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| Lift and reposition procedure |
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A lift and reposition procedure allows a place of interment to be reused where there is insufficient space to accommodate further interments. The procedure involves:

* opening a place of interment
* lifting existing bodily remains which are interred in the place of interment
* deepening or enlarging the place of interment if necessary
* repositioning the existing bodily remains to provide space for further interments in that place of interment.

# Step 1: Application

The holder of the right of interment or monumental agent/representative makes an application to the cemetery trust for approval to carry out a lift and reposition procedure.

Note: An application must be in writing and accompanied by the relevant cemetery trust fee.

# Step 2: Consideration of application

The cemetery trust considers the application. A trust should not approve an application if it considers it would be inappropriate for any of the following reasons:

* the nature of the soil would prevent or hinder the process
* it would be impractical because the place of interment can't be sufficiently deepened
* the physical state of the human remains
* in the case of a mausoleum, the chamber is not able to accommodate additional human remains
* religious, cultural, health or safety considerations.

Note: A trust must not approve an application if it relates to bodily remains that have been interred for less than 10 years.

# Step 3: Approval of application

The cemetery trust grants approval to carry out a lift and reposition procedure. Approvals must be in writing.

# Step 4: Lift and reposition of remains

Lift and reposition takes place.

Note: An exhumation licence is not required to carry out this procedure. Details about what may be done as a part of the procedure are provided in s. 90 of the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003*.

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