APSE Performance networks seminar 2021

Workshop D
Cemetery and Crematorium Services

Welcome

Today's facilitators and presenters are:

Andrew Bond, Wigan Council

Dave Jennings, Trafford Council,

Fiona Sutton-Wilson, Head of APSE Training

Ian Jones, APSE Associate

Peter Linsell, APSE Associate

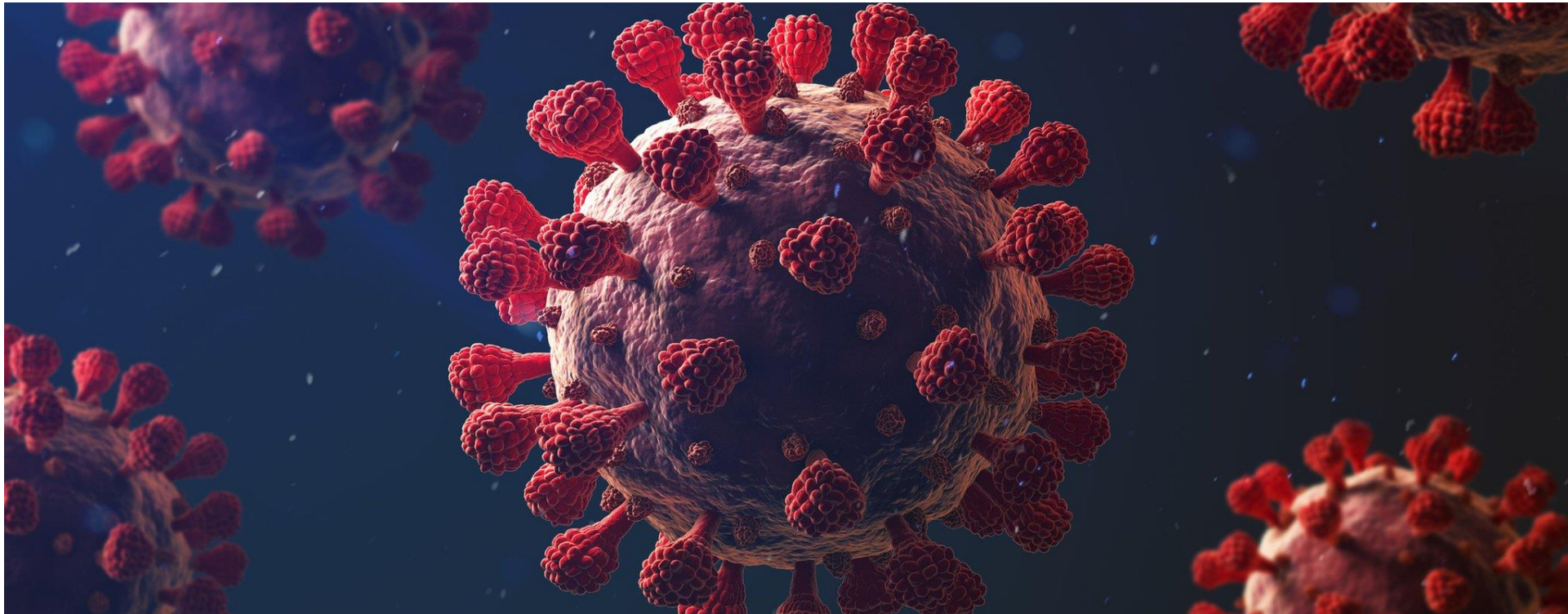
Topics covered…

- Environmental responsibilities e.g., electric cremators, natural burials etc.
- High maintenance cemeteries – a realistic option for the future?
- Lessons learned from the pandemic
- Memorial Safety Inspection App

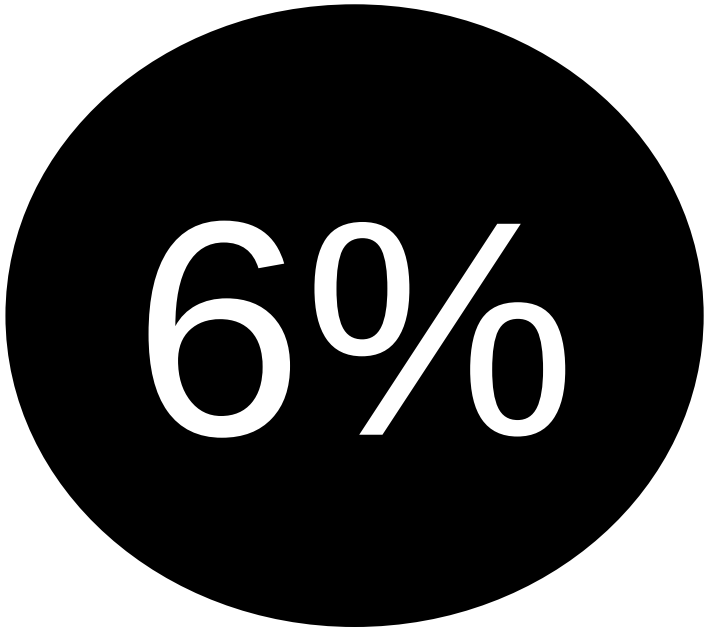
- Intro and key messages

The impact of COVID-19

- Averages for 2020 – 2021
- Compared with 2019 - 2020

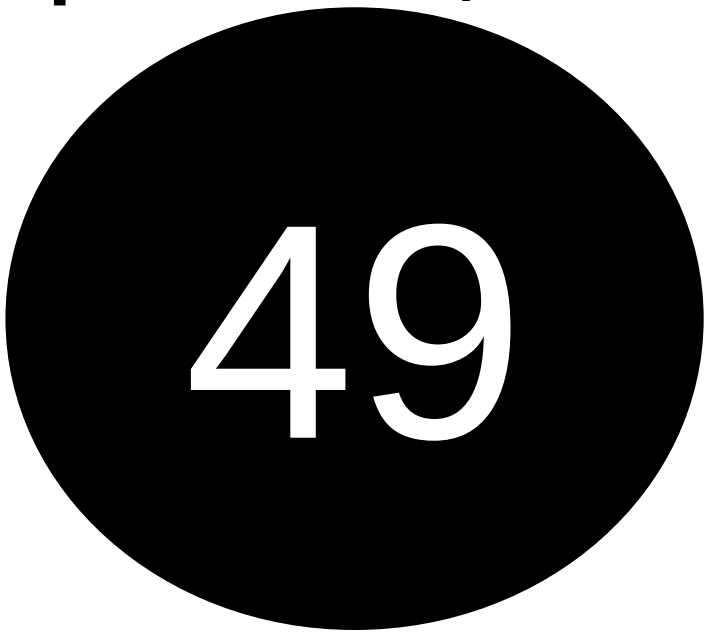


Average expenditure on PPE and other Covid related expenditure as a % of total expenditure



Average days lost as a result of:

Covid positive test (self isolating) up to 10 days, Track & Trace / advisory self isolation, quarantine, business closure



0.03 equivalent full time staff number lost

Average days lost as a result of:
Advisory shielding

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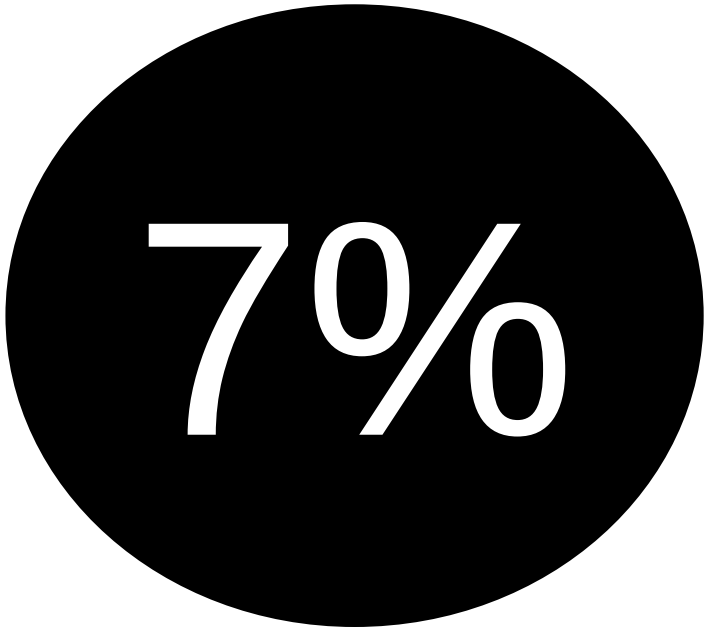
Average % change total staff

% annual change - burials



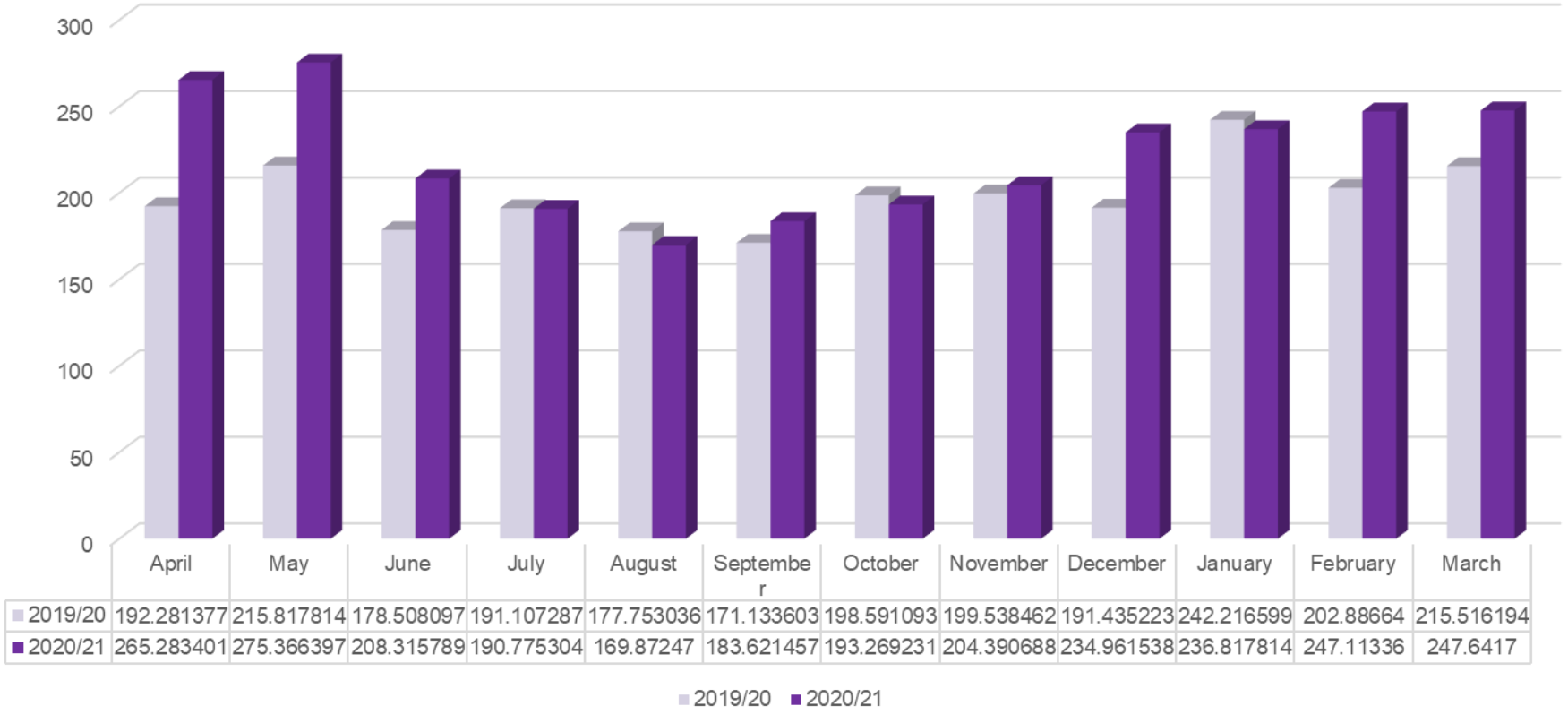
% annual change - cremations

PI 40a Percentage change in witness scatterings

PI 41a Percentage change in witness interment of cremated remains

PI 42a Percentage change in placings within niches

Overall burials and cremations



	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
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2020/21	265.283401	275.366397	208.315789	190.775304	169.87247	183.621457	193.269231	204.390688	234.961538	236.817814	247.11336	247.6417

- Climate change data

- Tea/Coffee Break

- Open discussion forum

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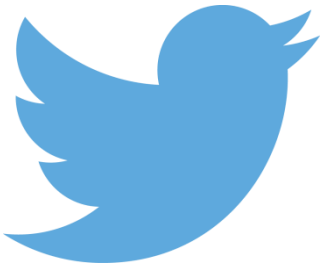

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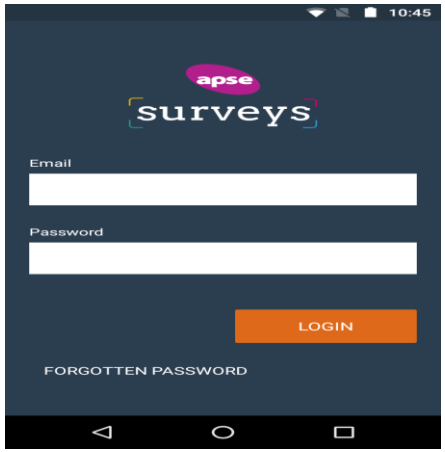

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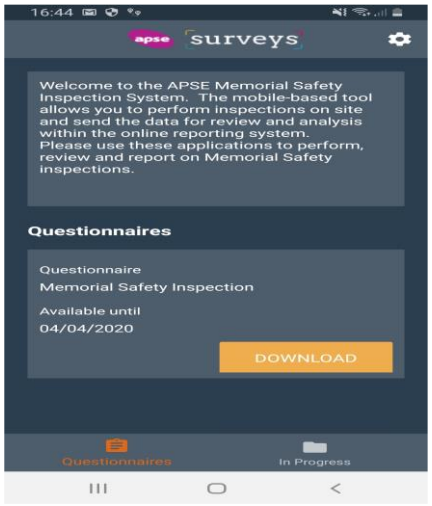

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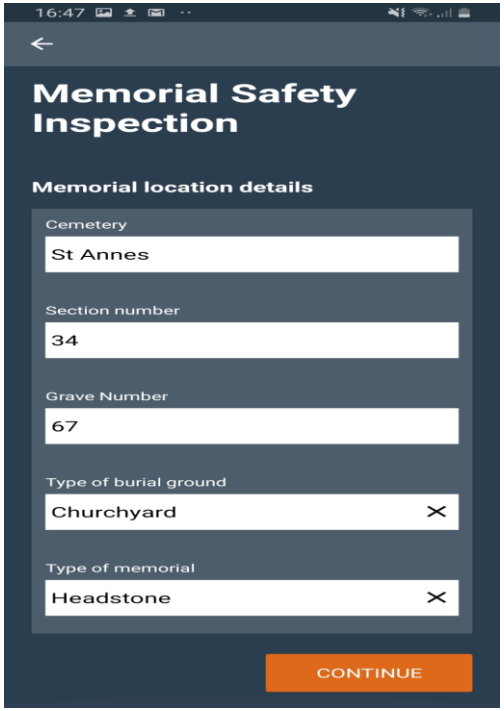

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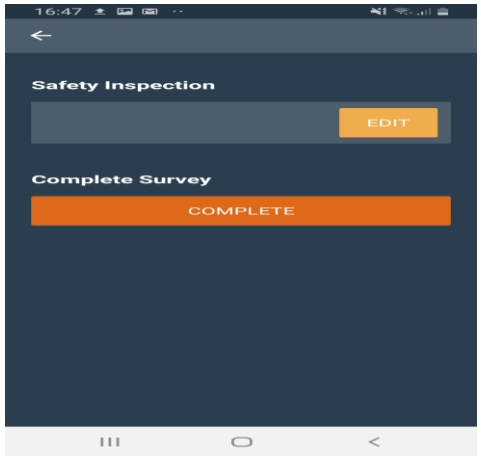

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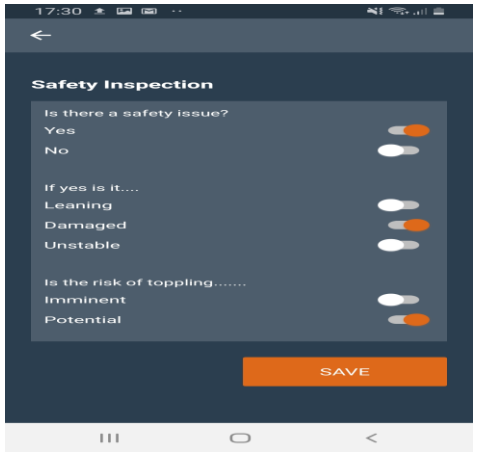

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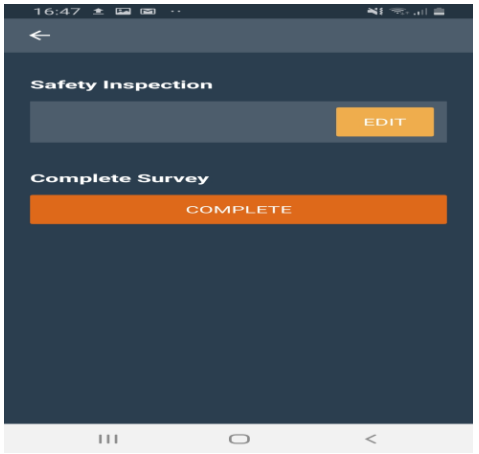

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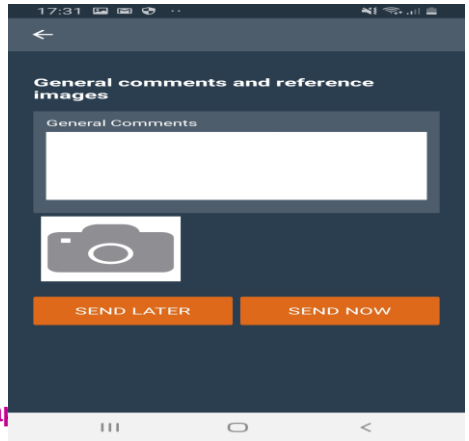

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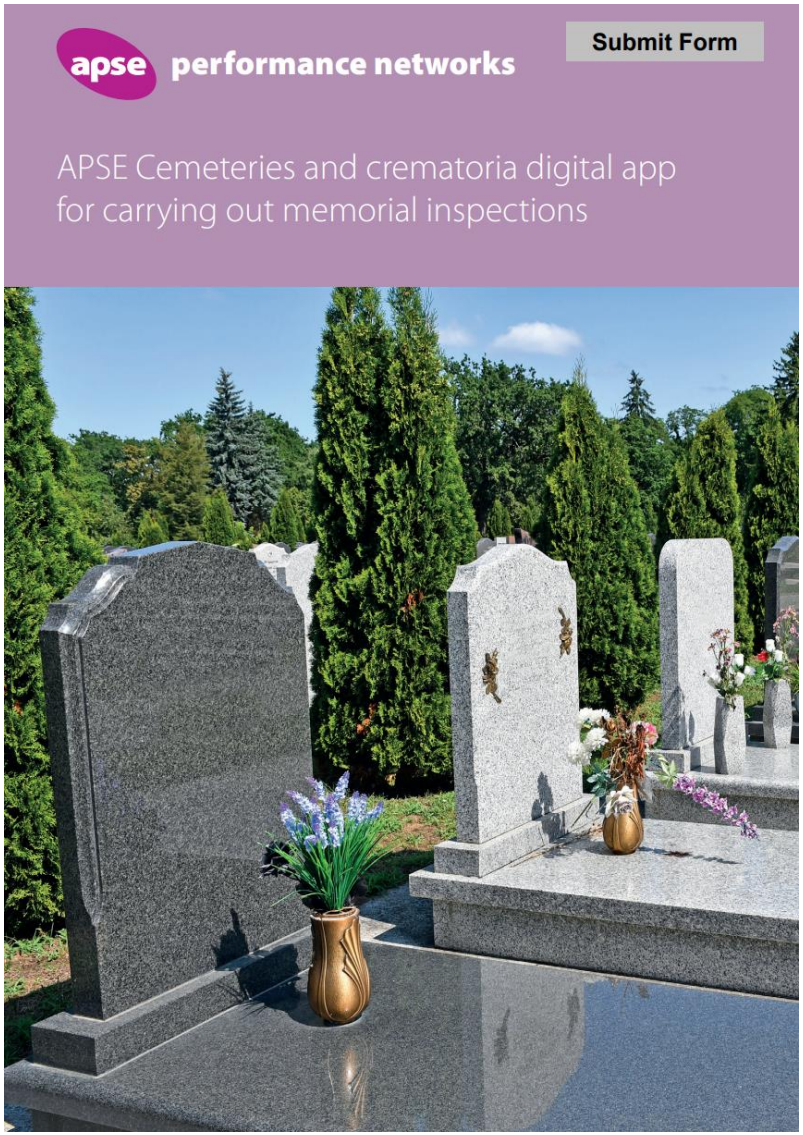

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- Action plan

Thank you

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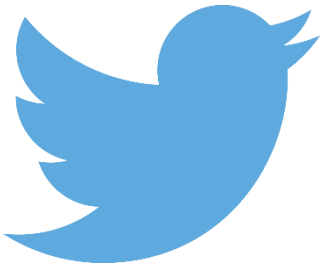

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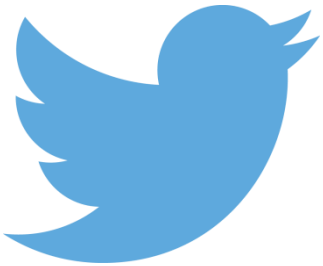

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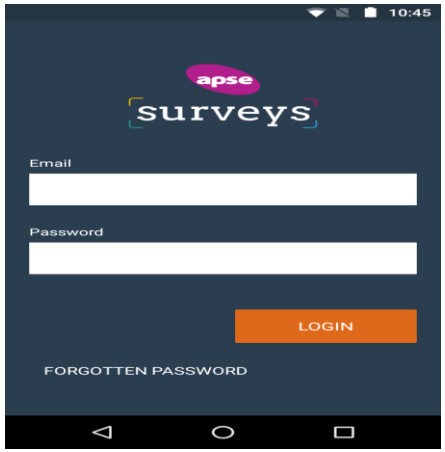

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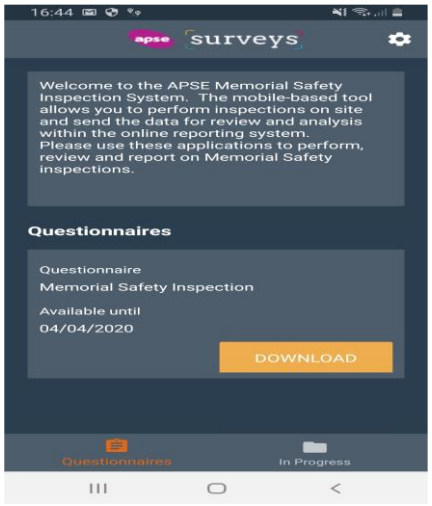

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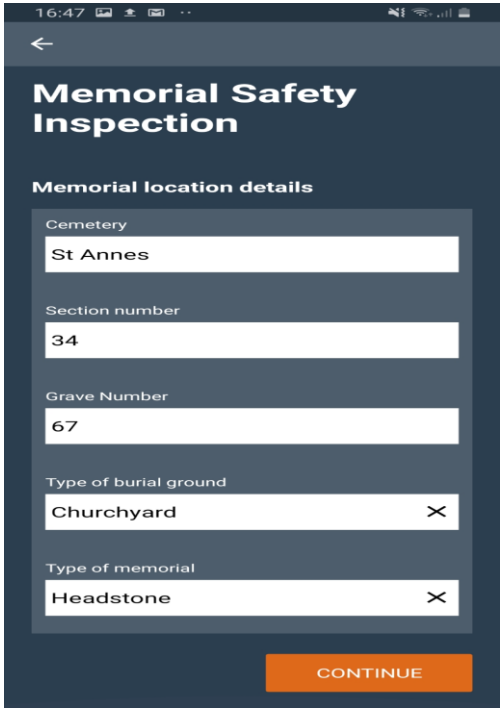

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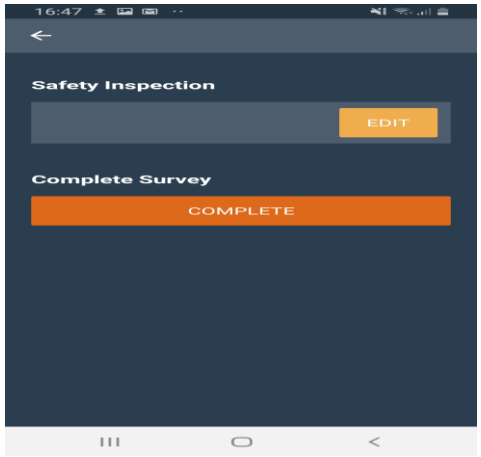

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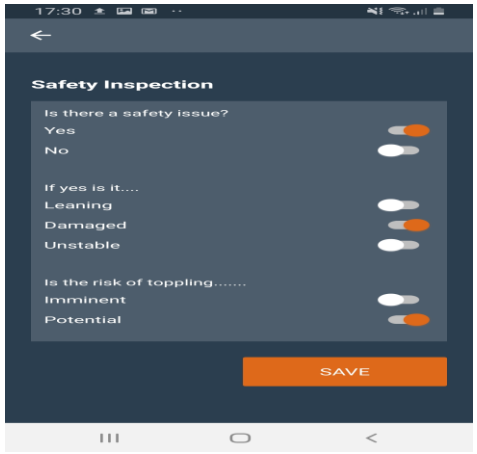

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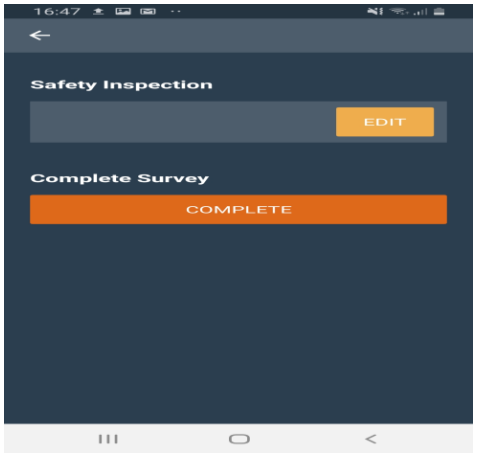

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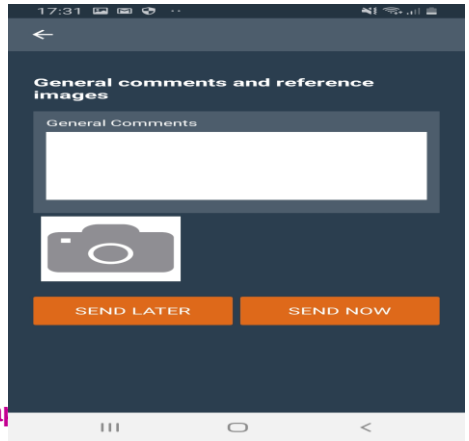

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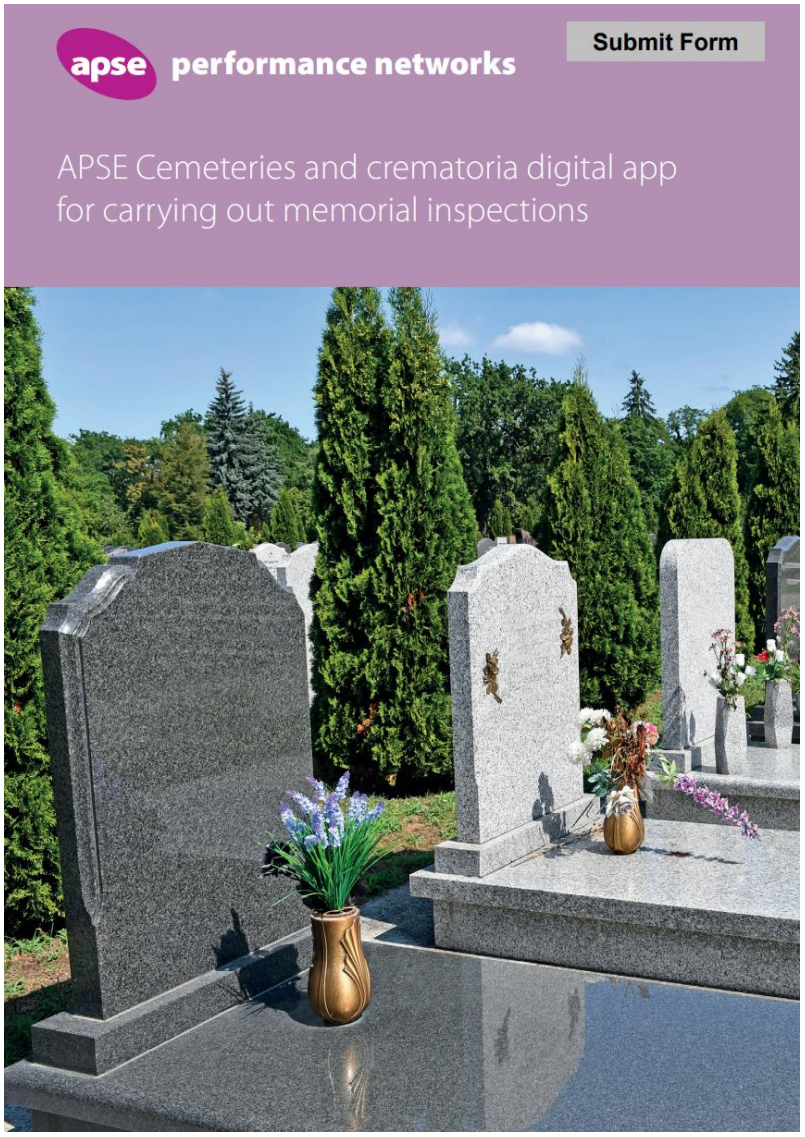

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