

Burial and Cremation Records

20 Do you agree that records and forms relating to burial and cremation in Scotland should be stored and transferred electronically wherever possible?

Yes

Should any exclusions apply?:

The complete forms should be stored electronically and not just index and names.

Should this be applied to all forms of disposing of human remains in Scotland?:

Yes

21 Should records and forms relating to burial and cremation be kept for 50 years or is it better that they are kept indefinitely?

Indefinitely

If you specified 'other', please enter your comments below.:

Alleviating pressure on burial grounds

22 Do you agree that the sale of lairs in perpetuity should be ended?

No

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There may be some considerations of space in some cities but not in some rural areas.

23 Does the proposed alternative approach provide a suitable balance between enabling people to buy lairs and safeguarding lairs for the future?

Don't Know

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24a Should there be any restrictions about to whom the owner of a lair can transfer his or her interest?

No

24b Should this be restricted to family members?

Yes

25 Do you agree that Burial Authorities should no longer be able to sell multiple lairs or blocks of lairs to an individual?

No

Please enter additional comments here.:

Families often want to be buried together and this would stop that.

26 The Burial and Cremation Review Group recommended that Burial Authorities may refuse to sell a lair if it believes that it is not for imminent use. How long should constitute 'imminent' in this situation?

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Imminent should be at least 5 years.

How could this be tested?:

27 Do you agree with the proposal that full lairs and partially-full and unused lairs should be considered for reuse in certain circumstances with appropriate safeguards in place?

No

Please enter any additional comments here.:

Unused lairs, if there is no close family, could be reused.

28 Is a period of 75 years sufficient before reuse of a full lair can be considered?

No

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29a Does the initial consultation provide sufficient assurance that relevant specialist interests have been consulted?

Don't Know

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29b Should any other specific organisations or groups be consulted at this stage?

Don't Know

30a Does the process set out allow for sufficient notice to be given that a lair is being proposed for reuse?

Don't Know

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30b Should any particular methods of notification be used in addition to those noted?

Don't Know

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32 Other than family members, who should be able to object to the proposed reuse of a lair?

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34a If the Burial Authority decides not to reuse a lair on the basis of an objection from a non-family member, should that person become liable for the maintenance of the lair?

Yes

34b If not, should the Burial Authority remain responsible?

No

35 Do you agree that the 'dig and deepen' method should be used to allow the reuse of full lairs?

No

Please enter additional comments here.:

36 Are any other techniques available that should be considered?

Don't Know

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37 Do you agree that headstones and memorials may be reused if appropriate?

No

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I think that headstones and memorials are very important for the family and for genealogists and should be kept and not reused.

38 Do you agree that headstones and memorials should be removed from lairs if they cannot be made safe?

No

In this instance, what should happen to headstones and memorials that are removed? :

39a Are any other approaches for easing the pressure on burial land suitable for use in Scotland?

Don't know

39b For example, should above ground mausoleums, similar to those found in Europe, be considered?

Yes

40 Is a period of 25 years sufficient before the use of a partially-full or unused lair can be considered?

No

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Yes for unused if no family members but no for partially full.

41 Is 12 months long enough to advertise the intended reuse of a full lair or use of a partially-full or unused lair?

Don't Know

Where should the Burial Authority's intention be advertised? :

42 Where a Burial Authority intends to reuse a lair having undertaken all appropriate consultations, should it be required to make clear to prospective purchasers that the lair is being reused or is part of a lair that is partly full?

Yes

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43a Do the safeguards described provide sufficient reassurance to ensure that lairs are not reused inappropriately?

Don't Know

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43b Are any other safeguards required – for example, should the Burial Authority be required to seek a court order to reuse a lair?

Don't Know

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44 Should certain categories of grave – such as Commonwealth War Graves – be automatically excluded from consideration for reuse?

Yes

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