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Minister Batt O'Keeffe, TD  
Minister for Education and Science  
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**Re: Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, Irish Region**

Dear Minister

I write in connection with the contribution that we, the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, are committed to making in respect of the independent trust to be set up for people who were sent to institutions as children.

In our asset report of July 2009 it is noted that Our Lady of Charity has been making an ongoing financial contribution to the cost of caring for women who are resident in our hostels and nursing home. The desire to contribute to the proposed trust fund is part of our continuing commitment to people who are in our care, to people who have been in our care and to the social care of women in Dublin.

Taking into account our ongoing commitments, including the full time care and wellbeing of elderly women, excluding members of the congregation, we have decided to make a contribution of €1.5 million in cash to the new independent trust over the next five years.

In addition to this, we intend to transfer property to the Health Service Executive with immediate effect. This property comprises a 282 sq. meter 6 bedroom detached purpose built child care facility on 0.14 ha. site at Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, which is currently leased to the HSE by Our Lady of Charity for the purpose of running a residential service for children.

This contribution is subject to civil considerations as outlined in our asset report.

Our desire is that the trust fund will be able to offer and provide support to people who have experienced institutional care and their dependents.

Yours sincerely

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Regional Leader, Ireland