



Truth Recovery Independent Panel
Seeking the Truth



How we will work



Easy Read version



This is an **Easy Read** version of how the Truth Recovery Independent Panel will work.



Some more difficult words are in **bold**, and these words are explained at the end in the section What the words mean.



The words we use

There may be some words in this Easy Read that you may not think are the best to use.



We have tried to use words that most people will know. We have also tried to use words that will not upset people.



For example, we have used **victims and survivors**. We know some people are not happy with this but lots of the people affected do use it.



For more details about our work and what we will be doing please see our main **terms of reference: Terms of Reference | Independent Panel Truth Recovery NI**



If you have any information or questions about our work, please email:

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Who we are



The Truth Recovery Independent Panel is a group of people trying to find out what really happened at the **Mother and Baby Institutions**, **Magdalene Laundries** and **Workhouses** in Northern Ireland, and more about how they worked.



We are a group of experts chosen for what we know about the different areas we need to work on.



We are experts in things like:

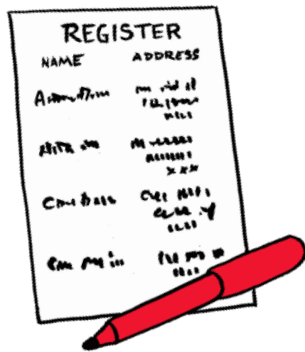
- the law



- human rights



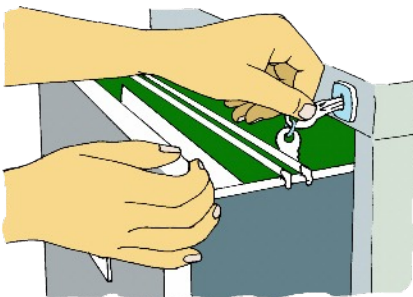
- listening to and recording people's lived experiences



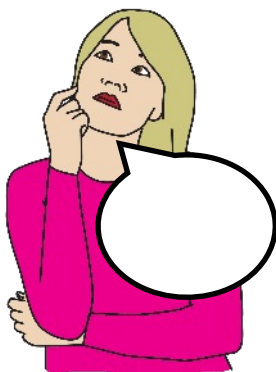
- family history



- discrimination, particularly against women and girls



- keeping information safe for the future.



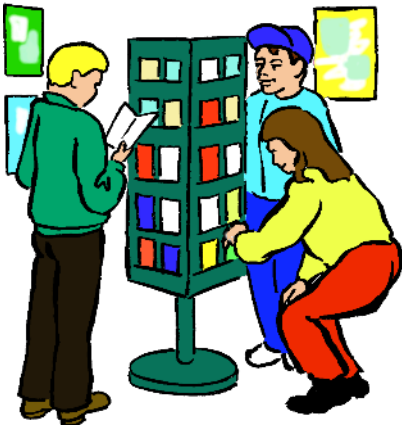
We are independent, so we are able to say what we think.

How we will work



We will:

- treat people with respect



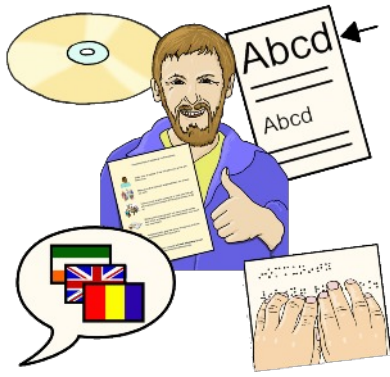
- make sure people can see information about our work when we can



- involve people in our work when we can



- be answerable to all people affected



- make sure everyone can help us do our work



- include people affected who are living outside Northern Ireland.

What we will do

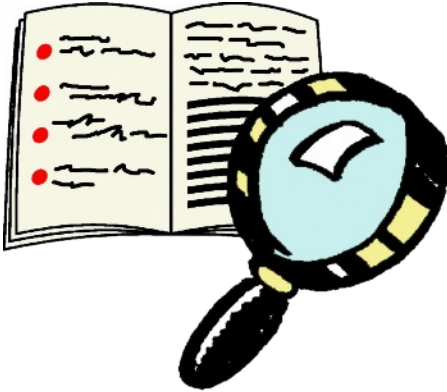


We will:

- put all the information we collect in a safe place, digitally



- talk to organisations, institutions, victims and survivors and their relatives, and anyone else with information, wherever they live



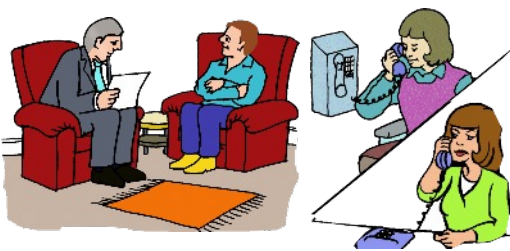
- do all we can to help people find the information they need



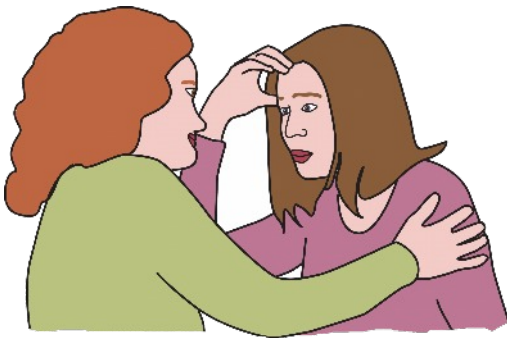
- find out where the burial sites are for people who died in these **institutions**



- ask people if it is OK to tell us about their lives and how they want us to use that information



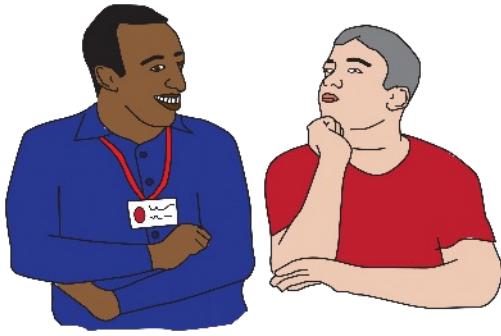
- ensure people can tell us about what happened to them in whatever way is best for them



- make sure people have the support they need when they give their information to the Panel



- publish what we find out about what happened in the Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdelene Laundries, and Workhouses, and how they worked.

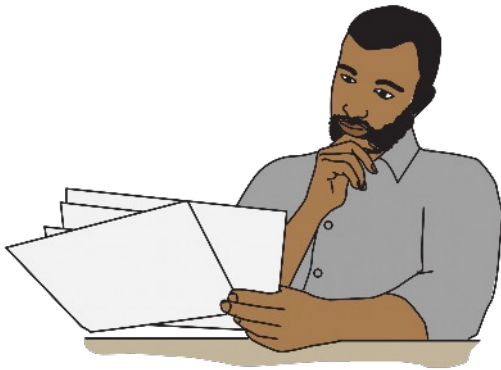


We will look at:

- what happened to people and how this affects them today



- what or who caused these experiences and how they happened.

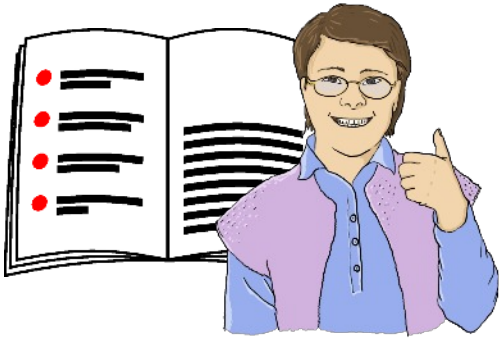


When we have got all the information, we will:

- look at the information and say what we think needs to change to stop anything like this happening again



- publish what we find out for others to read



- publish information about the lives of people who have spoken to us, if they agree



- follow the law about keeping information safe



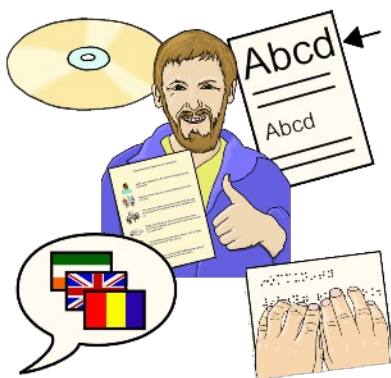
- pass information about anyone who broke the law onto the police



- allow other people in the future to see as much of the information we collect as possible



- check that the things the Truth Recovery Design Panel said should be done have been done



- tell as many people as possible about this work, including making it accessible to all



- hold public meetings to tell people about our work.

What the words mean

Easy Read - Easy Read is a way of making written information easier to understand.

Institution – a place set up to do something, it could be religious, educational, professional, social or other.

Magdalene Laundries – religious institution where women worked washing, drying and ironing clothes and bedding.

Mother and Baby Institution – a place where pregnant women and girls, who were often not married, were sent.

Terms of Reference – a set of rules saying how something should work.

Victims and Survivors – we use this term to describe people who have been affected by what has happened.

Workhouse - a building where people were made to live and work.

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