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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a company, we have reflected on our response to the issues raised in the Commission of Investigation's report on mother and baby homes and endeavoured to find a meaningful way to assist survivors and their families.

We recognise that many survivors are understandably seeking to access their personal information. To address this, GSK has established an enhanced information service for former residents of mother and baby homes regarding trials that took place between 1934 and 1973.

We have simplified our information request service and published trial summary documents for each of the trials. Full details of how to access the information service and the trial summary documents are now available on <a href="https://www.gsk.ie/mother-and-baby-homes">www.gsk.ie/mother-and-baby-homes</a>.

## Information Request Service

For some years GSK has provided an information service to survivors who request that a search of the records is performed to identify what, if any, personal information GSK holds about them. Demand for this service - known as a 'subject access request' - has increased since the publication of the Commission of Investigation's report. To ensure the information service is as user-friendly as possible, GSK has worked to simplify the process and details of how to access it are available on <a href="https://www.gsk.ie/mother-and-baby-homes.">www.gsk.ie/mother-and-baby-homes.</a>

We also want to ensure that survivors are aware they have a statutory right to submit an information request to us in relation to their personal information if they believe they may have been a participant in a trial. It is important to note, however, that the records are not complete for every trial. While some of the individual clinical trial records do contain important identifying information such as names and dates of birth, this information is not available for all trials. This means it is not possible to verify the identity of every participant and part of the reason why we have also published trial summary documents with information about the development and, where applicable, the licensing history of the trial products.

## **Trial Summary Documents**

The trial summary documents are also available at <a href="www.gsk.ie/mother-and-baby-homes">www.gsk.ie/mother-and-baby-homes</a> and contain information relating to nine separate trials - vaccine trials A to G, as they are referred to in the Commission's report, and two infant milk formula trials.

The documentation has been collated from our archives in London as well as other published sources to evaluate, as far as possible, the history of the vaccine or milk products after their trials were conducted by researchers in mother and baby homes.

We would like to re-emphasise our sympathies to the women, children and families affected by the issues raised in the Commission's report and we sincerely hope the work undertaken to enhance the

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Directors E.A. Caslin, I.M. McCarron, N. Belson (UK) information service will better support those searching for further information and transparency regarding the trials.

If you have any questions about the information service or the trial summary documents, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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