

**A Message from Minister Roderic O'Gorman Wednesday 27/07/2022 15:08**

To survivors, former residents, their families and advocates,

Further to my message of 13 July, I am pleased to announce that the Government today approved my proposal to establish an Office of Director of Authorised Intervention, Tuam, to manage and oversee the excavation, recovery, analysis, identification and re-interment of the children's remains located at the site of the former Mother and Baby institution there.

The Institutional Burials Act 2022 provides the underlying legislative basis for the intervention. As required by the Act, a draft of the Government Order directing me to intervene, as well as a statement of the reasons for making the Order, will now be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas for a resolution.

These are the final steps necessary in order to get the excavation underway. I know many of you, along with the rest of the people of Ireland, have waited a long time for this. If approved by the Houses on their return in the Autumn, I will establish the Tuam Office and appoint a Director to start the excavation as soon as possible.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Roderic O'Gorman, T.D.,

Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.