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Ref: **BOD-OUT-65-2019\_ Advance Notification to Members re; Primetime**

Dear Scouter,

RTÉ's Investigations Unit has spent a number of months examining how CBSI and SAI managed allegations of sexual abuse within their organisations and we understand that this programme is being prepared for broadcast shortly / on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

We do not know the content of the programme but we can expect that it will include survivors of sexual abuse telling of their experiences and it will be difficult viewing for all of us who love scouting. Our primary concern must be for these survivors. We have spoken with and apologised on an individual basis to every person who has contacted us. We have also publicly expressed our deep shame and regret many times since these matters first came to light. We continue to act, reporting all information that is brought to us to the relevant authorities.

While we cannot change the past, we can ensure that we support those who call our helpline while making scouting safe for members, volunteers and staff in the future through our governance and safeguarding.

Yours in Scouting

The Board of Directors of Scouting Ireland



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