

## Truth Recovery Independent Panel Report - 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026

We, Sisters of the Good Shepherd, welcome the publication of the Truth Recovery Independent Panel Report, which makes for very difficult reading.

We respect the courage and strength of all who have come to share their experiences and have contributed to this research. We deeply regret the pain and hurt women in our care experienced, as outlined in their testimony to the Panel.

We again encourage anyone who feels they may benefit from engaging with us directly to contact us at [province@rgs.ie](mailto:province@rgs.ie).

We also acknowledge the women who expressed their appreciation to the Sisters they met while in our care in the past, even when they reflect on a time of deep crisis in their lives.

We will continue to fully co-operate with the impending work of the Public Inquiry; we have already given access to the Panel our records in their entirety and will continue to offer all the assistance we can to the planned Public Inquiry. We believe everyone involved in Institutions – both Religious and State - should do the same.

As a Congregation, we remain committed to doing all we can – as noted in the Independent Panel's Executive Summary – so that *their pain 'should never [be] allow[ed] to be forgotten'*.

We will examine today's comprehensive report thoroughly, but we will not be making any additional comments at this moment.

Good Shepherd Sisters