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Barrister Report Update

As members will be aware, the Barrister's report has been received by Scouting Ireland. The matters dealt with by the report are very serious and for this reason, the report is being carefully considered in detail. When this process is complete, the necessary actions arising out of the findings of the Report will be taken.

A redacted copy of the report was given to the Minister and we understand that a copy may have been released under Freedom of Information and therefore may be the subject of media reports in the coming days. We appreciate that members would like the matter resolved, but it is most important that we continue to ensure due and fair process applies.

Safeguarding is and will remain, front and centre of our organisation as we create a safe organisation for members and volunteers. We have acknowledged the terrible wrongs of the past and we continue to cooperate fully with the relevant authorities in the relevant jurisdiction to support their investigations into alleged sexual abuse in our legacy organisations over many years. We continue to operate our helpline for current and past members who wish to speak to us.

We also continue to work with Minister Zappone and her officials in the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. The Board respects that we have work to do to rebuild trust with the Minister and the wider public and we are working hard to do that. We again thank the Minister for her support and her commitment to providing funding to enable us to further strengthen safeguarding in Scouting Ireland.

Yours in Scouting,

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