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Confirmation of Ending of the Extension of the Dromore Diocesan Redress Scheme on

29th March 2024

As announced in September 2023, The Diocese of Dromore Redress Scheme, initially established on 29th September 2021 and subsequently extended to new applicants ends on 29th March 2024. Any applications received up to and including on 29th March 2024 will be able to progress through the Scheme and be considered in accordance with the terms of the Scheme. (A grace period until 30 April 2024 will be provided for those applicants currently considering making an application but who remain undecided).

The Scheme formally opened on 29th September 2021 and was available for applications for a 2-year period. At the end of September 2023 that period was extended for a further 6 months. It is confirmed that the Scheme will close to new applicants after 29th March 2024.

We confirm that awards have been made which cross the full range of the Scheme. Where applicants have been legally represented their solicitors have also been paid their costs in accordance with the terms of the Scheme (including where applicable costs incurred in prior litigation.)

In addition to the financial support applicants to the Scheme were invited to avail of a pastoral meeting with Archbishop Eamon Martin and to seek support for counselling from Towards Healing Counselling & Support Service.

The Diocese wishes to continue to listen to the voices of victims and survivors, having regard to actions being taken in other jurisdictions to respond to those who have been abused.

Given that the Scheme as noted above closes on 29th March 2024, any new application to the Scheme should be made prior to that date (or at the very latest by the end of the grace period on 30 April 2024).

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Statement Ends.