



25th April 2025

Mr. Colm Burke, TD
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

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“ To ask the Minister for Health if an audit has been carried out by her Department and the HSE to identify all of the burial grounds which are in the ownership or under their control, and which said grounds were used for the burial of persons from mental health facilities, mother and baby homes, industrial schools, and other institutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

As per the attached list of said burial grounds in Cork and Kerry that are known to be in the ownership of the HSE.

Please note the records of people buried in these grounds remain under the remit of the local Service that would have carried out the burials.

Under the Redress Scheme, there were two campuses seeded to the State which have burial grounds, namely,

- 1) The Lota campus, however, the burial grounds were not transferred to HSE. The Brothers of Charity maintain the said burial ground .
- 2) The Upton campus, the burial grounds were not transferred to HSE. The burial grounds are maintained locally.

Yours sincerely,

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Burial Sites in the HSE's Ownership/ Control .

Dingle, Co. Kerry, Former Dingle Community Hospital	Farranflaherty, Dingle	Historical Burial Ground for adjoining former Union Workhouse. Contained within the site of the former Dingle Community Hospital Grounds and known locally as the "God's Acre" In the ownership of the HSE and managed locally, by Agreement with HSE, by committee and local volunteers.
Mallow, Co.Cork, Mallow Community Hospital	Kilknockin, Mallow	Historic Graveyard associated with the former Union Workhouse/ Fever Hospital. The site is in the ownership and is maintained by the HSE.
Kinsale Co. Cork, Kinsale Community Hospital	Rath Beg, Kinsale	Historical Burial Ground for adjoining former Union Workhouse. In the ownership of the HSE. Contained within the site of Kinsale Community Hospital Grounds and known locally as the "Graveyard at the Rock" Maintenance by local volunteers.
Youghal, Co. Cork , St Raphael's Centre	Barrack Road, Youghal Co Cork	Historical Burial Ground for nearby Union Workhouse. The site is ownership and is maintained by the HSE. There was also a Quaker/ Friends graveyard but this is outside the boundary of the HSE's site and not under the HSE's control.
Skibbereen Co. Cork, Skibbereen Community Hospital	Coolnagurrane, Skibbereen	Historic Graveyard associated with the former Union Workhouse/ Fever Hospital. The site is in the ownership and is maintained by the HSE.
Fermoy Co. Cork, Fermoy Community Hospital	Tallow Road, Fermoy	Historic Graveyard associated with the former Union Workhouse/ Fever Hospital. The site is in the Ownership, controlled and maintained by the HSE.
Carr's Hill - All Saints Cemetery	Carr's Hill, Moneygurney, Co Cork	Formerly under HSE control. Transferred to Cork City Council in 2024

Burial Site not in the Registered Ownership of the HSE. However, the below listed Burial Sites were historically linked with HSE Registered facility's.

Kanturk, Co. Cork, Garraveasoge Famine Burial Ground	Garraveasoge, Clonfert (Kanturk)	An auxiliary burial grounds for the Union Work House in Kanturk. Following this current review, it does not appear that the HSE is the Registered Owner of this site. The Title for same will be further examined.
Macroon, Co. Cork, Macroon Famine Graveyard	Carraigastaigre, Clondrehid, Macroon	This historic Famine graveyard, located over 3km from the Community Hospital in Macroon. Following this current review, it does not appear that the HSE is the Registered Owner of this site. The Title for same will be further examined. A local volunteer group maintains same.
Bandon Co. Cork, Bandon Community Hospital	Cloughmacsimon, Bandon	St Mary's Cemetery - Spring Lane, (off the by-pass) This cemetery was originally acquired to 1847 due to overcrowding in nearby Ballymodan Cemetery and to facilitate the burial of famine victims from the local Union Workhouse (now the site of the Bandon Community Hospital). While the HSE is not the Registered Owner, actively manage or control this site, however, the local HSE maintenance team do cut the grass a number of times during the year as per heritage guidelines.
Bantry Co. Cork, Bantry General Cemetery	Dromleigh, Carrignagat, Bantry	Historical Burial Ground - 160m from the entrance to the Hospital. While the HSE is not the Registered Owner, actively manage or control this site, however, the local HSE maintenance team do cut the grass a number of times during the year as per heritage guidelines.
Clonakilty Co. Cork, Clonakilty Community Hospital	Gallane, Clonakilty	Historical Burial Ground - 450m from the former Union Workhouse. While the HSE is not the Registered Owner, actively manage or control this site, however, the local HSE maintenance team do cut the grass a number of times during the year as per heritage guidelines.
Midleton, Co. Cork, St Joseph's Paupers Graveyard	Gortacrue, Midleton (Broomfield Ridge)	Historic Paupers Graveyard - The HSE is not the Registered Owner. The Site is maintained by others.
Millstreet, Co.Cork, Millstreet Community Hospital	Millstreet, Co.Cork	Historic Graveyard. The HSE is not the Registered Owner. The Site is maintained by others.