

To survivors, former residents, their families and advocates,

I am writing to you to let you know that the Office of Director of Authorised Intervention, Tuam has now been officially established in law.

This is a small but important step, which will allow for the appointment of a Director to oversee the highly sensitive and important work of ensuring that the children's remains at the site of the former Mother and Baby institution in Tuam are recovered and re-interred in a respectful and appropriate way. It was important that this step would be closely timed with the conclusion of the recruitment process for a Director.

The recruitment campaign for a Director, which was launched by the Public Appointments Service last November, is almost concluded, with interviews complete and final clearance and contracting processes underway. I hope to very shortly be in a position to appoint and announce the successful candidate and look forward to sharing details with you on the conclusion of the recruitment process.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Roderic O'Gorman, T.D.