

Part V: Archives

Introduction

The Commission's Terms of Reference include a clause which states

In order to assist public understanding the Commission should provide in its reports an outline of the archival and other sources of most relevance to these issues and the nature and extent of the records therein, together with the challenges and opportunities in exploiting these sources for the purpose of further historical research or examination.

This part lists the sources used by the Commission to compile this report. The Commission has created a digital database from the registers of institutions, which is the key source for institutional chapters, and the data that is provided in the **Executive Summary**. It was also used at various points in writing the **Social History**. This database is being transferred to the Child and Family Agency (Tusla) under the *Commission of Investigation (Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters) Records and another Related Matter Act 2020*.

The other major sources are not the property of the Commission - they remain under the control of government departments, local authorities, religious organisations and other bodies. The Commission does not hold original documents from any of these repositories. Access is determined by legislation - in the case of government departments or local authorities - or it is at the discretion of the organisation.

In **Part 1: Social History**, detailed footnotes are provided. Many of the sources used in that part were also used for the institutional and specific issues parts. Some sources were used exclusively for the Social History part. These are mainly from published sources but some are from individual archives and they are not repeated in the lists given here.

The main sources for **Part 2: Individual Institutions** are the institutional records of the institutions investigated by the Commission and the files provided by the Department of Health. The Department of Health files frequently cover a number of institutions or a range of issues. In the institutional chapters, the main Department of Health files used are listed.

The other significant sources are the local authority records and records held in diocesan archives. The reference codes for these files are given where they are available but the Commission is aware that changes may be made to these codes. For example, the Commission is aware that some material consulted in the Cork City and County Archives

has been assigned new reference codes since the Commission examined the material. It is possible that this has occurred in other archives as well.

Department of Health files

The Introduction to the Report contains a description of how the Department of Health provided files to the Commission. This is a complete list of all the files provided. These files are already departmental files for the purposes of access by researchers. The original files are all held by the department or its successor, the Department of Children. The department scanned the files and provided scanned copies to the Commission.

A small number of files were not relevant to the Commission's work. For example, some files were received which were titled 'St Patrick's' which actually dealt with industrial schools. The names of the files are as given by the department. In some cases, the file name includes the name of a person or persons: this has been indicated by [...]

'Clandillon' files

- RM-ARC-0-489765: Ms Clandillon Papers - Notebook No. 45.
- RM-ARC-0-489766: Ms Clandillon Papers - Notebook No. 45 1947, 48- 49 - 50
- RM-ARC-0-489306: Ms Clandillon's Books - Notebook No. 3
- RM-ARC-0-489252: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 28 - Longford
- RM-ARC-0-489317: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 9
- RM-ARC-0-489327: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 16
- RM-ARC-0-489326: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 18 - Kildare
- RM-ARC-0-489281: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 40 - Wexford 1, 1964,67,70 & 76
- RM-ARC-0-489304: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 47
- RM-ARC-0-489260: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 39 - Westmeath
- RM-ARC-0-489308: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 21
- RM-ARC-0-489709: Ms Clandillon Papers - 22-2-6 – Data on boarded out papers 1975 - 1978
- RM-INA-0-489385: Ms Clandillon's Papers Extracts Child Care Services Main Policy File W7-1
- RM-ARC-0-489332: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 38 - C. Waterford
- RM-ARC-0-489299: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 5 Carlow
- RM-ARC-0-489314: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 19
- RM-ARC-0-489432: Child Care Legislation Unit 22.2.18 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Longford 1944 -1956

- RM-ARC-0-489411: Child care legislation unit Clandillon Papers 22.2.2 Children boarded out in Co Wicklow by the Dublin Board of Assistance 1953-54
- RM-INA-0-489221: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 12 Cork South
- RM-INA-0-489214: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 34 – Offaly
- RM-ARC-0-489247: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No.10
- RM-ARC-0-489259: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 6 - Cavan
- RM-ARC-0-489401: Childcare legislation unit 22.2.13 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Waterford 1936-1971
- RM-ARC-0-489250: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 37 Waterford
- RM-ARC-0-489422: Child care legislation unit 22.2.52 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Co Wicklow
- RM-ARC-0-489771: Ms Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children - Louth
- RM-ARC-0-489769: Ms Clandillon Papers - Waterford 1943 - 1974
- RM-ARC-0-489413: Child care legislation unit 22.3.27 Ms Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children North East –Various 1971-1981
- RM-ARC-0-489423: Child care legislation unit 22.3.26 Ms Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Offaly - Various 1961-1980 [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489408: Child care legislation unit 22.2.9 Ms Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children - Kerry 1949-1964
- RM-ARC-0-489772: Ms Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children – Westmeath 1940 - 1955
- RM-ARC-0-489429: Child care legislation unit 22.2.19 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Dublin
- RM-ARC-0-489425: Child care legislation unit 22.3.21 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Tipperary - [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489424: Child care legislation unit - Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Cork 1950-1981
- RM-ARC-0-489693: Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children
- RM-ARC-0-489431: Child care legislation unit - Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Limerick 1949-1967
- RM-ARC-0-489768: Ms Clandillon Papers Child Care Legislation Unit Clandillon Papers - 22.2.1 Limerick Papers 1944 - 53 Boarded out children
- RM-ARC-0-489419: Child care legislation unit 22.2.63 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Clare
- RM-ARC-0-489774: Ms Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children - SEHB 1968 - 1972

- RM-ARC-0-489421: Child Care Legislation Unit - Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Cork-Kerry
- RM-ARC-0-489406: Child Care Legislation Unit 22.2.64 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children WHB 1975
- RM-ARC-0-489233: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 30 – Louth
- RM-INA-0-489227: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 31 – Meath
- RM-INA-0-489223: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 32 – Monaghan
- RM-INA-0-489209: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 35 - Sligo
- RM-ARC-0-489258: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 7 – Clare
- RM-ARC-0-489322: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 41 – Wicklow
- RM-ARC-0-489271: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 4 – Carlow
- RM-ARC-0-489257: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 8 – Co. Clare 1
- RM-INA-0-489220: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 33 – Offaly
- RM-ARC-0-489295: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 51
- RM-INA-0-489850: Ms Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children- Clare - 1950-1970
- RM-INA-0-489849: Ms Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children – Offaly 1944-1972
- RM-ARC-0-489767: Ms Clandillon Papers - Notebook No. 44
- RM-ARC-0-489402: Ms Clandillon Papers Madonna House Department of Local Government and Public Health Reports 1936-1937
- RM-ARC-0-489334: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 2 – Dublin
- RM-ARC-0-489405: Child care legislation unit Clandillon Papers –Reports 22.4.1 Misc. Papers 1972-1981
- RM-ARC-0-489404: Child care legislation unit 22.3.35 Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children – Limerick [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489773: Ms Clandillon Papers - 22.4.4. General Papers 1941-1951
- RM-ARC-0-489360: Child care legislation unit 22.3.29 Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children Mayo [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489356: Child care legislation unit 22.2.44 Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children Co. Wicklow 1951-1953
- RM-ARC-0-489255: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 50 Co. Kerry
- CCL-INA-0-485567: Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children – Co. Wicklow BOC 1950-52
- RM-ARC-0-489682: Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children Mayo – [...]

- CCL-INA-0-485562: Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children Mayo 1966-1977
- CCL-INA-0-485550: Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children Cavan - 22.3.13
- CCL-ARC-0-504254: Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children Cork 1969 - 1978 Clandillon Papers
- RM-ARC-0-489331: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 20 - Laois
- RM-ARC-0-489416: Child Care Legislation Unit 22.3.20 Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children Tipperary – Various Cases
- RM-ARC-0-489297: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 43
- RM-ARC-0-489278: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 26
- RM-ARC-0-489418: Child Care Legislation Unit 22.3.36 Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children Limerick [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489328: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 22
- RM-ARC-0-489276: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 25
- RM-INA-0-489224: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 13 S Cork
- RM-ARC-0-489270: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 49
- RM-ARC-0-489320: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 27
- RM-ARC-0-489244: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 36 Tipperary N & S
- RM-ARC-0-489254: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 1
- RM-ARC-0-489273: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 48
- RM-ARC-0-489333: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook. 24 - Limerick
- RM-ARC-0-489237: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 15 Kerry
- RM-ARC-0-489311: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 17 (Part 1 & 11)
- RM-ARC-0-489311: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 17 (Part 1 & 11)
- RM-ARC-0-489778: Ms Clandillon Papers - UK-Ireland repatriation scheme 1939 - 1950
- RM-INA-0-489387: Child care legislation unit 22.2.40 Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children Co. Wicklow BOC 1949-1951
- RM-ARC-0-489386: Childcare legislation unit 22.3.15 Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children 1975-1977 [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489369: Childcare legislation unit 22.3.16 Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children Wicklow 1954-1978
- RM-ARC-0-489415: Child care legislation unit 22.2.16 Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children Tipperary S.R. 1948-1973
- RM-ARC-0-489409: Correspondence Ms Clandillon 1950S -60S-70S

- RM-ARC-0-489701: Ms Clandillon Papers
- RM-INA-0-489219: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 11 N Cork
- RM-ARC-0-490806: Clandillon Papers 22.2.11 Reports on boarded out children Carlow 1951-1974
- RM-ARC-0-489407: C.A.R.E. Ms Clandillon's Papers
- RM-ARC-0-489414: Child care legislation unit 22.2.26 Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children Laois 1951-1974
- RM-ARC-0-489324: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 29 - Limerick
- RM-ARC-0-489371: Child care legislation unit Clandillon Papers 22.3.3 Laois - Infant intelligence scale records 1962
- RM-ARC-0-489699: Ms Clandillon Papers - Loughan House
- RM-INA-0-489230: Ms Clandillon's Notebooks - Notebook No. 14 Donegal
- RM-ARC-0-489363: Child care legislation unit 22.2.47 Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children Co. Wicklow BOC 1946-50
- RM-ARC-0-489358: Childcare legislation unit 22.3.34 Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children Tipperary - Various cases
- RM-ARC-0-489373: Childcare legislation unit - 22.3.35 - Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out - Donegal
- RM-ARC-0-489391: Childcare legislation unit 22.2.56 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Annual reports 1939-1945
- RM-ARC-0-489389: Childcare legislation unit 22.3.14 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children British and N.I. referrals 1976 - 1980
- RM-ARC-0-489934: Ms Clandillon- Index cards [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489868: Ms Clandillon- Index cards [...]
- RM-INA-0-489851: Ms Clandillon - Index cards - M [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489706: Ms Clandillon Papers - Circular 23-70 - Children in care of Health boards
- RM-ARC-0-490773: Ms Clandillon Papers - Irish Times articles "children in court" - letters on report
- RM-ARC-0-489777: Ms Clandillon Papers - Half yearly returns for children in care 1978-1981
- RM-ARC-0-489397: Ms Clandillon Papers Cherish meeting Sat 26/10/74 Dun Laoghaire
- RM-ARC-0-489433: Childcare legislation unit Clandillon Papers 22.3.2 Correspondence with unmarried mothers 1955-62
- RM-ARC-0-489705: Ms Clandillon Papers - Catholic marriage advisory council

- RM-ARC-0-489702: Ms Clandillon Papers 22.3.12 - Galway - Various cases
- RM-ARC-0-489370: Ms Clandillon Papers - Dept. of H & SS & Sco[t]tish home & Health Dept. documents
- RM-ARC-0-489368: Ms Clandillon Papers Carers in the community
- CCL-INA-0-485573: Ms Clandillon Papers - Read - not - not registered - not indexed
- RM-ARC-0-489430: Childcare legislation unit 22.3.7 Clandillon Papers – Individual - family cases Dublin [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489704: Ms Clandillon Papers - Places of detention for children
- RM-INA-0-489388: Ms Clandillon Papers Task force - Options in admin, child care
- RM-ARC-0-489776: Ms Clandillon Papers - statistical extracts from half yearly - returns of B-O children 1971-1981
- CCL-INA-0-478957: Clandillon Papers - M118-9-18
- RM-ARC-0-489715: Ms Clandillon Papers - Training on social work
- RM-ARC-0-489410: Ms Clandillon Papers H Bds area and population table
- RM-ARC-0-489367: Ms Clandillon Papers material for meeting of [EHB staff] 1973
- RM-ARC-0-489691: Ms Clandillon Papers - Talk at opening of training course for directors of community care, IPA 29-5-77
- RM-ARC-0-489687: Ms Clandillon Papers - Voluntary & community organisations in Dublin 2 - Social services
- RM-ARC-0-489694: Clandillon Papers - Dublin cases 1972-1980
- RM-ARC-0-489695: Ms Clandillon Papers – [...] Social work adviser Dublin groups 1971 - 1972
- RM-ARC-0-489698: Ms Clandillon Papers - Family therapy network
- RM-INA-0-489392: Child Care Legislation Unit Clandillon Papers-22.2.5 Children at nurse in Dublin districts on 30th September 1951
- RM-ARC-0-489372: Ms Clandillon Papers Sample of all mother and child forms
- RM-ARC-0-489380: Ms Clandillon Papers L Division information on services for mentally retarded and m. ill children list of special residential centres
- RM-ARC-0-489354: Ms Clandillon Papers Proposed guidelines - children (residential homes) starting in employment
- RM-ARC-0-489377: Ms Clandillon Papers AIM Seminar Jan 1974
- RM-ARC-0-489365: Ms Clandillon Papers Trainee S.Ws
- RM-ARC-0-489376: Ms Clandillon Papers - Press cuttings
- RM-ARC-0-489357: Childcare legislation unit 22.3.8 Clandillon Papers Individual-Family cases Donegal - Various cases
- RM-ARC-0-489364: Ms Clandillon Papers [...] - Press cuttings

- RM-ARC-0-489374: Ms Clandillon Papers Health board maps
- RM-ARC-0-489383: Ms Clandillon Papers Home helps circular 20/4/72 Home help services in Europe and U.S.
- RM-ARC-0-489355: Childcare legislation unit 22.2.45 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Co. Wicklow BOC 1952
- RM-ARC-0-489362: Childcare legislation unit 22.2.41 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Co. Wicklow BOC 1950
- RM-ARC-0-489393: Childcare legislation unit 22.3.9 Papers-Reports on boarded out children EHB [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489399: Childcare legislation unit 22.2.14 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Kildare 1950 - 1971
- RM-ARC-0-489685: Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children – Meath [...]
- CCL-INA-0-485556: Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Co. Wicklow BOC 1951
- CCL-INA-0-485565: Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Dublin 1975-76
- RM-ARC-0-489724: MS Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children - Wicklow 1958-1971
- RM-ARC-0-489690: Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children - Westmeath – [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489689: Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children – Midlands - Various families
- RM-ARC-0-491791: Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children - Miscellaneous papers 1974-1981
- RM-ARC-0-489717: MS Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children – Limerick 1952-1970
- RM-ARC-0-489697: MS Clandillon Papers - 22.2. 32 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children - Meath
- RM-INA-0-489384: Child Care Legislation Unit 22.2.22 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children - Cork 1950 - 1965
- RM-ARC-0-489703: Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children - Roscommon – [...] 1977-1979
- RM-ARC-0-489420: Child Care Legislation Unit 22.2.12 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Kilkenny 1952-1965
- RM-ARC-0-489721: Ms Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children - Offaly- Various 1973-1979

- CCL-INA-0-485560: Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Dublin BOC in Co. Wicklow 1947-1951
- RM-INA-0-489382: Child Care Legislation Unit Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children - Wexford 1951-1977
- RM-ARC-0-489712: Ms Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children - Wexford Various - 1963 - 1980
- RM-ARC-0-489713: Ms Clandillon Papers Reports on boarded out children - Carlow 1964 - 1972
- RM-ARC-0-489722: Ms Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children - Kildare – [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489714: Ms Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children - Laois
- RM-ARC-0-489696: Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children - Kerry [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489686: Ms Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children - Mayo 1940-1959
- RM-ARC-0-489710: Ms Clandillon Papers Reports on boarded out children - EHB - Supervision of BOC 1975-1976
- RM-ARC-0-489718: Ms Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children - Tipperary N.R. 1948-1957
- RM-ARC-0-490807: Clandillon Papers 22.2.33.Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Galway
- RM-ARC-0-489725: Ms Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children - ISPCC cases 1973-1977
- RM-ARC-0-489683: Ms Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children - Co. Wicklow
- RM-ARC-0-489719: Ms Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children - Sligo – [...] 1974-1975
- RM-ARC-0-489723: Ms Clandillon Papers / Reports – Individual - Family cases - on boarded out children - Kerry
- RM-ARC-0-489727: Ms Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children - Roscommon 1943 - 1955
- RM-ARC-0-489426: Child Care Legislation Unit 22.2.59 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children Kildare 1976
- RM-ARC-0-489716: Ms Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children - North Cork 1951 - 1962
- RM-ARC-0-489688: Ms Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children - Barnardo's

- RM-ARC-0-489707: Ms Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children - Cavan 1944-1956
- RM-ARC-0-489692: Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children – [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489720: Ms Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children - Meath [...]
- CCL-INA-0-485571: Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children Cork
- RM-ARC-0-489684: Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children
- RM-ARC-0-489708: Ms Clandillon Papers - Reports on boarded out children - Kilkenny 1976
- RM-ARC-0-489775: Ms Clandillon Papers - boarded out children Statistics 1948 - 1981
- RM-ARC-0-499218: Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children-Waterford
- RM-ARC-0-489711: Ms Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children - Kerry
- RM-ARC-0-489428: Child Care Legislation Unit 22.2.65 Clandillon Papers-Reports on boarded out children NWHB 1976-1978
- RM-ARC-0-489726: Ms Clandillon Papers / Reports on boarded out children - Annual reports 1943 & 1944
- RM-ARC-0-489856: Ms Clandillon- Index cards [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489942: Ms Clandillon- Index cards - [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489866: Ms Clandillon- Index cards - [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489989: Ms Clandillon- Index cards
- RM-ARC-0-489858: Ms Clandillon- Index cards - [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489860: Ms Clandillon- Index cards – [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489853: Ms Clandillon- Index cards – [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489944: Ms Clandillon- Index cards – [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489986: Ms Clandillon- Index cards
- RM-ARC-0-489939: Ms Clandillon- Index cards – [...]
- RM-ARC-0-489984: Ms Clandillon- Index cards
- NATARCH-ARC-0-409782: 1950-62: Monaghan: Children & unmarried mothers in institutions - returns
- RM-ARC-0-489700: Arrangements for reception of children in emergency & Waterford community service centre
- CCL-INA-0-478958: Foster mothers - Westmoreland Lock Hospital
- RM-ARC-0-489400: Ms Clandillon's papers Wicklow county Children Acts 1908 - 34 representations from [...] regarding non payment of reward for child placed at nurse

- RM-ARC-0-491361: Cork North general returns of children and unmarried mothers in institution[s]
- CCL-INA-0-485551: Capitation rates for residential homes and special schools - 1982
- RM-INA-0-496698: FOI Appeal to the High Court (FOI Act section 37(3) and Adoption Act 1952 section 22(5))
- RM-ARC-0-489403: Ms Clandillon's papers explanation of boarding out and foster care IASW document no 1 child interest group
- RM-ARC-0-490075: Public Assistance Authority returns

Immunisation files

- INACT-INA-0-527161: Enquiries regarding poliomyelitis vaccination
- INACT-INA-0-527156: General arrangements for 1962 polio vaccination scheme
- INACT-INA-0-527155: Enquiries regarding poliomyelitis vaccination - correspondence up to December 1958
- INACT-INA-0-422760: Arrangements for 1964 - 1965. Poliomyelitis vaccination scheme.
- INACT-INA-0-458021: Oral polio vaccination. Medical inspectors reports on schemes.
- INACT-INA-0-462670: Returns of poliomyelitis vaccinations. 1964-.
- INACT-INA-0-471919: Tipp (N.R.) Oral polio vaccination. Employment of additional staff.
- INACT-INA-0-443292: General. Returns of polio vaccinations.
- INACT-INA-0-422759: Arrangements for 1963-64. Poliomyelitis vaccination scheme.
- INACT-INA-0-527158: Arrangements for 1960 polio vaccination scheme
- INACT-INA-0-527157: General arrangements for 1961 polio vaccination scheme
- CH1-INA-0-491251: Arrangements for the supply of oral polio vaccine
- INACT-INA-0-463638: Rubella vaccination scheme. Annual returns for year ended 31st December, 1976.
- INACT-INA-0-463653: Rubella. Supplies of vaccine. From July 1975.
- INACT-INA-0-463641: Rubella vaccination scheme. Annual returns for year ended 31st December, 1977.
- MED-INA-0-506116: Institut Merieux Irl Ltd "Absorbed diphtheria tetanus pertussis vaccine B.P. Pasteur Merieux"
- INACT-INA-0-463640: Rubella vaccination scheme returns for year ended 31st Dec 1975.

- INACT-INA-0-463646: Rubella vaccinations: annual returns for year ended 31st December, 1978.
- INACT-INA-0-463645: Rubella vaccinations. Annual returns for year ended 31st December, 1979.
- INACT-INA-0-463642: Rubella vaccination scheme. Returns for year ended 31 December 1973.
- INACT-INA-0-463644: Rubella vaccination scheme. Returns for year ended 31.12.72. 31st December, 1972.
- INACT-INA-0-463643: Rubella vaccination scheme. Returns for year ended 31st December, 1974.
- INACT-INA-0-463654: Rubella. Supplies of vaccine. From Sept 1973 to October 1974.
- NATARCH-ARC-0-415922: 1958-59: Vaccination against poliomyelitis
- INACT-INA-0-443238: General series: child health services. Immunisations.
- INACT-INA-0-471695: Therapeutic substances act, 1932. Submissions & directives thereon regarding issue of permits to doctors under act to enable them to import poliomyelitis vaccine (Salk)
- INACT-INA-0-463652: Rubella. Supplies of vaccine. From beginning of scheme to September, 1973.
- INACT-INA-0-434358: Donegal. Oral polio vaccination scheme. Staffing.
- INACT-INA-0-458020: Oral polio vaccinations. Returns by health authorities. 31st December 1968.
- INACT-INA-0-458023: Oral polio vaccinations. Returns by health authorities. 31st December, 1971.
- INACT-INA-0-428072: Complaints regarding operation of polio vaccination services
- INACT-INA-0-429868: Cost benefit study for proposed measles immunisation programme
- CH6-IMP-0-55683: Vaccine usage 20/10/1997
- CH6-IMP-0-55638: MMR Vaccine 07/11/87
- CH6-IMP-0-55623: M.M.R. - Problems with vaccine 1992
- CH6-IMP-0-55618: Measles - Costing for measles immunisation programme 1985-1986
- CH6-IMP-0-58894: National vaccine stock management group - HEBE
- CH6-IMP-0-55616: Measles - extension of immunisation campaign
- CMO-IMP-0-78413: Immunisation in childhood fact sheets and reports

- CMO-IMP-0-78414: Concerned parents group oral submission to the Joint Committee on health and children on immunisation 23rd November 2000
- INACT-INA-0-473816: Type of vaccine used in each community care area - Measles.
- INACT-INA-0-451643: Measles immunisation.
- CH6-IMP-0-55649: Documents-circulars relating to vaccinations-infectious diseases
- CH6-IMP-0-55601: Information from pharmaceutical companies - vaccine distribution
- CH6-IMP-0-55614: M.M.R. - Proposal to introduce M.M.R. Vaccination 1987-1989
- CH6-IMP-0-55637: Requests for immunisation records
- CH6-IMP-0-61870: MMR Vaccine 27/04/2006
- CH6-IMP-0-55646: Vaccination information
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Files in the National Archives of Ireland

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Oireachtas Library

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Dublin Diocesan Archives, Archbishop's House, Drumcondra

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- DDA-AB7-b-Lay organisations: Lay organisations (uncatalogued)
- DDA-AB8-b-XIX: Catholic Social Welfare Bureau
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- DDA-AB8-b-XXI-79-12-8: Lay Organisations: Regina Coeli
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Other diocesan archives

Cork & Ross Diocesan Archives

- St Anne's Adoption Society Minutes and correspondence (38 boxes).
- The History and Development of St Anne's Adoption Society.

Galway Diocesan Archives

- Bishop Eamonn Casey papers
- Bishop Michael Browne papers

Killaloe Diocesan Archives

- Chapter book of the diocese
- Bishop Fogarty Papers

Meath Diocesan Archives

- Material relating to Castepollard and Dunboyne
- Castlepollard baptismal register

Tuam Diocesan Archives

- P39/7/4 Miscellaneous general administration, Kilmeena
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- P2/6-4 Scandal Wesport parish
- Tuam baptismal register 1937-61
- Conference book

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One Family, formerly known as Cherish

- Administrative records, 1972-1988
- Counselling case files 1974-1986

Adoption Authority of Ireland

- Board minutes, 1953-1998.

Catholic University of America, Washington DC

- National Council of Catholic Charities
- Monsignor John O'Grady Papers

Institutional records

In each institutional chapter, a description is given of the sources used including the main Department of Health files used. In the case of a number of the institutions, for example, Regina Coeli, The Castle and Miss Carr's Flatlets, all the sources are mentioned in the chapter. Here there is a more detailed description of the sources used for the larger institutions.

Dublin Union/Pelletstown

The records of the Dublin Union and the Dublin Board of Guardians-Assistance are held in the NAI. The 30 volumes, designated BG79-G-158 - BG79-G-186, Indoor Relief (Admission) Register of the Dublin Union which cover all admissions into the Dublin Union from November 1921 until August 1938 were used to identify unmarried mothers and their children entering the Dublin Union. The names and other available information were typed into the Commission's database. Notes and photocopies were made of the relevant parts of the minutes of the Board of Guardians/Board of Assistance.

The originals of the Pelletstown institutional records are held by the Child and Family Agency (TUSLA). They were on an electronic records management system to which the Commission was given on line access. The relevant information was then typed into the Commission's database. These records (itemised) consist of:

- 11,453 mothers' cards;
- 7,548 mothers' medical charts;
- 14,573 children's cards;
- 5,985 children's medical charts;
- 1,941 miscellaneous records (social workers reports);
- 18 Indoor Admission and Discharge Books covering the period April 1942 - March 1985;
- 5 Records and Particulars Books of Maternity Home Books which cover the period June 1935 - November 1980;
- 1 Register of Girls Admitted to St Patrick's covering the period 1939-1957;
- 3 Death Registers covering the period 1938-1976;
- 5 various Admission Books, covering the periods December 1940 - October 1942, July 1954 - December 1960, October 1973 - June 1976, July 1980 -1988;
- 1 Maintenance Book covering the period 1953-1967;
- 1 Cash Receipts Book covering August 1950 - March 1956;
- 4 Miscellaneous Volumes covering 1955-1961 and September 1978 - January 1986;

10 Indoor Assistance Registers covering the periods September 1939 - September 1942, March 1943 - March 1947, January 1948 - March 1951, 1961-September 1973;

6 Pelletstown Registers, 1903-1936 (Mothers and Children).

Documents provided by the Daughters of Charity

The Daughters of Charity retained paper copies of some of the original Pelletstown records and made hard copies of these available to the Commission. These were used to assist in the compilation of the Commission's database.

The Daughters of Charity also provided the Commission with a range of documents including personnel files on the Sisters who worked in Pelletstown; documents relating to administration; and documents dealing with vaccine trials which had originally been prepared for CICA. Documentation about transfers of children to other institutions, particularly St Philomena's, was also provided. The Daughters of Charity also provided correspondence between themselves and the board of assistance. The discovery provided by the Daughters of Charity included some of the EHB visiting committee (which visited and reported on the various hospitals and institutions in its area, including Pelletstown) reports. These are all in hard copy.

Tuam

The Tuam institutional records are held by the Child and Family Agency (Tusla) in Galway. The Commission made digital copies of all these records, listed (comprehensively) below. These are uncatalogued.

- Galway County Homes and Home Assistance Committee Minute Books
- Children's Home, Tuam, Co. Galway: Children
- Galway County Council: Register of Nursed Out Children
- St Nicholas Adoption Society Registers
- Children's Home, Tuam, Co. Galway: Mothers
- St Nicholas Adoption Society: Adoption Files
- Galway Board of Health: Maternity Home Register for Children's Home, Tuam, January 1935 to July 1941
- Galway Board of Health: Maternity Register for Children's Home, Tuam, 1941-1944
- Galway Board of Health: Maternity Home Register for Children's Home, Tuam, 1944-1948

- Galway Board of Health: Register of Patients treated in Maternity Wards, Children's Home Tuam, From February 1948 to January 1955
- Galway County Council: Maternity Home Record Book, Children's Home, Tuam, January 1955 to 1961
- Galway County Council: Indoor Assistance
- Galway County Council: Registers of Boarded Out Children
- Galway County Council: Maternity Registers
- Galway County Council: List of Maternity Hospitals
- Galway County Council: Register for Unmarried Mothers Pre 1977
- Galway County Council: Index of Adoptive Parents up to 1974
- Register of Admissions: Children's Home, Glenamaddy, 24/3/1923 – 29/6/30
- Children's Home, Glenamaddy: Indoor Admission and Discharge Book, December 1921-March 1923
- Children's Home, Glenamaddy: Indoor Admission and Discharge Book, October 1923-September 1925
- Children's Home, Glenamaddy: Indoor Admission and Discharge Book, September 1925-March 1928
- Indoor Admission and Discharge Book: Children's Home, Tuam, January 1930-January 1938
- Register: Tuam Home, April 1936-November 1948
- Indoor Admission and Discharge Book: Children's Home, Tuam, February 1938-March 1946
- Galway County Council: Admission and Discharge Book, Tuam Home, April 1946-August 1961
- Register: Children's Home, Tuam, 23/11/48 - 4/8/61
- Children's Home, Tuam, Co. Galway: Half Yearly Returns of Children, 1930-1943
- Children's Home, Tuam, Co. Galway: Half Yearly Returns of Children, 1931-1940
- Children's Home, Tuam, Co. Galway: Half Yearly Returns of Children, 1933-1948
- Children's Home, Tuam, Co. Galway: Half Yearly Returns of Children, 1943-1949
- Children's Home, Tuam, Co. Galway: Half Yearly Indoor Assistance List, 1939-1944
- Central Hospital, Galway: Laboratory Reports concerning patients in Children's Home, Tuam
- Galway County Council: Correspondence relating to Children's Home, Tuam
- Galway County Council: Consent forms for the medical or surgical treatment of children in Children's Home, Tuam
- Galway County Council: Legitimate Children in the Children's Home, Tuam

- Galway County Council: Mothers and children in the Children's Home, Tuam, 1952-1960
- Galway County Council: Mothers and children in the Children's Home, Tuam, 1956-1960
- Galway County Council: Admissions of unmarried mothers and children to the Children's Home, Tuam, and their subsequent maintenance
- Galway County Council: The payment and maintenance in respect of children in the Children's Home, Tuam, 1944-1959
- Galway County Council: Maintenance of mothers and children in the Children's Home, Tuam, 1950-1957
- Galway County Council: Children in the Children's Home, Tuam, 1950-1960
- Galway County Council: Tuam Home, Miscellaneous
- Galway County Council: Unmarried Mothers Files
- Galway County Board of Health: Children's Home Tuam Admission Files
- Galway Poor Law Union: Workhouse History Sheet, 26/3/1907-2/12/1919
- Loughrea Poor Law Union: History Sheets, Children at Nurse
- Galway County Home: Boarded Out Children Files
- Galway County Home: Register of Boarded Out Children
- Galway County Council: Adoptions in the United Kingdom
- Register: Loughrea County Home, April 1930-March 1936
- Galway County Council: Register of Cases Attended by Midwife
- Galway County Council: File concerning the adoption of children and the removal of children from the Children's Home, Tuam
- Galway County Council: Adoption Cases
- Galway County Council: Miscellaneous Social Work Cases
- Western Health Board: File concerning cases of illegitimate children
- Western Health Board: Unmarried Mothers Files
- Western Health Board: Boarded Out Children Files
- Western Health Board: Adoption Cases
- Western Health Board: Adoption of children from St Clare's Home, Stamullen, county Meath
- Western Health Board: Placement Register, 1983-1986
- Western Health Board: List of Adoptions, 1981-1986
- Western Health Board: Index of Adoptive Parents
- Western Health Board: Register of Adopters and Children Placed for Adoption

- Western Health Board: Adoptions in the United Kingdom
- Western Health Board: Register of Paperwork, Adoption
- Western Health Board: Overseas Adoption
- Western Health Board: Overseas Placements
- Western Health Board: Tracing Files
- Western Health Board: Closed Tracing Cases
- Western Health Board: Miscellaneous Social Work Files
- Health Service Executive, Social Work Department, Western Area: Adoption Files
- Health Service Executive, Social Work Department, Western Area: Tracing Files
- Child and Family Agency: Tracing Files

In addition, the Commission was given a copy of a database which a health board/HSE social worker constructed from the documentation contained in a small box of records relating to American adoptions which took place between 1951-1958.

The Admission Registers record the admission of every new resident to Tuam. Each new resident was assigned a unique register number. Those whose maintenance was paid by Galway County Council were recorded in blue or black pen. Those whose maintenance was paid by Mayo County Council were recorded in red pen. The date of admission (or date of birth in the institution), name, age, sex, marital status-child's 'legitimacy', occupation (if any), religious denomination, disability (if any), place of birth (children's Glenamaddy admissions only), date of birth (children's admission only), address prior to admission, name and address of nearest relative, date of discharge or death, cause of death (Glenamaddy only) and place of discharge (Glenamaddy register only) are all recorded in the register. The admission register also records a resident's previous register number in the case of their re-admission (for example, from hospital or unsuccessful boarding out). There is a column for the name of the resident's spouse if not in the institution; however in the case of Tuam, this column was never used for that purpose. Instead, it was used to record the name of the parish priest of the resident. Another column not used is one titled 'No. of children if not in Institution'. Another column is named 'Observations on condition of Inmates when admitted'. There is a page missing from the Admissions Register covering the period August to November 1933. The Commission has been able to use other institutional records to establish the names of those on the missing page.

When born in the institution, a new admission record for the child was created in the register. The mother's register number was recorded in the column for the child's nearest relative. It

was also recorded if the child was 'illegitimate' or 'legitimate'. In the case of a mother entering Tuam with a child or multiple children, their details were recorded directly below that of the mother and their register number was the next sequential figure to the mother's. As with children who were born in Tuam, their status as 'legitimate' or 'illegitimate' was recorded. Children found abandoned or deserted who were admitted to Tuam were described as foundlings and were recorded as such. Sometimes, the location at which the child was found was recorded in the admission register.

The maternity registers recorded a pregnant woman's admission to the maternity wing of Tuam, the mother's register number, as previously assigned in the Admissions Register, her name, address, age, date of reception to the maternity wing, her condition on reception (that is, pregnancy, advanced pregnancy, recently delivered), number of previous pregnancies, name of her husband, occupation of her husband and the name and address of the medical attendant (if any) of the mother while in Tuam. It goes on to record information on the labour and birth of the child; date and hour of delivery, whether the delivery was normal or abnormal (that is, forceps delivery, breech labour, delayed second stage), whether sepsis or other complication developed and their particulars (for example, ante-partum haemorrhage, vaginal fistula or if they were sent to hospital for delivery), sex of infant, weight of infant at birth, whether full term or premature and the degree of prematurity and whether the child was born alive or stillborn. The register also records any information on a miscarriage of a woman in Tuam, information on a death of either mother or infant (solely within the maternity wing) and the discharge date of both mother and child and their condition from the maternity wing.

There are two types of children's registers - both are titled 'Half Yearly Return Children'. The first type, of which there are three volumes, records the presence of a child in Tuam at the end of a month on a bi-annual basis. These volumes cover the period from April 1931 to September 1959. There are separate records of children maintained by Mayo and Galway County Councils. Again, as in the Admissions Register, the Mayo children are recorded in red pen and the Galway children are recorded in blue or black pen. This register records the child's register number (as in the Admission Register), their name, age on admission, date of admission, whether 'legitimate' or 'illegitimate', age on the date this was being recorded, sex, state of health (for example, normal, delicate), whereabouts of parents (for example, mother went to Magdalen, unknown, near Tuam, mother dead, working in Galway). Two columns are assigned for observations by the matron and the medical officer. The matron's column is not used; the medical officer's column records, for example, 'mentally deficient', 'normal', 'anaemic', 'abscess near ear'. A final column is headed 'Orders by the Board or Committee' but this was not used. On occasion, this register also records admissions to Clifden District

Hospital and the Central Hospital, Galway. These children are not included in the Tuam Admissions Register, so there is no evidence that these children were ever in the Tuam Children's Home.

The second type of children's register, of which there are three volumes, recorded the admissions and discharges of the children on a month to month basis. These volumes begin in January 1930 and end in December 1959. As in other registers, the children maintained by Galway county council were recorded in either blue or black pen and those maintained by Mayo county council were recorded in red pen. The page is divided into two sections. The top section relates to children admitted in the given month and the bottom relates to the children discharged in the same month. Both sections record the children's registration numbers (as in the Admission Register), their name, date of birth, their status as 'legitimate' or 'illegitimate', age, sex, and their date of admission-discharge. In the admissions section it records the reason for the child's admission (for example, destitute), the whereabouts of their parents, the Matron's observations (for example, 'clean and well cared', 'healthy and well', 'suffering from inflammation of eye'), the medical officer's observations (column not used) and the orders of the board, also not used. The discharge section records the reasons for discharge (for example, 'sent home to parents', 'sent to Galway Hospital for surgical treatment', 'taken by mother' or 'died'). It records the details of the person to whom they were discharged, their address and if, and by whom, they were accompanied on discharge.

The Mother Returns record the mother's name, age, date of admission to Tuam, occupation, her means (for example, 'destitute', 'means'), proposed contribution (to child's maintenance) by mother, if any, name and address of nearest relative and name and address of putative father. It includes a section for proceedings against the putative father; 'Is mother willing to swear information against putative father and state means if known'. This was usually answered with 'signed statement enclosed' or 'signed statement sent' or 'made no statement'. These registers also record whether the child died and the date of the mother's discharge, plus the name of the child and information on proceedings on the same line (for example, 'proceedings withdrawn 13/09/1944', 'no further actions', 'put[ative] father gone to England. Proceedings to be taken on return'). The final column records any further observations such as 'referred to solicitor', 'Await report of H.A.O'; [Home Assistance Officer] 'Try to get address of putative father'.

There are two types of Billing Registers; the Indoor Assistance List (March 1939 - March 1962) and the Indoor Admission and Discharge Book. Both registers were used to track the numbers of women and children in Tuam and to send bills for their maintenance to the

appropriate County Council. The Indoor Assistance List records the entries by register number, name, age, the number of days they were in Tuam in each month (for example, 15 days in March, 30 days in April and 5 days in May). It records the Galway county council maintenance cases in blue/black pen and the Mayo county council maintenance cases in red pen. It also records the date of discharge or date of death of the individual if it occurred during these months. The second type of Billing Register, the Indoor Admission and Discharge Book of which there are six volumes, covers the period from October 1923 to August 1961. This register records the admission and discharges of both mothers and children on a monthly basis; the date of their admission or discharge, their name, age and register number; whether they were married or unmarried and in the case of a child, whether they were 'legitimate' or 'illegitimate'. A death in Tuam was recorded in the final column of the discharges. It differs from other registers in that, in the earlier years, all the residents were recorded in the same colour pen, with a note indicating if they were maintained by Mayo county council, but in later years they adopted the practice of using blue/black for Galway and red for Mayo.

All of this material was used in compiling the Commission's database.

Sisters of Bon Secours

The Sisters of Bon Secours told the Commission that their archive contained 281 boxes and there were only two boxes that related to Tuam. Some of these were created in the years subsequent to the closure of the home. The Sisters supplied the Commission with historical accounts and personal letters that make reference to the Tuam home including statements to CICA. These are in hard copy.

Galway County Council

The extant minutes of the Galway Board of Health are held by Galway county council. There is almost a complete set for the period 1922-1941 but there are some gaps and there are no surviving minutes for the year 1937. The Commission has examined the managers' orders for the period 1942-1961. The comprehensive list is listed here:

- GC-CSO2: Galway County Council, County Secretary's Office: Manager's Orders
- GC-F: Galway County Council: Finance
- GC-1-03: Galway County Council: Minute Book, 1917-1925
- GC-1-05: Galway County Council: Minute Book, 1932-1942
- GC-1-06: Galway County Council: Minute Book, 1943-1952
- GC-1-07: Galway County Council: Minute Book, 1951-1956
- GC-1-08: Galway County Council: Minute Book, 1956-1959

- GC-1-09: Galway County Council: Minute Book, 1959-1962
- GC-2-1: Galway County Council: Attendance Book, Council Members, 1945-1950
- GC-3: Galway County Council: Finance Committee Minutes, 1899-1950
- GC-WS-CS-12: Galway County Council: Water Services, Capital Sewerage Schemes, Maps, Plans Drawings e.g. as constructed drawings
- GC-WS-WS: Galway County Council, Water Services: Water Supplies and Extensions
- GC5: County Galway Board of Health and Public Assistance, Archives Collection 1922-1949
- GC6: Galway County Board of Health and Public Assistance: County Galway Hospital and Dispensaries Committee, 1922-1942
- TTC-1: Tuam Town Commissioners: Minutes
- CC-CC-13-2-0001: Bishop's Palace Grounds, Tuam
- CC-2-6-0054: Hospital Charges
- RT-COE-3-0337: Tuam Water Improvement 1947
- Uncatalogued: Files relating to water, drainage and sewerage for county Galway
- Uncatalogued: Registers of Insurance

Notes and photocopies were made of the relevant material. These are held electronically.

Kilrush

The Commission has not found any extant institutional records for the Kilrush nursery. They do not seem to have survived.

Clare County Council Archives

- Minutes of Kilrush Rural District Council.
- Minutes of Clare County Board of Health.
- Minutes of Clare County Council.
- Minutes of Kilrush Board of Guardians.
- Minutes of County Nursery and District Hospital Committee.

St Senan's Church, Kilrush

The baptismal records of the parish church of Kilrush, St Senan's, from 1922-1932 were made available to the Commission's researcher. The Commission did not copy these records.

Bessborough

The Bessborough institutional records are held by the Child and Family Agency (TUSLA) in Glanmire, Cork. The Commission made digital copies of these records. The institutional records include:

- **Bessborough home Admission Books:** The admission books cover the period July 1922 to January 1998 and recorded admissions of women and children to the Bessborough home. This collection has survived relatively intact. Omissions are infrequent and relate to short periods in the earlier admission books. The earliest admission books were compiled by county; this was presumably done for billing and accounting purposes. In the 1930s, the admissions began to be recorded chronologically. All admission books were hand-written and recorded details such as a woman's name, age, address, occupation, house name, date of admission and discharge and discharge pathway. Additional information relating to the name and date of birth of the child, the reputed father, the woman's parents and siblings, her education and work experience were also recorded. The admission books also recorded maternal and infant deaths which occurred in Bessborough.
- **Bessborough maternity hospital Admission Books and Maternity Books:** The maternity and hospital admission books cover the period from May 1934 to August 1987. This collection is incomplete. The surviving records are for the periods May 1934 - April 1937; May 1944 - March 1957; October 1961 - September 1964 and July 1980 - August 1987. The earliest Maternity/Hospital admission books recorded a woman's name, address and house name as well as her date of admission and discharge. The name, date of birth and date of discharge of her baby were also recorded. Short notes such as 'came in labour', 'obstruction from birth' and 'slow and difficult labour' were also included. The later maternity admission books recorded details relating to a woman's parents (and if they knew she was pregnant) along with details of a woman's occupation and referral. Some hospital admission books recorded babies' birth weight and the dates on which the PKU test and BCG anti-tuberculosis vaccination were administered. The admission books also recorded maternal and infant deaths which occurred in Bessborough.
- **Registration of Births, Bessborough maternity hospital:** The Registration of Births Book relating to the Sacred Heart Hospital Bessborough covers the period December 1930 - May 1986. This collection is complete. The register books were supplied to the institution by the Registrar General and recorded the name, sex and date of birth of children born in the hospital along with the name, address and occupation of the mother. The date of the registration of births was recorded along

with the initials of the registrar for South Cork. It appears that births were registered in bulk at intervals of around two months in the 1930s and fortnightly from the 1940s.

- **Records and Particulars Book, Bessborough Maternity Hospital:** The *Registration of Maternity Homes Act* 1934 required the keeping of various records. The Records and Particular Books relating to the maternity hospital cover the period September 1935-July 1987. This collection is complete. These books recorded the details of women admitted to the maternity hospital including her name, age, address, date of admission, condition on admission and the number of previous pregnancies. Additional information recorded the name and sex of the woman's baby, date and hour of birth, details relating to the delivery, birth weight, whether born full term or premature and whether a child was born alive or stillborn. The name of the medical attendant, generally the institutional medical officer, was also recorded. Further information recorded the person into whose care the child was removed from the hospital.
- **Private Patients Admission Book:** A Private Patients Admission book recorded the admission of private fee-paying patients to the maternity hospital in the period February 1951-January 1971. This book also recorded financial details relating to these patients. Private patients were billed for their hospital stay and medical treatment as well as costs relating to laundry services, baptism, certificates and clothes. In cases where private patients did not pay their Bessborough bill in full, their accounts were transferred to the relevant local public assistance-health authority. It is clear from other admission books and registers that private patients were being admitted to Bessborough since the 1930s. Although no other Private Patients Admission Books appear to have survived it was possible to identify private patients in the general admission books and associated records as they were designated the letter 'P' and were not associated with a public assistance/health authority account. Baptismal registers relating to Bessborough assisted the Commission in establishing the number of private patients admitted to the Bessborough hospital from 1930 to the late 1940s.
- **Maternity Hospital ante-natal records:** Records relating to the ante natal care of women and children in the maternity hospital are available for the period 1946-1999. The collection is relatively intact. However, ante natal records for the years 1948-53; 1959-63; 1985-86 and 1995 are missing. The earlier records recorded a woman's name, age, date of birth, date of admission and condition on admission. Other information included medical test results, a summary of labour, observations on labour and a list and dosage of drugs given where applicable. Additional information

recorded details relating to the baby including the name, sex, date of birth, condition at birth, date of discharge, weight at birth and on discharge, diet on discharge and the dates of any medical tests undertaken and vaccinations received. The records contain comprehensive weekly observations on the baby's health and development. By the 1970s the range of information recorded was expanded to include information on the type of delivery, head circumference, date of baptism, feeding schedule and bacteriological reports. The ante-natal records also recorded maternal and infant deaths which occurred in Bessborough.

- **Death Register:** The *Registration of Maternity Homes Act 1934* required that all registered maternity homes compile a register of deaths. There is only one surviving death register for Bessborough; it covers the period February 1934-January 1953. This register recorded most but not all maternal and infant deaths which occurred in Bessborough in the period. Recorded details included the name, age, address and date of death of the deceased along with the cause of death and duration of illness. Deaths were notified to the registrar for South Cork at regular intervals. The Commission has found that the number of deaths recorded in the surviving death register falls short of the number of deaths notified by the Bessborough authorities to the General Register Office. The age at death of most children and infants recorded suggests that the register related, in the main, to deaths in the Bessborough home. The wording 'Bessboro Home' is written in the header section of most pages in the death register. However, a section of the register covering the years 1938-39 recorded some deaths which occurred in infants who were just days old. The heading on these pages state that the deaths were recorded in the 'Bessboro Home and Hospital'. The Commission is of the opinion that these were neo-natal deaths that occurred in the maternity hospital and not in the Bessborough home. The section covering the years 1938-39 related to infant deaths which occurred both in the Bessborough Home and the maternity hospital. From 1940 the register does not record the deaths of new-born infants. The Commission considers it plausible to assert that at that juncture the Bessborough authorities began to record deaths which occurred in the Sacred Heart Maternity Hospital in a death register reserved solely for that section of the institution. This would explain the discrepancy in the number of deaths recorded in the death register in the years 1934-53 and the number of deaths notified by the Bessborough authorities in the same period. In the absence of a complete set of death registers, the Admission Books, Maternity/Hospital Admission Books, Records and Particulars Books, Ante-natal Records and Baptismal Registers proved invaluable to the Commission in establishing the extent of infant mortality in Bessborough. The Commission recorded every note, handwritten or otherwise, that

suggested that a woman or child had died in the institution. The Commission crosschecked every suspected death against records held by the General Register Office.

Other records held by the Child and Family Agency (Tusla):

- **Records of the Sacred Heart Adoption Society:** Records relating to the Sacred Heart Adoption Society comprise adoption application files; Adoption placement files; Adoption orders files; Minutes of the Adoption Society; Foreign applications files and Foreign adoption files. The combined records span the years 1953-98. The records facilitated the Commission in identifying domestic and foreign adoption of Bessborough infants and children which were facilitated by the Sacred Heart Adoption Society.
- **Records of the Catholic Women's Aid Society:** They comprise: Record of payments to foster parents books for the years 1920-45; Index of babies placed for fostering and adoption for the years 1937-71; and a small number of miscellaneous documents relating to the society. Prior to the introduction of legal adoption in Ireland in 1953, the lay run CWAS played a significant role in finding nurse mothers for 'illegitimate' children in Cork. Over half of all infants who were fostered through CWAS were born in Bessborough. The birth mother paid a fee of £60 to CWAS who in turn paid the money to nurse mothers in 12 quarterly instalments. The records of payments to foster parents books take the form of basic double entry accountancy. Money received from the birth mother was recorded on the right and monies paid out to nurse mothers was recorded on the left. The CWAS records assisted the Commission in identifying infants born in Bessborough and their exit pathway from the institution into the nursed out system via CWAS.
- **Records of St Anne's Adoption Society:** Registers relating to St Anne's Adoption Society were available for the years 1954-99. The registers recorded details of women who were repatriated from the UK to have their babies adopted in Ireland. The registers facilitated the Commission in identifying women who were admitted to Bessborough under the auspices of St Anne's Adoption Society and to capture the exit pathways of their babies from Bessborough, which generally took the form of legal adoption.

Cork Diocesan Archives: St Anne's Adoption Society: correspondence files

Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne, Cork

- Bessborough Baptismal Registers, 1930-2010: The Commission located a complete set of baptismal registers relating to Bessborough for the period December 1930 to January 2010. As the registers are church records, they are not kept with the Bessborough records held by Tusla. The baptismal registers are kept at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne (North Cathedral), Cork. The registers recorded a wealth of information including a child's name, date of birth, date of baptism, mothers name and address, name of the priest and godparent (usually one of the other mothers in Bessborough), date of discharge and discharge pathway and details of any subsequent marriage. The registers also noted if a child had died and the date of death. Interestingly, the registers also recorded the Board of Assistance responsible for the child's maintenance in Bessborough and private patients were designated the letter 'P'. This information facilitated the Commission's efforts to establish the number of private patients admitted to Bessborough from 1930 to the late 1940s.

Cork City and County Archives

The relevant records (catalogued) of the Cork local authorities (the Boards of Guardians, South Cork Board of Health and Public Assistance/Cork Health Authority/Southern Health Board) are:

- Registers of boarded out children 1925-73;
- Cork Board of Assistance payment records for boarded out children 1959-72;
- Registers of children at nurse 1912-65;
- Health authority adoption registers 1935-99;
- Minutes of meetings
- Managers orders

These local authority records facilitated the Commission in identifying the exit pathways of children from Bessborough through the boarding out system and through informal adoption (pre 1953) and legal adoption (from 1953). The registers of children at nurse allowed the Commission to identify children who were placed in the nursed out system from Bessborough by their mothers who did not engage the services of the CWAS.

Cork City and County Archive also held 150 boxes of uncatalogued public health records. A perusal of one box revealed correspondence relating to infant mortality in Bessborough. The Commission sent an archivist to the Cork archives for several months to catalogue this collection for analysis.

Below is a detailed list of material consulted:

South Cork Board of Public Assistance Records:

Creation dates: 1924-1963: 96 volumes and 512 files.

- CBPA-SO-M: South Cork Board of Assistance Minute Books, 1924-57. 28 volumes
- CBPA-SO-GF: South Cork Board of Public Assistance Files, 1925-63. 157 boxes
- CC-PA-MO: Cork County Council Public Assistance Manager's Orders, 1942-60. 70 volumes
- CC-CO-M-11-26 Cork County Council Minutes, 1922-60. 16 volumes
- CC-MO Cork County Council Manager's Orders, 1942-60. 16 volumes
- CC-NO-M Cork County Council North Cork Minutes, 1942-60. 13 volumes
- CC-NO-MO Cork County Council North Cork Asst Co Manager's Orders, 1942-60. 35 volumes
- CC-SO-MO Cork County Council South Cork Asst Co Manager's Orders, 1942-60. 18 volumes
- CC-CS-Files County Secretary's Office Files, c1900-1968 [mainly 1913-47]. 39 files
- CC-CS-LB County Secretary's Office Letter Books 1922-28. 12 volumes
- NCBPH-NCBPA North Cork Boards of Public Health and Public Assistance, 1927-42. 20 volumes
- LG II (SCBPA) South Cork Board of Public Assistance Files, 1923-63. 159 files
- BG Board of Guardian Records, 1922-25. 30 volumes
- CP-CY-SJ-2-29-31 (1921-1947): St Joseph's Cemetery Collection.
- CP-CY-SJ-3: St Joseph's Cemetery Collection; Register Book of Burial Plots and Burial Rights Therein.

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Files held by Cork City and County Archives which were of direct relevance to the chapter on the Bessborough Mother and Baby Home are as follows:

- CC&CA BG-42-A-110 Bandon Board of Guardians Minute Book, 10 June 1922.
- CC&CA BG-42-A-110 Bandon Board of Guardians Minute Book, 29 July 1922.
- CC&CA BG145-A-2 Schull Poor Law Union Minute Book, 1 November 1921-15 October 1923.

- CC&CA, BG-69-G- Cork Board of Guardians Indoor Relief Registers, 1840-1923.
- CC&CA, CA-PA-MO-SO-6: South Cork Manager's Order No. 813-47; 23 June 1947.
- CC&CA, CA-PA-MO-SO-7: South Cork Manager's Order No. 598-48; 10 June 1948.
- CC&CA, CBPA-LGII, Box 15: Secretary, South Cork Board of Public Assistance to Mother Martina, Bessborough, 20 July 1928.
- CC&CA, CBPA-Orders-SC-Box 6: Cork South Manager's Order No. 507, 30 March 1943.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO- Files, LGII-91-2, Dr Robert Condry to J.F. Wrenne, 5 January 1944.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-8-M- 26 March 1930.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-8-M- 31 December 1930.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-8-M- 26 November 1930.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-8-M- 9 April 1930.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-LGII, Box 15: Flora Burton, Department of Public Welfare, Boston, to Miss M.J. Cruise, [This is the spelling used in the original] Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, 24 May 1926.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-LGII, Box 15: Welfare Department, Liverpool, to the Sacred Hearts Home, Bessborough, 19 January 1927.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-10- 12 September 1934.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-10- 14 September 1932.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-10- 27 June 1934.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-10- 5 December 1934.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-13- 12 June 1935.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-13- 23 October 1935.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-15- 10 June 1937.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-15- 4 August 1938.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-15- 10 June 1937.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-15- 23 March 1937.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-17- 22 August 1938.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-18- 11 July 1938.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-18- 12 September 1938.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-20- July- December 1939.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-5- 1 June 1927.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-5- 1 June 1927.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-5- 4 May 1927.

- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M- 9 January-December 1931, and CBPA-SO-M-10, January-December 1932.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-9- 22 April 1931.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-M-9- 25 March 1931.
- CC&CA, CBPA-SO-RB-01: South Cork Board of Public Assistance, Records of Business, October-December 1942.
- CC&CA, CC-CBPA-Orders-N.C. Box 1: January to December 1944. North Cork Board of Assistance Manager's Orders, Order No. 759, 26 September 1944.
- CC&CA, CC-PA-MO-SO-10: South Cork Manager's Order No. 1,219-51; 3 August 1951, and Order No. 1,436-51; 29 August 1951.
- CC&CA, CC-PA-MO-SO-11: South Cork Manager's Order No. 933-52; 7 July 1952.
- CC&CA, CC-PA-MO-SO-4-Box 6: Cork South Manager's Order No. 42-45, 30 Jan 1945.
- CC&CA, CC-PA-MO-SO-9: South Cork Manager's Order No. 138-50; 4 February 1950.
- CC&CA, Orders-NC-Box1, January-December 1944: North Cork Manager's Orders No. 570, 26 July 1944.
- CC&CA, South Cork Board of Public Assistance Files, LGII, Box 41, June 1934.
- CC&CA, South Cork Board of Public Assistance, LGII, Box41: Miss Butt, Secretary, St Joseph's Home for Mothers & Babies, Clapham Road, London to Mrs Crofts, Department of Local Government and Public Health, June 1934.

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Chigwell Convent, UK.

The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary facilitated the Commission in accessing the congregational archive in Chigwell, London (see Chapter 17). The Commission was given access to the collections:

- Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Council Minutes, 1904-37.
- Annals of the Order (Diaries of the Mother General), 1919-99.
- Council minutes.
- General Chapter 1933: Report of the Superior General.
- Correspondence: J. A Shaw and Co Solicitors, Mullingar, to Mother General, Chigwell, regarding Castlepollard, 14 Feb. 1952.
- Roscrea annals, 1969-85

Irish Defence Forces, Military Archives,

V190 #72: Aerial Photography, Cork-Douglas-Blackrock, 1951.

The Commission was given access to historical aerial photography taken by the Irish Air Corps in the mid to late twentieth century. The earliest collection included a high resolution photograph of the Bessborough Estate and hinterland from February 1951.

Society of African Missions, Provincial Archive, Blackrock, Cork

The Commission was given access to the Society of African Missions, provincial archive, to examine documentation relating to St Joseph's Cemetery, Cork. The Society of African Missions owned and operated St Joseph's Cemetery before being handed over to Cork Corporation in 1947.

Sean Ross

The Sean Ross institutional records are held by the Child and Family Agency (TUSLA) in Waterford. The Commission made digital copies of these records. There are over 14,000 records, all uncatalogued. The institutional records include:

- **Indoor Registers** Admission Books by county, covering the years 1931-1969. These appear to have been used for the purpose of billing.
- **Admission Books:** These recorded admissions to Sean Ross from June 1931 to May 1968. They record details relating to a woman's name, age, address, occupation and date of admission along with her child's name, date of birth and discharge details for both mother and child. The later volumes include a woman's 'house name' along with information regarding her family, the putative father and the family doctor. These are handwritten records. They recorded whether a baby was born alive or stillborn, if an infant subsequently died and the date of death.
- **Private Patients Book:** This covers the years 1959-69. Details recorded were a woman's name, address, date of admission, date of discharge and a record of payments received. Record of payments included a charge for a woman's stay at a weekly rate, charge for her baby's stay at a weekly rate as well as charges relating to blood tests and birth and baptismal certificates. The later entries include details relating to infant discharge pathways.
- **Nursery Admission Book:** This is for the period September 1957 to November 1966. It recorded details such as the name and address of the mother as well as the name, date of birth, weight and some discharge details relating to her child.
- **Maternity Register:** This recorded admissions to the Sean Ross maternity hospital (which was called St Gerard's) for the period October 1933-March 1939. It contains an index of all admissions in this period along with details relating to a woman's

name, address, age, date of admission. Entries recorded in the later years include handwritten medical observations on the expectant woman.

- **Records and Particulars Books:** There are 12 volumes covering the period April 1935 to November 1969. There are two gaps in this record: November, December 1962, and March 1966. The books recorded admissions to the maternity hospital and contain details relating to the name, age and address of women along with a note on their discharge pathway. The early volumes are handwritten notebooks. The later volumes are registers with column headings such as name, address, age and date of admission of a woman along with observations on her 'condition on reception'. The books also recorded details of the birth including the date and hour of birth, the sex and weight of the baby, the name of the attending doctor and whether the baby was premature, full-term, born alive or still-born.
- **Birth Registers:** there are ten volumes covering the period December 1933 to May 1964.
- **Death Register:** This covers deaths in the maternity hospital in the period March 1934 to November 1967. It recorded the name, date of death, home county, sex, cause of death and age of death of infants who died. The recorded age on death strongly suggests that the deaths recorded in this register related to deaths that occurred in the maternity hospital only and do not relate to deaths that occurred in the Sean Ross home. Maternal deaths which occurred (all appear to relate to deaths associated with complications of childbirth) in this period are recorded in this register also. In the absence of a complete set of death registers, the other records mentioned and the baptismal register facilitated the Commission in establishing the extent of infant mortality in Sean Ross. The Commission recorded every note, handwritten or otherwise, that suggested that a woman or child had died in the institution. The Commission crosschecked every suspected death against records held by the General Register Office.
- **Miscellaneous Registers:** These include a Baby Weight Book, 1966-71; Birth Certificates Received, 1966-69, Discharge Details, 1963-66, Children admitted and Boarded Out, 1936; 1943; 1944-45: Contains a list of children from County Clare who were admitted to and boarded out from Sean Ross in this period. The register also includes medical reports relating to children prior to boarding out.
- **Adoption Ledgers/Adoption Orders/Adoption Placements/American Adoption Files**

There are four volumes arranged as follows:

Volume 1: An index listing the names of adopted children, 1952-66.

Volume 2: A register of adopted children, 1952-66. This register recorded a child's name, date of birth and date of adoption along with the name and address of the 'adopters' and the child's adoptive name.

Volume 3: A register of children placed for adoption in the US from Sean Ross, Bessborough and Castlepollard in the years 1951-60. This register contains an index listing names of children who were placed for adoption in the US. The register recorded a child's name and date of birth along with the name and address of the adoptive parents in the US.

Volume 4: A register of children placed for adoption in Ireland from Sean Ross, Bessborough and Castlepollard in the 1950s and 1960s. This register recorded a child's name and date of birth along with the name and address of the mother. Details relating to the child's adoption such as the name and address of the adoptive parents, date of adoption, adoption order number, and the name and address of a referee were also recorded.

The Adoption Orders comprise 12 volumes and contain applications for adoption orders as well as copies of Adoption Orders issued by An Bord Uchtála. Each Adoption Order has a unique reference number and recorded details relating to the name and address of the adopters the child's date of birth and name prior to adoption, the child's name on adoption and the date on which the Adoption Order was approved.

The Adoption Placement files comprise five volumes and recorded the name, 'house name' and address of the birth mother along with her child's name and date of birth, the name and address of the adopters and the date of placement.

The American Adoption Files contain documentation relating to children adopted in the US such as consent to adoption forms, signed by birth mothers and witnessed by a Notary Public, along with signed and witnessed release forms giving custody of a child to adoptive parents in the US. This collection also contains medical and financial information relating to adoptive parents in the US, correspondence between adoptive parents and the authorities at Sean Ross, affidavits in support of adoptive parents, assessment of prospective adopters and their homes undertaken by US agencies such as the Catholic Home Bureau, correspondence between the authorities at Sean Ross, the Department of External Affairs and the American Embassy, Dublin, along with documentation produced by the United States Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Chigwell Convent, UK.

See Bessborough above

Killaloe Diocesan Archives

- Fogarty Collection, Box 35 1-9-B-6: Fogarty Correspondence
- Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Box 31 1-8-A-2: Correspondence regarding adoptions

Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Nenagh

The Commission examined archived local authority records of North and South Tipperary in the Civic Offices, Nenagh, Thurles Library and Tipperary County Archives, Clonmel. Three collections which were of interest to the Commission were identified, listed below. These, however, did not have much information of relevance.

- North Tipperary County Council Minutes, Volumes 1-47
- North Tipperary County Council Manager's Orders, Volumes 1-117

Thurles Library, The Source, Cathedral Street, Thurles Townparks

- TL-LG-22: Tipperary North Riding Board of Public Assistance Minutes

Tipperary County Archives

- Tipperary South Riding County Board of Public Assistance Minutes, 1924-1942
- South Tipperary County Council Manager's Orders, 1942-2012.

Castlepollard

The Castlepollard institutional records are held by the Child and Family Agency (Tusla) in Letterkenny. The Commission made electronic copies of these records. The Records and Particulars Books/Birth Registers for St Kevin's Maternity Hospital, Castlepollard record information relating to babies born in Castlepollard including: child's date of birth; Christian name; sex; name of father (all blank); mother's name; father's occupation (all blank); mother's date of birth; mother's address prior to admission; year of marriage (all blank); number of previous children (generally blank) and initials of the recording officer.

They consist of:

Admission Books: There are three volumes covering the years 1935-49; 1943-57 and 1955-70. The Books recorded admissions to the Castlepollard Home and were arranged by county of origin. They recorded a woman's date of admission, register number, name, age, address and date and place of discharge. They also recorded the name, date of birth and

date of baptism of her child along with the child's date of discharge. Infant deaths and date of death were also noted.

Records and Particulars Books/Maternity Registers of St Peter's Maternity Hospital:

The Records and Particular Books comprise six volumes covering the years 1943-71. Records for the years 1948-50 inclusive are missing. They recorded admissions to St Peter's Maternity Hospital, Castlepollard, and details relating to a woman's name, age, address, date of admission and condition on admission (pregnant, in labour). Dr B Cullen, Westmeath, is named as the attending physician in all cases. Details relating to infants included date and hour of birth, sex, the type of delivery (normal, breech, forceps), details of any complications during the birth, weight at birth, whether full-term or premature, and whether the child was born alive or stillborn. Some instances of whose care the child was discharged to were also noted.

Ante-Natal Records: There are nine volumes covering the years 1939-66. The records are handwritten notebooks and captured details of a woman's age and house name, dates of admission and discharge along with notes on her medical history, medical condition on admission to St Peter's Maternity Hospital and test results (blood, urine Rh). They also contain notes on the woman's labour and medical examination of her new-born infant. Details of maternal and infant deaths were also recorded.

Private Patients Register: There is one Private Patients Register which is for the period July 1961 to March 1970. This is a handwritten notebook which recorded details of a woman's name, address and date of admission along with the name, dates of birth and discharge of her baby. The register also recorded financial details relating to costs associated with the maintenance of the woman and her child in Castlepollard including amounts paid, method of payment (cash or cheque) and the outstanding balance. Some women recorded in the Private Patients Register were transferred to a local authority health board account after admission.

Babies Register: A Babies Register recorded births in St Peter's Maternity Hospital, Castlepollard, in the period March 1942 to January 1954. The register takes the form of a handwritten notebook. It recorded details such as a woman's name, address and date of admission along with the name and date of birth of her infant. Still-born infants were also recorded.

Indoor Register; County Leitrim: An Indoor Register relating to Leitrim County Council was included with the Castlepollard records and relates to the years 1936-76. Most admissions recorded here relate to the years 1936-70 and contain details such as a woman's name, age, occupation, religion and previous address along with the name, sex and date of birth of her child. Some details relating to the date of discharge and discharge pathway were also recorded.

Baptismal Register: A typed copy of a Baptismal Register recorded baptisms at St Michael's Church, Castlepollard, in the period 1 January 1935 to 12 November 1994. Details recorded include a child's name, date of birth and date of baptism.

Adoption Orders: The Adoption Orders comprise five volumes and were composed alphabetically. This collection contains scanned copies of Adoption Orders, which recorded details of a child's adoption such as name prior to adoption and name on adoption along with details of the birth mother and the adoptive parents. Files relate to adoptions from the late 1950s to the 1970s.

Death Register: This is a typed spreadsheet recording deaths in Castlepollard, (infant, maternal, congregational) in the period 17 April 1935 to 16 October 1970. The age on death of infants and children range from a few hours to two years old. This suggests that infant and child deaths recorded here were deaths which occurred in both the Castlepollard Mother and Baby Home and St Peter's Maternity Hospital. This record appears to record details from an original death register and includes the name, cause of death, date of death and age on death of the deceased along with the place of death, who notified the death and the name of the Registrar for the Castlepollard district.

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Chigwell Convent, UK.

See Bessborough above.

Castlepollard

Department of Health

Records and Particulars Books/Birth Registers – St Peter's Maternity Hospital, Castlepollard

- NATARCH-ARC-0-5727028 June 1967-March 1970
- NATARCH-ARC-0-5727034 April 1952-March 1956
- NATARCH-ARC-0-5727036 July 1948- April 1952
- NATARCH-ARC-0-5727037 March 1970-January 1971

- NATARCH-ARC-0-5727038 November 1964-June 1967
- NATARCH-ARC-0-5727039 April 1956-February 1961
- NATARCH-ARC-0-5727040 March 1961-November 1964
- NATARCH-ARC-0-5727043 August 1947-September 1949
- NATARCH-ARC-0-5727046 July 1949-July 1951

The Records and Particulars Books/Birth Registers for St Peter's Maternity Hospital, Castlepollard record information relating to babies born in Castlepollard including: child's date of birth; first name; sex; name of father (all blank); mother's name; father's occupation (all blank); mother's date of birth; mother's address prior to admission; year of marriage (all blank); number of previous children (generally blank) and initials of the recording officer.

Maternity Registers – St Peter's Maternity Hospital, Castlepollard

- NATARCH-ARC-0-527043 August 1947-July 1949
- NATARCH-ARC-0-527046 July 1949-June 1951

Meath Diocesan Archive

- DM-MBH-C-8-9

Bethany

The institutional records (uncatalogued) of Bethany are held by PACT (Here2Help). They were digitally copied by the Commission. There are four registers:

The **Admission-Discharge Register** from 29 March 1922 to 3 May 1946: This register is the continuation of the admissions register of the Dublin Midnight Mission (which is not relevant to this inquiry). It lists the woman's name; age, religion, birth-place; her most recent address; how long she had been in Dublin - though this is generally blank; her occupation; dates of admission and discharge, and her destination when discharged.

The Bethany Baby Records covers the period 7 May 1922 to 25 August 1970; This lists babies' names; date of birth; whether they were born in the home or admitted after the birth; date of christening, vaccination details; date of leaving the home; where they went and if they were readmitted to Bethany.

Records and Particulars Book of Maternity Home (or Hospital) known as Bethany Home 1936-1956 and **Records and Particulars Book of Maternity Home** (or Hospital) known as

Bethany Home 1956-1971: This was the standard official register that all maternity homes and hospitals were required to keep under the *Registration of Maternity Homes Act 1934*. It gives the woman's name, age, date of admission, condition (not always completed), date of discharge, state of health, removal of child, particulars of the person removing a child and particulars of person to whose care a child was removed, plus a general column for observations. It appears that Bethany completed this official record and also continued to maintain its individual admission book until 1946, when it began to rely solely on the official register and the Bethany Baby Book.

Representative Church Body Library

The minutes of monthly meetings of the management committee of the Bethany Home from 8 January 1924 to 8 January 1937, and from 12 May 1944 to 14 January 1966, are held in the Representative Church Body (RCB) Library in Braemor Park. The library also holds copies of some annual reports of the Bethany Home; these give some details about the mothers and babies, records of donations, subscriptions and an annual financial statement. The RCB Library also holds a register from Zion Church of Ireland Parish, which includes separate pages with entries for the baptisms of babies born in Bethany Home, c.1935-1949. These give the dates of baptism, the child's Christian name, parent's (mother's) name; they give no entry under 'abode', or 'quality, trade or profession'.

- MS 264.1: Bethany Home Minute Books
- MS 264.2: Bethany Home File
- P.288.2.1: Zion Church of Ireland Register of Baptisms

Irish Church Missions

The Commission has also consulted the records of the Irish Church Missions (ICM) to the Roman Catholics held by the ICM. They include:

- ICM-CF-0001-0793: Children's Fold: Correspondence
- Uncatalogued: The Banner of Truth/The Banner of the Truth/Irish Church Missions News Seasonal Reports

Wicklow County Archives

- WLAA-BOH-M: Minutes of the Wicklow County Board of Health, 1924-1942

Denny House

Most of the institutional records relating to the Magdalen Asylum/Denny House are held by PACT (Here2Help). The institutional records (uncatalogued) were digitally copied by the Commission. They include:

- Magdalen Home: Monthly Meeting Committee Minute Books
- Magdalen Home: Case Committee Books
- Magdalen Home Annual Reports
- Magdalen Home Report Books
- Magdalen Asylum Mother and Child Case Books
- Magdalen Home: Baby Books
- Magdalen Asylum/Denny House: Case files
- Denny House Discharges
- Denny House Synopsis of admissions and discharges
- Records and Particulars Book of Maternity Home or Hospital known as Magdalen Home, 1961-1982
- Magdalen Home: Interview Book, 1990-1994
- Magdalen Home: Case Committee Notes, 1952-1973
- Church of Ireland Register of Baptisms solemnized in Magdalen Asylum Church, 1869-1983

The Nursery Rescue Society Archives

PACT also holds the records of the Nursery Rescue Society which was affiliated with Denny House. These records (uncatalogued) include:

- Nursery Rescue Society: Minute Books, 1909-1989
- Nursery Rescue and Protestant Children's Aid Society: Annual Reports, 1914-1978
- Nursery Rescue and Protestant Children's Aid Society: Case files
- Nursery Rescue and Protestant Children's Aid Society: Entered Institutions
- Nursery Rescue and Protestant Children's Aid Society: Surrender Forms
- Nursery Rescue and Protestant Children's Aid Society: Children's Ledger, 1945-1972
- Nursery Rescue Society: Agenda Book, July 1938-December 1943
- Notebook on children under the care of the Nursery Rescue and Protestant Children's Aid Society, 1965-1975
- Nursery Rescue Society: Little Fortfield Journal, September 1915-October 1921
- Nursery Rescue Society: Little Fortfield Girls and Babies, 1916-1919
- Nursery Rescue Society/Protestant Adoption Society: Pre-1952 Adoption Agreements, 1943-1952

- Nursery Rescue Society/Protestant Adoption Society: Adoptions case files
- Nursery Rescue Society/Protestant Adoption Society: Adoptions Northern Ireland, UK, USA, Canada, and Australia
- Nursery Rescue Society/Protestant Adoption Society: Adoptions and administrative records, 1944-1990.

Dunboyne

The Dunboyne institutional records are held by the Child and Family Agency (Tusla) in Drogheda. The records received by the Commission take two forms, Registers and Files.

The Registers have no uniform pattern of information; they are a series of handwritten notes filed by date of admission. However, they typically include:

For the mother: name, address, date of birth, date of admission, date of discharge, by whom she was referred, next of kin, exit pathway, previous pregnancies, whether or not there was a living infant;

For the child: first name, date of admission, date of birth, date of discharge, place of birth, exit pathway, child death, date and place of baptism.

A short social history is sometimes included, along with notes regarding adoptions, visits to the hospital, letters and photos received from the women admitted. Some of the admissions are recorded in multiple locations. For example, there is a large overlap between those recorded in the Registers for the years 1989/1990 and the Files.

The Files consist of typed standardised forms that were used from 1966 onwards. The information contained in the files is much the same as that contained in the registers, however there is a stronger emphasis on the mother and putative father's social history. The files often contain a series of miscellaneous records from adoption societies, health boards, doctors, social welfare, maternity hospitals, etc. These include referral letters, letters relating to the mother's decision regarding the child, social work reports, ante-natal records and medical certificates for the child. There is also, on occasion, letters and photos from the women admitted and their families.

They consist of:

- 7 registers: Admission Register 1955-1966 (includes some correspondence); Admission Register Girls 1989-90 Ard Mhuire; Admission Register 1955-1962 Ard Mhuire; Admission Register 1966-1969; Private Patients 1965; List of stillborn and deceased infants 1981-1984;

- Girls Admission to Dunboyne Register 1981-1990;
- 4 Admission cards and case files, containing correspondence;
- “Adoption” files;
- “Tracer” files;
- Files regarding deaths associated with Dunboyne 1954-1993.

Discovery from the Good Shepherd Sisters

The Good Shepherd Sisters provided extensive documentation (2,001 scanned pages) to the Commission, including various internal Good Shepherd Sisters documentation such as:

- Annals of the Convent.
- Chapter Books, which were required to be kept in all of the Good Shepherd Sisters’ locations: The Dunboyne Chapter Book provided to the Commission has entries from 1972.
- The ‘Book of Benefactors’ records donations received from 1969;
- The reports from council meetings are from 1986 onwards;
- Various accounts of the history of the institution: some accounts are contemporaneous and some were written after the institution was closed.

The documentation also included audited financial accounts for virtually every year of its operation.

Tusla

Fr Regan Archive, relating to adoptions, many of the babies came from Dunboyne, others from Stamullen.

Cork County Home

The following records which are held in the Cork City and County Archives were analysed by the Commission.

- Cork Union workhouse indoor relief registers 1840-1925.
- The combined indoor relief registers for Cork county home and district hospital cover the years 1925-57 (CCH-GD).
- The indoor relief register relating to 1959-60 is part of a 2009 accession from St Finbarr’s Hospital (formerly Cork county home).

Other records from Cork City and County Archives

Cork City and County Archives also hold a substantial collection relating to the Cork Union Workhouse/Cork County Home/St Finbarr's Hospital. The collection comprises over 600 individual bound volumes. Files which were of most relevance to the Commission are as follows:

- Cork County Home, Matrons' Journals, 1927 - 1945
- South Cork Board of Public Assistance Minutes, 1924 - 1942 (28 vols).
- Cork Board of Public Assistance Managers' Orders, 1942 - 1969 (16 vols - Boxes six to twelve (files 19-36) relate to the South Cork district).
- South Cork Board of Public Assistance files, 1922 - 1960 (158 boxes)
- Records of deaths Cork County Home and Hospital, 1931 - 1940

Health Service Executive Library, Cork University Maternity Hospital

The main sources used from this repository are:

- Folder of Burial Records and Burial Index Card Box, 1968-85 (These records comprise physical Burial Index Cards and a Folder detailing the information recorded on the cards).

St Finbarr's Hospital, Cork.

- Register of admissions to St Finbarr's Hospital neonatal unit
- Register of boarded out children
- Funeral Book, 1962-1967
- Admission and discharge index cards

Stranorlar

The HSE is the current owner of what was the Stranorlar county home and gave the Commission access to digital copies of the Indoor Registers of the home. This collection comprised six PDF documents, each a scanned copy of a register, covering the periods:

- 30 January 1921 - 31 March 1932 (179 pages, 4,581 entries)
- 1 April 1932 - 31 Dec 1942 (192 pages, 4,918 entries)
- 1 May 1943 - 30 April 1948 (118 pages, 2,520 entries)
- 1 May 1948 - 31 August 1957 (135 pages, 2,960 entries)
- 1 September 1957 - 31 January 1974 (140 pages, 3,000 entries)
- 1 February 1974 - 31 March 1994 (132 pages, 2,920 entries)

Donegal County Archives

The Donegal county archives have a range of relevant material including:

- Ire-Don-BH-1-19, Minutes of the Board of Health and Public Assistance, 1922-42
- Ire-Don-CC-2: Donegal County Council: Manager's Orders
- CC-17-17: County Home Donegal 1946-53 (Paying orders and building plans)
- CC-30-58: Burial ground correspondence
- CC-30-59: Number of burials 1944-45
- CC-15-4-6: County Council correspondence with Board of Health.
- CC-17-3-11: County Medical Officer Annual Reports
- BH-2-1-23: Board of Health Reports and Correspondence 1933-35

Thomastown County Home***St Columba's Hospital, Thomastown, Kilkenny:***

- Combined Indoor Relief Registers 1919-72 (26 volumes).

The collection of Combined Indoor Relief Registers for Kilkenny County Home, Thomastown, comprises 26 volumes. The collection is largely intact apart from two missing volumes covering the periods October 1930-April 1932 and March 1938-December 1939. The registers were manufactured by Dollard Printing House Dublin Ltd, and each cover a period of 18 months, i.e. April 1941 to September 1942. Each register has 75 pages and capacity to record admission details of 30 individuals per page.

- Record of Maternity Hospital 1959-65 (1 volume).
- Record of Births 1919-65 (1 volume).
- Record of Deaths 1919-62 (1 volume).
- Return of Unmarried Mothers admitted to the County Home 1939-61 (1 volume).
- Half yearly Return of Children in the County Home 1938-61 (1 volume).

Kilkenny Health Records, HSE Library, St Like's Hospital, Kilkenny:

- Kilkenny Board of Health & Public Assistance November 1921-July 1925 .
- Kilkenny Board of Health and Public Assistance July 1925-June 1927.

Kilkenny County Board of Health & Public Assistance Records, Kilkenny County Library.

- Kilkenny Board of Health & Public Assistance Letter Books.

- Letter Book: Incoming letters and regulations from DLG&PH, March 1928-December 1931:
- Letter Book: Containing correspondence of Miss Fitzgerald-Kenny, L.G.D. inspector regarding Superintendent Assistance Officer, Assistance Officers and Relieving Officers 1929-1934.
- Letter Book: Copies of incoming letters from DLG&PH April 1929-May 1935 .
- Letter Book: Copies of incoming letters from DLG&PH February 1934-December 1937.
- Kilkenny County Council Manager's Orders-Public Assistance Section.
- MO/PA/2: 1 September 1942-31 March 1944, Orders No.1-1089.
- MO/PA/3: 1 April 1944-31 March 1946, Order No. 1,090-3,144.
- MO/PA/4/ 2 April 1946-31 March 1947. Order No. 3145-4345.
- MO/PA/5/ 2 April 1947-31 March 1948. Order No. 4355-5642.
- MO/PA/6/ 1 April 1948-30th March 1949. Order No. 5643-6873.
- MO/PA/7/ 1 April 1949-31 March 1950. Order No. 6874-8166
- MO/PA/8/ 1 April 1950-29 March 1951. Order No.8167-9669.
- MO/PA/9/ 2 April 1951-31 March 1952. Order No.9670-11418.
- MO/PA/10/ 1 April 1952-31 March 1953. Order No.1-1931.
- MO/PA/11/ 1 April 1953-31 March 1954. Order No. 1-2299:
- MO/PA/12/ 1 April 1954-31 March 1955. Order No.1-2693.

Vaccine trials

GlaxoSmithKline

GlaxoSmithKline provided the Commission with extensive documentation about vaccine trials and clinical trials conducted in children's residential institutions in Ireland in the period 1930 to 1973.

- GSK, Irene Hillery to Tom Pollock, 20 January 1961.
- GSK, 'Overseas Milk Powders: Clinical Acceptability and Safety Trials', 7 February 1969.
- GSK, A.D. Munro-Faure to A.H. Griffith, 'New Two-Phase Pertussis Component of DTP (Trivax) Vaccines', 1 November 1972.
- GSK, A.H Griffith to A.D. Munro-Faure, 25 September 1973.
- GSK, A.H Griffith to A.J Beale, 'Two-phase Pertussis Vaccine Trials', 16 August 1971.
- GSK, A.H Griffith, 'Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Department of Clinical Immunology, Wellcome Research Laboratories, Beckenham', 3 October 1972.

- GSK, A.H Griffith, 'Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Department of Clinical Immunology, Wellcome Research Laboratories, Beckenham', 7 September 1971.
- GSK, A.H Griffith, 'Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Department of Clinical Immunology, Wellcome Research Laboratories, Beckenham', 4 July 1972.
- GSK, A.H Griffith, 'Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Department of Clinical Immunology, Wellcome Research Laboratories, Beckenham', 5 June 1973.
- GSK, A.H. Griffith to A.D. Munro-Faure, 3 October 1972.
- GSK, A.H. Griffith to A.D. Munro-Faure, 3 October 1972.
- GSK, A.H. Griffith to H.V Furness, 16 November 1973.
- GSK, A.H. Griffith to Irene Hillery, (Private Home Address), 12 February 1973.
- GSK, A.H. Griffith to P. Knight, 'Two-phase Pertussis DTP Vaccines', 9 April 1973.
- GSK, A.J. Beale to P.D. Walker, 'Improved "Trivax" and Cholera Vaccines', 23 August 1972.
- GSK, Aileen Scott, Medical Director, National Drugs Advisory Board (Ireland) to A. H. Griffith, Wellcome Research Laboratories, April 1973.
- GSK, Alan Goffe to Patrick Meenan, 2 March 1965.
- GSK, B.M. Walker, Glaxo Laboratories, to Dr Eithne Conlon, 29 January 1968.
- GSK, Caroline Waldron to James Kiely, 'Vaccine Studies', 19 January 1999.
- GSK, Caroline Waldron, Glaxo Wellcome Ltd, to Dr James Kiely, Department of Health and Children, 'Vaccine Studies', 19 January 1999.
- GSK, Donal O'Sullivan to W.L. Burland, 10 November 1967.
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- GSK, Ellis, C.D., Commercial Development, Glaxo Laboratories, to Mr Burn, Dublin Office, 'L.20/L.14 Clinical Trials', 3 January 1968.
- GSK, Glaxo Laboratories, 'Biological Clinical Data', Ref. BIOL.TRIAL, 1965.
- GSK, Glaxo Laboratories, 'Final Protocol', August 1968.
- GSK, Glaxo Laboratories, 'Vaccines for Clinical Trials', 29 December 1964. Measles vaccine MI/EV/12(adj) Batch 33, and Placebo PLB/12(adj).
- GSK, Handwritten notes on Glaxo's infant milk trials in Bessborough and St Patrick's Home.
- GSK, Irene Hillery to Alan Goffe, 29 March 1965.
- GSK, Irene Hillery to Tom Pollock, 20 August 1964.
- GSK, Irene Hillery to Tom Pollock, 20 January 1961.
- GSK, I14/I20 Milk Trials, Bessborough Convent, Cork. Clinician: Dr E. Conlon.
- GSK, L14/L20 Milk Trials, St Patrick's Mother and Baby Home, Dublin. Clinician: Dr Coffee.
- GSK, M. Dunleavy to A. H. Griffith, 24 September 1973.
- GSK, Margaret Dunleavy to M. Crowe, 11 April 1972.

- GSK, Margaret Dunleavy, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Eastern Health Board, to A. H. Griffith, Wellcome Research Laboratories, 'Trivax Reactions', 22 August 1973.
- GSK, Memo A.H Griffith, 'Extract Pertussis Vaccine', 16 January 1968.
- GSK, Minutes of the 25th Biological Clinical Trials Committee, 17 January 1968.
- GSK, Minutes of the 31st Biological Clinical Trials Meeting, 27 November 1968.
- GSK, Minutes of the meeting of the Trivax Project Group, 20 December 1973.
- GSK, Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the U.K. Medical Project Control Committee, 27 June 1973.
- GSK, Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the U.K. Medical Project Control Committee, 27 June 1973.
- GSK, Mrs B.M. Walker, 'Visit to Dublin', 4 January 1968.
- GSK, Note on 'Moate' written on University College Dublin headed paper, 27 February 1961.
- GSK, Notes on proposed infant milk trials refers to Cork, Dublin, Malaya and Argentina.
- GSK, P.M. Paterson to W.L. Burland, 'L20 and L14 Feeding Trials', 30 April 1968.
- GSK, Patrick Meenan to Alan Goffe, 14 March 1961.
- GSK, Patrick N. Meenan to A.H. Griffith, 2 November 1972.
- GSK, Patrick N. Meenan to David Long, 22 March 1960.
- GSK, Quadrivax: Minutes of meeting held 20 October 1960 at the Wellcome Research Laboratories, Beckenham.
- GSK, Sister Martha, Bessborough Home, to Dr Bridie Foley, St Finbarr's Hospital, 9 April 1968.
- GSK, T.M. Pollock to Irene Hillery, 16 July 1964.
- GSK, T.M. Pollock to Patrick Meenan, 'Studies of Quadravax in Eire', 2 November 1960.
- GSK, *The Wellcome Foundation Ltd: Clinical trial to compare the reactogenicity of commercially available batches of the combined Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTP) vaccines Trivax and Trivax AD with a modified combined DTP vaccine containing a 'two-phase' Pertussis component. (Unpublished) 1973.*
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- GSK, Victoria Coffee to W.L. Burland, 8 July 1968.
- GSK, Victoria Coffee, Department of Social Medicine, Trinity College, Dublin, to W.L. Burland, Medical Department, Glaxo Laboratories Ltd, 4 June 1968.

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- GSK, Visits to Cork and Dublin 5-6th February, 7 February 1969.
- GSK, W.L. Burland to Victoria Coffee, 18 June 1968.
- GSK, W.L. Burland to Victoria Coffee, 30 October 1968.
- GSK, W.L. Burland to Victoria P. Coffee, 23 September 1968.
- GSK, W.L. Burland, 'Clinical Evaluation of L.14 and L.20 Infant Milk Foods' December 1967.
- GSK, W.L. Burland, Medical Department, Glaxo, to D.J. O'Sullivan, 'Infant Milk Foods-Clinical Investigations', 7 November 1967.
- GSK, Wellcome Foundation Ltd, 'Application for the issue of a clinical trial certificate for Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis vaccine containing a 'two-phase' Pertussis component'.
- GSK, Wellcome Research Laboratories, Beckenham. Internal Advertisement for volunteers, 'Clinical Trial of New Two-Phase Pertussis Component of DTP (Trivax) Vaccine'.
- GSK, Wellcome Research Laboratories, Proposed investigation of multiple antigens in Eire, 1 November 1960.
- GSK, Wellcome Research Laboratories, Protocols for clinical trial of Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis vaccine containing an improved Pertussis component, October 1972.

Anatomical subjects

Irish Medical Council

- Cork Medical School Register, 1907-1997
- Galway Medical School Register, 1909-1997
- Anatomical Returns for Dublin Medical Schools, 1972-2010.

University College Dublin, Special Collections

- Combined Anatomical Register of the Dublin Medical Schools (Royal College of Surgeons, Trinity College and University College, Dublin) pre 1972.

National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG) -Department of Anatomy

- Receipt book for the removal of a dead body
- Mortuary book
- Day book

University College, Cork -Department of Anatomy and Pathology

- Professor Michael MacConaill papers

- Anatomical Subjects Burial Register, St Mary's Cemetery, Curraghkippane.

Burials/Cemeteries

Cork City & County Archives

Rathcooney Cemetery Records, 1896 - 1941

Old Kilcully Cemetery Records, 1931-1974

CP/CY/SJ St Joseph's Cemetery Collection

- CP/CY/SJ/2/29 December 1921 - July 1924
- CP/CY/SJ/2/30 September 1924 - August 1927
- CP/CY/SJ/2/31 August 1927 - December 1930 (gap from July-September 1924)
- CP/CY/SJ/2/32 October 1930 - December 1933
- CP/CY/SJ/2/33 December 1933 - July 1937
- CP/CY/SJ/2/34 July 1937 - January 1941
- CP/CY/SJ/2/35 Loose Fragments
- CP/CY/SJ/2/36 February 1941 - February 1943
- CP/CY/SJ/2/37 1943 Vi & Vii
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- CP/CY/SJ/5 (1&2) Orders received for caring for burial plots
- CP/CC/CY M6 Cork City Council Cemetery Committee Minutes
- CP/CY/SF/MPD Plans of St Finbarr's Cemetery
- CP/CY/SJ/3/32 Register Book of Burial Plots and Right of Burial Therein 1880-1960

Cork City Council

- Burial Registers St Joseph's Cemetery, Tory top Rd, Cork. (post 1947)
- Burial Registers St Finbarr's Cemetery, Glasheen, Cork.
- Burial Registers St Michael's Cemetery, Blackrock, Cork.
- Burial Registers St Mary's Cemetery, Curraghkippane, Cork.
- Burial Registers St Columba's (Douglas Local Authority) Cemetery, Cork.

Glasnevin Cemetery:

Burial registers

Mount Jerome Cemetery:

Burial registers

Where the Commission's archives will go

As is described in the **Introduction** to the report, the institutional files of the main institutions were scanned by the Commission and a database of individuals compiled from the scanned copies; the files from Pelletstown were transcribed into that database from an existing electronic records management system. The database of individuals is being provided to the Child and Family Agency (Tusla) in order to assist with tracing. It is also being provided to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability and Youth as part of the overall archive of the Commission.

The notes and photocopies of material which were from a range of archives, including the archives listed above, and national and local newspapers and magazines, are on the Commission's researchers' database. This database also includes reports on various archival collections compiled as part of the process of identifying relevant sources. This digital database will be transferred to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability and Youth by February 2021.

The Commission holds transcripts of hearings where witnesses gave evidence under oath (or affirmation) and were questioned by members of the Commission. The witnesses included women who gave birth in mother and baby homes, and children who were born in these homes, members of religious congregations, public servants and social workers. The transcripts record the names and status of all the witnesses, and the date of the hearings. These will be transferred to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability and Youth by February 2021.

The Commission also holds files relating to the Confidential Inquiry, including notes taken during the testimony and personal details relating to the witnesses. Individuals who testified to the Confidential Inquiry are being contacted to determine whether they wish their names and personal details to be redacted before the Commission's records are transferred to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability and Youth by February 2021.

Recommendations about archives

The Commission has identified a number of ‘challenges and opportunities’ provided by these sources to enhance public understanding.

Department of Health records

Apart from the institutional records of the individual institutions, the largest collection of files examined by the Commission was provided under discovery by the Department of Health in the form of digital copies (see Introduction). The originals are held by the Department of Health or its successor, the Department of Children. The overwhelming majority of these files are over 30 years old. Under the terms of the *National Archives Act 1986* they should be publicly available in the National Archives of Ireland (NAI). These files have been listed by the Commission’s archivist. The Commission recommends that digital copies, together with a descriptive list, be made available within six months to readers in the NAI.

Section 8 (c) of the 1986 Act provides for the withholding of files that:

would or might cause distress or danger to living persons on the ground that they contain information about individuals, or would or might be likely to lead to an action for damages for defamation.

Some files would need to be withheld or partly redacted in accordance with this section. However this process should not be used to delay public access; files should be made available as they are cleared, and the work should be completed within 12 months.

Most of the files that would be withheld/redacted relate to inspections of boarded out children and children at nurse, and the files relating to women who contacted the DLGPH seeking assistance, including many files relating to women who had returned from England from the 1940s until 1961. The files on boarded out children contain important information about the children’s health, physical descriptions, comments about their personality, education, and their foster homes. The files relating to the women contain details about their family and about the circumstances of the pregnancy. The Commission considers that these files should be used to create two databases, by name, one relating to the foster children and one relating to the women. They could be linked with the Commission’s electronic database of individuals where possible (many of the boarded out children were never in mother and baby homes so there would be no connection with the Commission’s database). This information could be made available to the individuals or their immediate family under the normal Freedom of Information and data protection rules.

Industrial school and adoption records

The Commission's electronic database of individuals could also be expanded by incorporating information collected by the Ryan Commission about the children in industrial schools, records held by the Department of Education about industrial schools and records held by the Adoption Authority of Ireland. This would provide a more comprehensive picture of the longer-term outcomes for children born in mother and baby homes.

Death registers

Consideration should also be given to examining death registration records of the children who were born in mother and baby homes in the 1920s and the 1930s with a view to establishing their age at death and causes of death. In order to achieve a comprehensive picture it would be necessary to also check UK death registers. The purpose of this exercise would be to try to establish some of the long-term consequences of birth in mother and baby homes and being raised apart from one's mother.

Local authority records

Access to the records of local authorities, which includes the records of county homes, is governed by Section 80 of the *Local Government Act 2001*, which states:

Subject to the other provisions of this section, it is a function of a local authority to make arrangements for the proper management, custody, care and conservation of local records and local archives and for inspection by the public of local archives.

The 30-year rule applies, similar to national government archives, as do provisions for withholding access of files containing information about individuals. Virtually all of the local authority records used by the Commission are over 30 years old. We recommend that local authorities should examine their archives, with a view to identifying all material that is relevant to the issues investigated by this Commission, and they should make these files available to the public, subject to the requirement to withhold or redact some records.

HSE Records

There are no regulations governing the preservation of, and access to, the HSE records or the records of its predecessors in title. The HSE was unable to find many of the records which would have assisted the Commission in finding out more about the institutions under investigation. This should be addressed by legislation requiring the HSE and other State bodies (including, for example, the Child and Family Agency) to records in broadly the same way as local authorities.

Diocesan and religious order records

Diocesan records and the records of the religious orders involved in the institutions are the property of the holders and they have the right to determine who gets access. The Commission was given voluntary access to every diocesan archive which was asked. Two of the religious orders provided extensive documentation under orders for discovery while others provided the limited documentation which they had available. The Commission would encourage relevant religious orders to make more documentation publicly available.

General

The Commission recommends that the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth appoint a qualified archivist to draft a guide to the records that are of interest to those who have either a personal or academic interest in the history of women and children in residential institutions.