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**Connect counselling to open additional hours following Mother and Baby Homes report**

Connect counselling is extending its opening times for the next month due to the Mother and Baby Homes report, which is being released today.

Connect provides telephone based counselling and support to abuse survivors, and is extending its opening times until February 15th.

Connect normally opens from 6-10pm Wednesday to Sunday, but will also open earlier from 2pm on weekend days, and from 6-10pm on Monday and Tuesdays.

Connect counsellors will be available for callers who can speak with a trained professional who can offer emotional support.

Connect is available at freephone:

* 1800 477 477 from the Republic of Ireland
* 00800 477 477 77 from Northern Ireland and the UK
* [www.connectcounselling.ie](http://www.connectcounselling.ie)

(Note: Connect counsellors cannot advise on adoption or tracing issues.)

Connect is funded by the HSE.

**Further Information**

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