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Mr Vincent Doyle,

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Dear Vincent,

Thank you for your letter of 29 October 2020 to the Irish Episcopal Conference. The letter was circulated to all members of the Conference at the Plenary Meeting in December 2020.

The Bishops appreciated the information in your letter and noted your comments on the risks of psychological transference and the importance of professional boundaries. As you will know, the Bishops are committed to the safeguarding of the welfare, not only of children, but also of adults who may be at risk of harm or in need of protection, including those who may be emotionally or psychologically vulnerable. Work is ongoing in ensuring that standards and guidance, procedures, training and awareness are provided in these areas.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph McGuinness', written in a cursive style.

Monsignor Joseph McGuinness
Executive Secretary