted]

~~25/1/69~~ Phoned [redacted] She had not seen [redacted] for over a week. At that time she had a plaster on her face & complained of toothache.

31/1/69 Phoned Clontarf – [redacted] still there! Called to [redacted] She didn't look well but is working steadily. Earns £4 per week. Now says she won't go to St. Patrick's.

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P.T.O.

13/2/69. Called to [redacted] was in bed suffering from heartburn, although they were short-staffed. Mary is also working there now. She has given [redacted] her baby's clothes. [redacted] insists that "no one is getting my baby". She is still attending Holles St. She denies all knowledge of [redacted] whereabouts

28/2/69 Called in afternoon. [redacted] was in bed (her half-day). She said [redacted] is leaving & is going into a flat. She herself finds the job hard. Still adamant against adoption

20/3/69 Called to [redacted] was playing with some of the baby patients. She agreed to talk to [redacted] of Catholic Protection & Rescue Society. She had been to the doctor who told her her blood group is negative & he would like her to contact the child's father to see if his is the same. Baby is due in about 3 weeks time.

26/3/69 Arranged with C.P.R. Society to meet [redacted] Took her there for chat with [redacted] in the hope that it would help her to think more positively of adoption. Why from is that she would abandon the baby after a year or so [redacted] could not change [redacted] views. She was able to tell me that the Society has also dealt with [redacted] who is now with the Good Shepherds in Cork - [redacted]

9/4/69 [redacted] phoned to let me know that [redacted] had been admitted although the baby might not be born before end of month. Dr doctor was anxious about the blood group & [redacted] had written to the putative father. His mother had phoned to say that he had been missing from home since Christmas & she had no idea where he is at present.

11/4/69. Called to [redacted] Her baby, a girl, had been born that morning. [redacted] As she was only 4 lbs in weight she will be in an incubator for some time. [redacted] asked if I would be the baby's godmother. She said although we did not always see eye to eye she knew she could always depend on me! I pointed out that if I were to be sponsor it would prolong my association with her as I would of necessity keep in touch with the baby. Told her to think about it again. Her probation bond is now complete.

16/4/69 [redacted] phoned to tell me that [redacted] had been discharged. The baby won't be discharged for about 10 days. She has received conditional Baptism & the remainder of the ceremony will take place in the [redacted] oratory. [redacted] had returned to Orthopaedic.

17/4/69 Called to [redacted] was resting in bed. The Matron had arranged for her to go on night duty as it would be lighter for her. She was quite content to remain there for present.

25/4/69 - Called to Gloucester St. to see other girls. [redacted] called also. She looked well. Baby is still in hospital. She is arranging for her to be cared for in St. Patricks until she can take over herself.

Probation Completed.

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

BLACKROCK, CORK.

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House Name [redacted] Age...

Name [redacted]

Date of Admission 8-2-69

Date of Delivery normal at St Finbarrs Hospital. 8/2/69

Type of Delivery [redacted] 69

Baby [redacted]

Condition Birth weight 7lbs-9ozs Baptised 30/4/69

Treatment Given LVR INEC 12/2/69

Date of Birth [redacted] 69

P.K.U. 28-4-69 B.C.G. given 24-4-69 St Finbarrs

Other Injections

DATE	WEIGHT	FEEDS	OBSERVATIONS
25-4-69	7-5¼	Cows	milk 2ozs. 2ozs water add a little sugar
28-4-69	7-8¼	Cows	milk 2ozs 2ozs water " " "
30-4-69	7-11¼	Cows	milk 2ozs 2ozs water Abidec drops 2 drops daily
2-5-69		Cows	milk 3ozs. 3ozs water
11-5-69	7 2		
14-5-69	7.11	Cows	milk 4ozs. 2ozs water. Iron + Abidec.
16-5-69	8-1½	Cows	milk 5ozs. 2ozs water Doing well.
23-5-69	8-2	Cows	milk 6ozs 2ozs water papers sent.
30-5-69	8-14	Cows	milk 6ozs 2ozs water + Rice
7-6-69	9-6	Cows	milk 6-2 + Rice pay Friday C.A.S. Dublin
13-6-69	10-0	20-6-69	Adopted C.R.S. Dublin lovely Baby

m No. 4

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REGISTRATION OF MATERNITY HOMES ACT, 1934

RECORDS AND PARTICULARS BOOK OF MATERNITY HOME

KNOWN AS .....
(Insert Name (if any) and Address of Home)

[redacted]

Particulars of PATIENT to be entered on reception into the Home

No. 655 Name [redacted]

Address .....

Date of reception 9. 2. 69 Dilleen 3

Condition on reception Satisfactory

Number of previous pregnancies (full time or otherwise) .....

Name of Patient's Husband .....

Occupation of Patient's Husband .....

[redacted] 69

[redacted]

in Tullamore Rh hosp

MEDICAL ATTENDANT (if any) of Patient while in Home

Name .....

Address .....

Re ad. [redacted] '69 with baby.

CONFINEMENT AND BIRTH IN HOME

CONFINEMENT

Date and hour [redacted] 69 11.45 a.m.

Delivery, normal or abnormal Normal, R. Finbarrs

If abnormal, give particulars .....

Whether Sepsis or other complication developed .....

If so, give particulars .....

BIRTH

Sex of Infant ~~Female~~ Female Weight of Infant at birth 7lbs. 5½ ozs

Full time or premature Full time

If premature, state degree of prematurity .....

Whether born alive or stillborn Alive.

Miscarriage in Home

Date and hour of miscarriage .....

Period of pregnancy .....

Contributing cause (if any) of miscarriage .....

Death in Home

Whether Mother or Infant .....

Date and hour of death .....

Cause ofdeath .....

Discharge of Mother from Home

Date of discharge .....

State of health on discharge .....

CHILD FROM HOME

Particulars of Person removing Child

Date and hour of removal .....

Name Mother. Baby to Convent 30/4/69

Address Both in good condition

Relationship (if any) .....

[redacted]

GUTHAN 62004.

(Telephone).

TAGAIRT:

(Ref. No.) [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL.

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AN BORD UCHTALA,
65, MERRION SQUARE,
~~45 FAICHE STIABHNA, O.X.~~
~~(45 St. Stephen's Green, E.).~~
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

16 Eanair, 1970.

PARTICULARS OF ADOPTION ORDER

Names and address of adopters: [redacted]

Name of child prior to adoption: [redacted]

Name/Names of parent/parents: [redacted]

Date of birth of child [redacted] 1969

Date and place of Baptism of child: 30th April, 1969 - Church of St. Michael, Blackrock, Cork.

Name of child on adoption: [redacted]

Date of Adoption Order: 16th January, 1970

A Athair, a chara,

I am desired by An Bord Uchtála to forward the foregoing particulars for your information, and to request that you will be good enough to amend accordingly the entry in the Baptismal Register relating to the child concerned.

[redacted]

Church of St. Michael,
Blackrock,
Cork.

Mise, le meas,

[redacted]

CLÁRAITHEOIR.

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From [redacted] [redacted]
Did not mention her adoptive parents, address, or name.
Re: Information on birth mother Any contact from her?

HOUSENAME
Natural Mother:
Dublin 3
Admitted 8 Feb 69 Occ: [redacted]
Discharged 20 June 69

Child Born [redacted]69 at 4.45 a.m. Normal 7 lb 5 ½ oz in at St. Finbarr's Hospital
[transferred [redacted]69 in labour Rh Neg.]
Baptised [redacted] 30 April 69
Child Discharged . 20 Jun 69 CRS

Adoption Order A1222/69 16 Jan 70
[redacted]
Child now [redacted]

Adoption Order Yes
Maternity Book . 17, page 47 No. 654
To St. Finbarr's [redacted]69 Re admitted with baby [redacted]69
Baptismal Yes
Ante Natal Adopted CRS Dublin. 20 June 69
Admission Book Page 353
SHA/9 No. 30. Good Shepherd Convent, Sunday's Well. Page 81

Made file 19.3.04 19 March 2004 Replied she had not given name and address of adoptive parents for identification.
Cunamh for info and tracing.

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Put on file 25.10.06
Made file 19.3.04
19 March 2004 Replied she had not given name and address of adoptive parents for identification.
Cunamh for info and tracing.
8.11.05 Gave info to cunamh

25.6.07 Comment from [redacted] on Adoption Ireland. not responded to.
Internet comments ALSO ON 19.10.05

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[redacted]

NM.....[redacted]

CHILD.....[redacted]

BORN.....[redacted] 1969

Child Now....[redacted]

Agency.... Cúnamh

GREEN FILE + Office Copy 19/03/04

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08 November 2005

[redacted]
Senior Social Worker,
Cúnamh,
CPRSI House,
30 South Anne Street,
Dublin 2.

Please quote our ref: [redacted]
Your ref: [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter regarding [redacted] born [redacted] 1969. We have checked the records and can give you the following information.

Natural Mother:
[redacted]
Admitted [redacted] 69
Date of birth Occupation: [redacted]
To St. Finbarr's in labour Rh Neg. 22.4.69
Re admitted with baby [redacted] 69
Discharged 20 June 69 Good Shepherd Convent, Sunday's Well.

Child Born [redacted] 69 at 4.45 a.m. Normal 7 lb 5 ½ oz in St. Finbarr's
Baptised [redacted] 30 April 69
Child Discharged . Adopted CRS Dublin. 20 June 69

Please note that we release this information on a non-disclosure basis. Identifying information about one party to the adoption must not be disclosed to the other without their consent.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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RECEIVED 3 0 APR 1969

Sacred Heart Convent,
Bessboro,
Blackrock, Cork
26-4-69.

Dear [redacted],

This letter is to let you know that I had a baby girl at 4.45 a.m on [redacted] She is a normal healthy baby. She weighed 7 lbs 5½ ozs, has fair hair and I called her [redacted]

I wish to have her placed for adoption as soon as possible, so please send me the adoption papers to sign.

I remain, Dear Rev Father,
Yours Respectfully,
[redacted]

RECEIVED 3 1 MAY 1969

Sacred Heart Hospital,
Besslow, Blackrock,
Cork.
27-5-69

Dear [redacted],

This letter is to ask you to have my baby, [redacted], placed for adoption as soon as possible. I enclose her medical cert and adoption forms which have all been signed. Please let me know when to bring her to Dublin a few days in advance, so that I can make some arrangements for myself with my sister.

Please may I bring [redacted] to Dublin myself, I would very much like to. I am looking forward

to coming back to Dublin and to seeing my sister again. I will miss [redacted] But I am sure she will be given a good home. Thank you very much for helping me and for all you have done up to now.

I remain, yours sincerely,

[redacted]

RECEIVED 14 JUN 1969

Harrows?

Sacred Heart Hospital,
Boreabo, Blackrock,
Cork.
13th June.

Dear [redacted]

My baby, [redacted] is now eight weeks old. My adoption papers were sent to the society two weeks ago but so far I have heard nothing to suggest that she will adopted soon. Having [redacted] with me for so long is making it increasingly difficult to think of parting with her because I love her very much. Also my sister, whom I miss, is anxious for me to return to Dublin soon. I am dying to see her again.

[redacted] told

me that [redacted] was away so when he returns, could you speak to him for me and try to arrange something soon. [redacted] is now 9 lbs and she is very healthy. I am sure she will be given a good home and that she will be taken care of.

I remain, Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

Phone : Dublin 779664/5 *Office Hours* :—10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 5 p.m. daily. Saturdays 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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30, South Anne Street
(Off Grafton Street)
Dublin 2.

28th April, 1969

MGC/RS

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Very many thanks indeed for your letter just received. I note that you are interested in adopting a baby and we will be very pleased to help you. I wonder if I could ever ask you as a preliminary step to complete the enclosed Application Form, and return it to me as soon as possible. We will then be pleased to arrange to see you both together and to discuss the whole question of adoption indetail with you. I look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Cúnamh
Child Care Agency
CPRSI House
30 South Anne Street
Dublin 2
Phone: 677 9664
Fax: 677 0235
Email: cunamh@dol.ie

Ref [redacted]

23 - 1 - 03

Dear [redacted]

Please find enclosed information as requested regarding your Adoption. I hope that this information will be of help to you at this time.

I am really sorry that we are not in a position to offer you an appointment immediately. Regarding your wish to find out more about your Adoption. Your enquiry form has now been put on our waiting list. If your birthmother should get in touch with us at any stage over the coming months then we will inform her of your enquiry and take things further if this is your wish.

With kind Regards

Yours Sincerely

[redacted]
Senior Social Worker.

Chairman: John O'Connor, Chaplain: Reverend Paul Callan, Secretary: Elizabeth O'Flinn, Senior Social Worker: Julie Kering B.Soc.Sc., C.Q.S.W., M.Soc.Sc.

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[redacted]

According to our records you were born on the [redacted] 1969 in the Sacred Heart Home, Bessboro, Cork. You weighed 7 lbs 5½ oz following a normal delivery. Your PKU test was completed on the 28th April. You were baptised in the Sacred Heart Home on the 30th April.

Our first contact with your birth mother [redacted] was in January 1969 when she called into the office. [redacted] told us that she was [redacted] years of age and that she worked as a [redacted] in a [redacted] in Dublin. Our records indicate that [redacted] mother had died when [redacted] was [redacted] years of age. She was reared in a convent in the south of the country. She told us that she had [redacted] sisters and a brother. She didn't seem to have any contact with her father.

[redacted] told us that your birth father [redacted] was also [redacted] years of age and that he came from [redacted] He worked as a [redacted] She said that she was regularly in touch with him but that there wasn't any question of marriage. Our records indicate that his father wouldn't allow him to marry and that he also could not afford to do so.

[redacted] was referred to the Sacred Heart Mother & Baby Home in Cork and she would have gone there in early February. The only description that we have of [redacted] on file is that she had long blond hair.

[redacted] would have written to the Agency a few days after your birth to say that *'I had a baby girl at 4.45 a.m. on the* [redacted] *She is a normal healthy baby. She weighed 7 lbs 5 oz, has fair hair and I called her* [redacted] [redacted] requested that you would be placed for adoption. [redacted] was seen in the Sacred Heart Home in Cork in early May. She said she had definitely made her mind up to place you for adoption, as she had no future to offer you. She said that she had no home and she could not possibly keep you on her own. She was described as being an intelligent girl. [redacted] kept in touch by letter saying that she hoped that you would get a good home. She wanted to bring you to Dublin herself and she did so on the 20th June, the day on which you were placed with your adoptive parents. By that time you weighed 9 lbs 8 oz and you were taking 5 feeds a day of cows milk. You were also having porridge at your 6.30 a.m. feed. Abidec drops were being put in all your bottles.

This Agency helped [redacted] to gain work as a [redacted] here in Dublin. The final adoption consent papers which allowed for your legal adoption were submitted to the Adoption Board towards the end of November 1969. Unfortunately there is no recorded information about [redacted] visit to the office when she completed this form.

Our Social Worker, [redacted] would have visited you in your new home in mid-July and again in mid-October. By all accounts you had settled in really well.

Chairman: John O'Connor. Chaplain: Reverend Paul Cullen. Secretary: Elizabeth O'Brien. Senior Social Worker: John Kerins [illegible]
CÚNAMH is the new name for C.P.R.S.I. effective 1995. Registered Charity No. 3074

By October you had two teeth and [redacted] described you as *'not as blond as she was in the beginning, but she is a very tanned, fat, cuddly little thing now.'* She also said that you were very happy and contented and that your parents were very proud of you.

Your adoption order was granted on the 16th January 1970. We haven't had any further contact from [redacted]

Our records indicate that you called into the office in November 1988 and spoke with [redacted] and that [redacted] would have seen you again in May 1995. [redacted] made some very preliminary enquiries at that point but didn't take it any further as you didn't make a written request or contact her again around looking for your birth mother.

Signed: [redacted]

Senior Social Worker

Date: _____

- Your birthmother's [redacted] sisters were diagnosed with breast cancer.

- The [redacted] sister had a breast removed in June 2005 and has since been diagnosed with lung cancer.

- Your birthmother [redacted] sister was also diagnosed with breast cancer and died at [redacted] year of age in December 2005

Body found on line: appeal for relatives

[redacted] POLICE trying to trace the final movements of a woman found dead on railway lines are appealing for her relatives to contact them.

Coroner's officer [redacted] told an inquest [redacted] who lived on the [redacted] at [redacted] was believed to have a [redacted] and a [redacted] where she was born — but efforts to find them had failed.

"We would like any relatives or people who know the whereabouts of relatives to come forward," he said.

[redacted] said [redacted] who was thought to be unemployed and married but living alone in a caravan, was a heroin user and possibly a supplier.

At 8.50pm on November 5 British Rail train driver [redacted] travelling to London, spotted a body between the tracks near the Warren. Police were called and an hour later recovered the body.

Fingerprint records were needed to identify [redacted] and a post mortem found the cause of death to be multiple injuries.

[redacted] said because of the circumstances of her death a Home Office pathologist had been called in but he had confirmed her injuries were consistent with being hit by a train and she had been a heroin addict.

[redacted] continued [redacted] had been depressed following the death of her dog [redacted] in July. The word [redacted] was found scratched on a footbridge over the railway lines.

Deputy East Kent coroner [redacted] adjourned the hearing until January 11.

Last week other people living on the caravan site described [redacted] as a quiet woman who kept herself to herself but had been worried about plans to close the site.

[redacted] relatives or anyone who knows where they are should phone Dover police station on [redacted]