

**FBGA would like to update all historical abuse survivors of Scotland with regards recent developments:**

Following a recruitment and selection process by the Subgroup and the Scottish Government, "Open Secret" has accepted the offer of a grant to develop and run a national service. The Scottish Government intend to formally launch the service when staff are in place and the telephone lines go live, in the coming weeks.

FBGA believe that this is a positive step by the Scottish Government.

FBGA hope that it will ensure that those survivors and all affected by these issues who require Independent help and support from Services have full access to Services.

FBGA welcome and support the first stage of this initiative by the Scottish Government as FBGA have campaigned for some considerable time for such a Service Provision to be introduced and available for all historical abuse survivors and their families.

In addition the Scottish Government has proposed to convene a conference in Scotland shortly and FBGA understand that Tom Shaw will be attending.

FBGA will hopefully be able to provide further updates and information when the conference is formally announced in due course of who to contact, where and the agenda of the forthcoming conference.

FBGA understand this conference is intended to provide a forum for where the processes are at now following Tom Shaw's report and recommendations, what is outstanding and required for the future in relation to the historical abuse survivors.

FBGA would wish to understand fully what the outstanding issues such as "Truth and Reconciliation" being proposed involve and any other matters of concern to historical abuse survivors which have not been addressed to-date and what direct input the survivors will have going forward and that the shape and form will be fully determined by the Survivors

FBGA will not be responsible for arranging bookings or places and access to the conference and all survivors who wish to attend should make their own arrangements.

FBGA believe that all those historical abuse survivors that can attend the conference then should do so.

Any survivors who have any difficulties accessing the conference or the service provider (Open Secret) when formally launched and announced please feel free to contact us.

FBGA continue to call for a full Independent Judicial Inquiry into past historical abuse concerning Quarriers Homes and the removal of Timebar!

Yours sincerely

**FBGA (Former Boys and Girls Abused in Quarriers Homes)**