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Dear Cardinal Nichols

**INTERNAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE  
 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

As you are aware, we were instructed by the Catholic Trust for England and Wales to carry out an internal investigation into the circumstances of the apparent unauthorised disclosure of confidential information held by the Catholic Church relating to a complainant in allegations of child sexual abuse, who has been designated RC-A710 by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse ("IICSA").

This investigation was intended to fulfil commitments expressed by you in the course of giving evidence to IICSA. The purpose of the investigation was to establish the extent to which there is now information or material within the Catholic Church's possession or control that can confirm whether there was an unauthorised disclosure by any person connected to the Catholic Church of the confidential information relating to RC-A710.

Having carried out that investigation, we are unable conclusively to identify the source of the disclosure. However, we can state that our findings exonerate the bishops of the dioceses who had any involvement in RC-A710's case (the Dioceses of Arundel and Brighton, Portsmouth, Northampton and Westminster), those dioceses' Safeguarding Co-ordinators, the other members of those dioceses' safeguarding teams, and the members of those dioceses' Boards of Trustees and Safeguarding Commissions.

We can also state that we have been unable to identify any aspect or aspects of the information apparently disclosed which could have been used, either individually or cumulatively, to enable members of the public to ascertain RC-A710's true identity.

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We hope that this is of assistance. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Anna Bradshaw or Peter FitzGerald.

Yours faithfully

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