



The Miscarriage Association of Ireland

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Recent media attention to a very tragic death in Galway has indirectly brought the subject of miscarriage to prominence. While not wishing to comment on any individual's experience, the Miscarriage Association of Ireland would like to offer sincere sympathy to those involved.

Miscarriage is sadly a far too common experience, with an average of fifty unborn babies being lost every day in Ireland. Thankfully, miscarriage leading to the death of the mother is quite rare and the general standard of medical care available to pregnant women in Ireland is very high.

The Miscarriage Association of Ireland will not comment on the issue of the legalisation of abortion. Nor can we comment on medical issues.

Our organisation is operated entirely by volunteers who have personal experience of miscarriage and our purpose is to offer support to those who have been affected by miscarriage. The recent coverage of the tragedy in Galway has rekindled sad and distressing memories for many women who lost their babies in years past. We would like anyone affected by such a loss to be aware that we are here to listen and to care.

Miscarriage will remain a sad part of life, even when the current media attention wanes. We hope that all those who are affected will realise that they are not alone and that there is support available.

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