



The Miscarriage Association of Ireland

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PRESS RELEASE

The Miscarriage Association of Ireland welcomes the apology by the HSE to women affected by misdiagnosis of miscarriage and calls for greater vigilance in future.

Commenting on the report issued by the HSE and the resulting apology to those affected, Chairperson June O'Toole said, *"We can only imagine the suffering that these women and their families have experienced. Miscarriage is always a sad and often traumatic event. What happened in these cases was unspeakable.*

"Unfortunately, there must now be a great number of women who now wonder if their infant was, in fact, miscarried. Some will, for the rest of their lives, wonder if their miscarriage was misdiagnosed. They will never know for sure.

"We are not in the business of telling the medical profession how to operate but it seems only reasonable and prudent that when a miscarriage is diagnosed that a second scan be offered in all cases and without the mother having to request it. This should be the normal procedure. We hope that the publication of this report will help to improve the procedures and practices around pregnant women and remind all involved of the significant nature of miscarriage. It may be a fairly routine event for the professionals but it is a life-changing event for the family involved."

The Miscarriage Association continues to offer all those affected by miscarriage a variety of support services including telephone support by volunteers and monthly support meetings.

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