

Name: (and address) Carmel Larkin

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Fax: 094 92 52570
Fax: 094 90 26110
Fax: 096 70442

Duty Officer

Date 03.08.16

Time

Previously Known To:-

METHOD OF REFERRAL

interview

Telephone

Mail

(tick appropriate box)

Case No.

Referred By: ____

Address:

Tel. No. Relationship/Designation

Name of Client Mr./Mrs./Ms Carmel Larkin

Date of Birth

Ad. SS

Tel. No. _____

G.P.

Tel. No. _____

Relevant Others

P.H.N.

Tel. No. _____

School

Tel. No. _____

Other

Tel. No. _____

Reasons for Referral:- Trace - Search

Action Taken by Duty Officer:

Recommendations:

Team Senior/Leader:

Allocated to

Date _____

HOUSEHOLD DETAILS

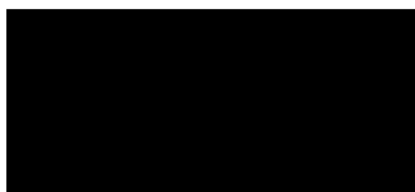
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Case Note – Carmel Larkin**19/09/16**

Meeting with Carmel in St. Mary's. Carmel spoke about wanting to find out more information on her birth mother and if there are any extended family. I showed her some of the information [REDACTED] was able to find, adding that the information about the census and the grave stone we cannot be absolutely sure they are her birth mothers family. Carmel herself said she had a feeling that maybe they weren't. I explained to Carmel that given she was boarded out and not adopted, she has more information than normal, in that she knows her mothers name and where she was from. Carmel said she has visited the area and thinks she knows the house her mother lived in. She said she spoke with a Garda Sgt while she was there and he had some local knowledge. Carmel spoke about her experience of being boarded out which she said was a good one generally. She bonded very well with her father and spent a lot of time with him. She feels she did not bond with her mother and with one of her sisters, whom she does not have a relationship with now. Her other sister lived in America and while they did get on ok, as she lived in America there was not much contact between them. I advised Carmel that she needs to be mindful of her expectations during a trace as she said she was a bit disappointed that I did not have more information for her. I explained to Carmel that this is an initial meeting with her to discuss the trace and that her name will now go on our waiting list. I suggested that if she wants to continue with some of her own research, which she has been doing already, then she could and this might be helpful when her case is at the top of the waiting list. I said she could try to get her mothers birth cert as this would confirm her mothers parents names and might help with the census search.

26/09/16

Letter sent to Carmel re FOI


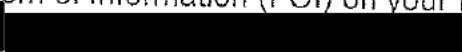
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26th September 2016

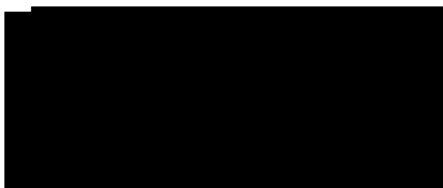
Carmel Larkin



Dear Carmel

It was lovely to meet with you last week. I'm just writing to let you know that if you would like to request a Freedom of Information (FOI) on your file, you should write to   In your letter you should state that you are requesting an FOI on your 'Boarded Out' file, giving your name, current address and date of birth. Hope this is helpful. Also, your name has been added to our Information & Tracing waiting list.

Kind regards



Details Taken from the Tuam Home Register:

Register 61

Winifred Carmel Smith

DOB [REDACTED] Born in tuam Home

No 33/34- Page 4.

Discharged 25th May 1954

Mother:

Register 63

Winifred Smith

Born [REDACTED]

BM Admitted to Tuam Home [REDACTED]

Mother in this home NO 33/49

Register 33

Maternity Register

Page 14

Forceps Delivery on [REDACTED] at 8pm

Baby delivered by doctor

Female- Full term weighing 7lbs

Date Discharged [REDACTED]

Normal State of Health on discharge with BM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (Clann Adoption Services, Merlin Park)
Sent: 03 August 2016 16:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Referral
Attachments: 2016 2nd Aug Ltr to Winifred Larkin with Register Details.doc

[REDACTED]

I hope ye are all well.
 I attach a referral from Carmel Larkin re Tuam Home Enquiry. I dont know how it got in to our system as it is a Castlebar case. I gave Carmel the details From the Tuam Home Registers and she would like if ye could search for her BM or details of medical background from her family. I attach the details And letter sent to Carmel today.

Best Wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Adoption, Fostering & Tracing

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Child and Family Agency
Adoption Service, HR Building, Merlin Park, Galway

[REDACTED]



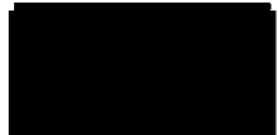
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Child and Family Agency

Adoption Services
Child and Family Agency
Clinical & Administration
Block A
Merlin Park
Galway



3rd August 2016

Carmel Larkin



Dear Carmel

Please find attached details taken from the Tuam Home Records of your birth and details of your birthmother. Our team in Mayo will look after the search for your birth family.

Their contact details are
Adoption Services
St Marys Hospital
Castlebar
Co Mayo
Tel. 09490 42514

I have sent on your file details to them. I would like to wish you the best of luck in your search for your origins.

Yours Sincerely



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[REDACTED]
Social Worker
Adoption, Fostering & Tracing

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[REDACTED]



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Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

Adoption Services,
Child and Family Agency,
Merlin Park,
Galway.

An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach,
Páirc Mherlinne
Gaillimh.



2nd September, 2015

Winifred Carmel Larkin



Re: Tracing Enquiry

Dear Winifred,

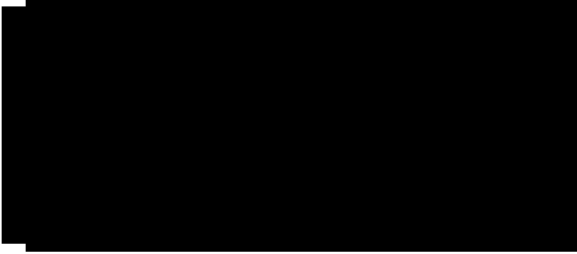
Thank you for your completed enquiry form, which we received safely. Your name has now been added to our waiting list which, at present is approximately 6 to 9 months. You are welcome, at any time to check where you are on the list by phoning us at the above number.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your patience in waiting for an appointment. It is important that you notify us of any change of address or phone numbers so we can update your details. We certainly will do all we can to help when we are in a position to offer you an appointment with one of our social workers.

Yours sincerely,



Child & Family Agency



Cornel Jark

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Information Sheet for Tracing File

Delete as appropriate	Adoptee/Sibling	Birth Mother/Birth Father
Name	Carmel Larkin	
Birth/Maiden Name	(SMITH)	
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]	
Present Address	[REDACTED]	
Email:	[REDACTED]	Email:
Phone No.		
Mobile	[REDACTED]	
Foster Adoptive Parents Address		Home Address:
Other agencies involved	2	5
Query from	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BM <input type="checkbox"/> BF <input type="checkbox"/> SIB <input type="checkbox"/> BO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date Initial Referral	Match yes/no	Date Allocated: _____
Background Information	Yes/No (please circle)	Date
Significant Phone Numbers:		

Important Information:		
Social Worker Signature	[REDACTED]	Date Closed: _____

CLANN WESTERN AREA ADOPTION COMMITTEE.

Clann Referral Form

Date of Referral: 7/7/15

Referred by: Self

Name of Client: Carmel Larkin

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Previously known to:

Case no:

Other name(s) by which client is known:

Current Address: [REDACTED]

Previous Address (es), if any:

Tel No:

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Tracing ☒

ICA/Domestic ☐

Step parent ☐

Reason for Referral

Carmel born in the tuam Home and fostered by
and was very well looked after and
wanted for nothing.

ActionTaken: Said I will send out a tracing Enquiry Form to her.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Method of Refe

Telephone
Office Visit
Letter

Current Case
Former Case
New Case

CLANN WESTERN REGIONAL ADOPTION & TRACING SERVICE
 West City Centre, Seamus Quirke Road, Galway. Phone (091) 558430, Fax (091) 581437

Tracing Enquiry Form – to be completed by those requesting background information or who wished to be placed on the waiting list.

Form T2

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN DETAIL TO ASSIST US IN LOCATING YOUR INFORMATION

Name: <u>Winifred Carmel Larkin</u>		Maiden Name: <u>Smith</u>	
Date of Birth: <u>[REDACTED]</u>		Place of Birth: <u>T. Co. Co. Galway</u>	
Present Address: <u>[REDACTED]</u>			
Email address: <u>[REDACTED]</u>			
Adoptive Family Name & Address: <u>[REDACTED]</u>		Mother: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
Current Telephone No. <u>[REDACTED]</u>		Mobile Phone <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
Contact address (if you do not wish to use your present address) <u>[REDACTED]</u>			
Contact Telephone No. <u>[REDACTED]</u>		Mobile Phone <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
Are any of the following aware of your enquiry: (Tick appropriate box)			
Partner: <input type="checkbox"/>	Parents: <input type="checkbox"/>	Children: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Brothers/Sisters: <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Friends</u>		
Any other children placed for adoption (applies only to birthmother)		Name: <u>[REDACTED]</u> DOB: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Place of Birth: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Placed By: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
Reason for Enquiry			
Background Info: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracing: <input type="checkbox"/> Support: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Tick Appropriate Box: Are you			
Adoptee: <input type="checkbox"/>	Birthmother: <input type="checkbox"/>	Adopter: <input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling: <input type="checkbox"/>
Boarded Out: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fostered: <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Signature: <u>Carmel Larkin</u>		Date: <u>13/7/15</u>	
Office Use Only		File No. _____	
Date Enq. Form rec.: _____		Date on W/L: _____	
Date Alloc: _____		Social Worker: _____	
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[REDACTED]
30th June 2015.

Dear,

My name is Carmel Larkin. I was born in the Tuam Mother & Baby home on the [REDACTED]. The Tuam Graveyard Committee gave me your address. I'm writing to you in search of your assistance on two matters relating to the ongoing inquiry.

At the age of three and a half years, I was fostered to the family of [REDACTED]. These people whom fostered me were very good to me. When they applied for fostering, the couple were interviewed by a man who tested their suitability. They wanted a 14 year old boy, but instead they got me. A social worker/nurse, Nancy McAvelly; who worked with the Western Health Board at that time, visited me regularly. She provided me with clothes every winter and summer. Her records will probably be held in Castlebar Courthouse, where she had her office. The policy at that time was to place foster children in the county of their origin. I would love the opportunity to explain all the details of my happy childhood, which greatly contrast some of public accounts of other children who were fostered from the home.

The other matter I wish to raise is information regarding my birth mother and father. I would dearly love to find out more about them in search of closure. Any help I can get regarding this matter would be very much appreciated. My birth mother's name is [REDACTED]

I would like to meet you, whenever it suits to discuss these matters in person. I would like a member of the The Tuam Graveyard Committee, [REDACTED] to travel with me if possible. My telephone no. is [REDACTED] I will look forward to meeting with you soon.

Yours Sincerely,
Carmel Larkin.

Carmel Larkin

This is a copy of letter I sent to Dublin Carmel L.

Names of Inmates	Residence previous to Admission	Sex	Age	If adult, whether single, married, widower or widow. If child, whether orphan, deserted, legitimate or illegitimate
4	5	6	7	8

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10th Winifred Carmel Born in this Home Female 1 Day Illegitimate