Consultation on the Options and Appropriate Courses of Actions available to Government at the site of the former Mother & Baby Home, Tuam, Co. Galway, Ireland

In March 2017, the Mother and Baby Home Commission of Investigation released a press statement conveying the discovery of infant remains, in significant quantities, in subsurface chambers on the site of the former Mother and Baby Home, Tuam, Co. Galway, Ireland.

In June 2017, the Minister for Children & Youth Affairs commissioned an Expert Technical Group to outline to Government what options are available to provide a technical response in the context of internationally accepted best practise in such cases. The Expert Technical Group identified five options for responding to the discovery of infant remains at the site.

Galway County Council at the request of the Department of Children & Youth Affairs and on behalf of the Inter-Departmental Group is facilitating an independent consultation process on the five options. The Inter-Departmental Group, which has an oversight role for the project, will then propose a course of action for consideration by the Government.

Have Your Say: The report of the Expert Technical Group and the template for submissions is available on <u>www.galway.ie/TuamConsultation</u>

Submissions should be made by email to <u>TuamConsultation@galwaycoco.ie</u> or by post to

Tuam Consultation, C/O Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX, Ireland

If you would like a paper copy of the report of the Expert Technical Group and the template for submissions sent to you, please avail of the postal or email address above or telephone +353 (0)91 509561,

The process will include independently facilitated consultation events to be held in Tuam & Dublin during the period 1st -9th March 2018. To register to attend a consultation event, please email <u>TuamConsultation@galwaycoco.ie</u> or telephone +353 (0)91 509561 by **Friday, 2nd March 2018** with your contact details and preferred location.

Closing Date for Submissions: 4 pm on Friday, 16th March 2018.

Please email TuamConsultation@galwaycoco.ie or telephone +353 (0)91 509561 if you have any queries in regard to this public consultation.

Freedom of Information Act 2014

Responses to this consultation are subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2014. If you consider any information you provide to contain confidential or personal information, please indicate so in your submission.