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Dear Sir /Madam.

It is my firm belief that any State ward that has managed to survive the JJS in the past 40 years.

I don't believe anyone got out unscathed some so damaged that the rest of their lives have been affected by their time "in Care" of the state.

I find that term paradoxical-because there wasn't a whole lot of caring going down.

Abuse was the practiced process. Be it physically, emotionally mentally in some form most have been damaged for life.

We were groomed for prison. We were taught no real life skills certainly not educated to any level of usefulness, Why else would they excuse me from school at 14.

My first cigarette that was even given to me BY AN ADULT AND LEGALLY was when I was in [REDACTED]

My parent's didn't smoke and as I found out from my file-(the system saw fit to withhold that information from me). my mother had LUNG CANCER at 34-so I can assure you both my parent's were horrified that I was allocated 5 cigarettes PER DAY.

Then the system had the audacity to then use those cigarettes to modify my behaviour. I still smoke and I blame the STATE for ever giving them to me on a regular basis. Prior, I did occasionally smoke for sure, but we never were given by adults.

My time in care was nothing short of tragic what happened to me and many others effectively ensured we could never go on to live "normal" lives.

Luckily I had reconciled with my family as my mother died when I was 19-my father I was 26.

I still have a tattoo on my face (beauty spot) where I was held down to get. About 1 inch from my eye

Where were the staff? and the one on my arm-again given no choice-where were the staff? When one girl was gang raped with a roll on deodorant who obviously had a mental disability, where were the staff?

My wardship file is nothing short of incompetence-things I recall vividly are not mentioned at all.....but insignificant receipts are in it??

In fact, my file begins with a misquote of a cliché... " gina has been thrown from PILLOW??? to post.....unbelievable and incorrect

The lack of real information is infuriating and I suspect deliberate.

I hope The Royal Commission recognises the abuse that we were subjected to, even though some not sexually.

ALL State wards deserve the right to live the rest of their lives with some security. The JJS took so much from us-it's time to give back.

By redressing financially the Wards from that era I believe that it may have a positive impact it may restore some peoples faith in the justice System and humanity in general.

Kind Regards



"children of the institutions deserve justice and restitution"