

## St John Ambulance Ireland

Organisational Apology to Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse

On behalf of St John Ambulance Ireland, we wish to unreservedly apologise to you, the victims, and survivors of sexual abuse at the organisation.

We are sincerely sorry for the hurt that was caused to you, your families, and your friends, by our organisation's failings.

Please be assured that you have been listened to and are believed. It is a source of great disappointment that this was not always the case.

We fully accept that the organisation's structures facilitated grooming and predatory behaviour in the past. We also acknowledge, and deeply regret, that you, the victim-survivors, continue to suffer ongoing and persistent trauma because of the abuse you have described experiencing.

As victims who have spoken out about your abuse, you are to be both commended and admired for your bravery. We thank you sincerely for helping to uncover these issues and bring them to light.

While it cannot undo any wrongs, we are committed to supporting you in any way possible and working to ensure that past failings in our duty of care to you are never repeated.

David Strahan Chairman

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John Hughes Commissioner