Re: Irish Times Sept 14, 2011. 'Rise in abuse victims seeking help'

Dear Ms. Lewis,

I read with interest the treatment statistics of One in Four last year. It is great that such a resource is available for victims.

I continue to be puzzled with your insistence in treating 21 perpetrators of sex offenses at One in Four, a concern I voiced in a letter to you on September 16, 2010 (copy attached).

A center for the treatment of victims has no business treating offenders. The treatment of offenders is a different specialized skill-set entirely from that of treating victims.

What message does offender treatment send the victims who attend One In Four?

It tells them that either you don't understand the devastating affect this could have on them with the contradictory message it sends or that your don't care. In my opinion those
21 places occupied by offenders should be occupied by victims currently waiting for placement.

Sincerely,

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