



**22 May 2020**  
**Convened electronically via Zoom**

**Present**

Judith Thompson (JT)  
Andrew Sloan (AS)  
Alana Fisher (AF)  
Holly Taylor (HT)  
Leah McDonnell (LMD)  
Nicky Cahill (NC)

Paul Crawford  
Paul Gallagher  
Mary Moreland  
Paul McCormac  
Niall O Murchu  
Lesley Veronica  
Mina Jadeja  
Kathryn Johnston  
Sam Wilson  
Minty Thompson  
Alan Brecknell  
Emmett McConomy

**Apologies**

Donal Dunn

**Outline of Meeting**

JT welcomed Forum members and noted apologies.

JT outlined recent her appearance on the View, and thanked Forum members for their contributions regarding the Victims Payment Scheme and Legacy.

There was discussion regarding the written ministerial statement of 18<sup>th</sup> March and the prospect of substantially changed Legacy proposals.

There was also grave concern regarding the failure to meet the time frame in the Legislation for the Victims Payment. Scheme. Members highlighted concerns about the devastating impact which this is having upon victims and survivors.

#### Preparation for Engagement with Northern Ireland Office

JT outlined previous engagement with the Northern Ireland Office and invited discussion on key points for the upcoming Forum engagement.

JT outlined the content of a letter to the Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, and advised of Forum participation in their inquiry into Legacy.

#### Engagement with the Northern Ireland Office

JT provided welcome and introduction to officials from the Northern Ireland Office.

There was discussion regarding the timeframe for the implementation of the Victims Payment Scheme. This was followed by discussion of the need for a victim centred approach by government in relation to Legacy.

The Northern Ireland Office advised that they would like to offer another meeting with the Forum.

#### **Action Point: CVS to ascertain a suitable date for further meeting with the Northern Ireland Office.**

JT expressed thanks to the Northern Ireland Office, and reiterated the concerns raised by the Forum regarding the Victims Payment Scheme and anticipated changes to legacy legislation.

Meeting closed.

#### Agreed Actions

**1. CVS to ascertain a suitable date for further meeting with the Northern Ireland Office.**