

Request title: Midwifery and Bereavement

Date of Response: 21st January 2016

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request and reply

- a) Does your trust have a bereavement suite available for use by parents in the event of limited life expectancy of an anticipated birth of a child?
Yes
- b) If the answer to (a) is no, what alternative arrangements are available?
Not applicable.
- c) If the answer to (a) is yes, would parents of a baby who turn up at hospital with a sudden infant death be allowed to use the bereavement suite?
Yes if it occurred within 2 weeks of the birth
- d) If the answer is yes to (a) where in relation to the Labour ward is the suite located?
On the labour ward
- e) Do you have bereavement trained midwives? If yes, how many?
All of the Trusts midwives have training for bereavement and there are 2 senior midwives who take a lead for this service.
- f) Do you have a trained bereavement councillor at the hospital? If yes, what is the average waiting time to be able access support from that councillor?
Yes for Maternity and Neonatal services and the average waiting time to access those services is approximately 6 weeks.
- g) Do you provide any written information to parents following the loss of a baby? If yes, please name the third sector organisation information is provided from
Yes, within Maternity services, information is provided by SANDS.
- h) Can you list the guidelines around infant death which are implemented by the hospital?
In-utero death 14-23+6 weeks gestation
In-utero death >24 weeks gestation
Neonatal bereavement
Child Death Procedures
- i) Does the hospital provide support around funeral arrangements for infants or babies who have died at the hospital?
Yes through our Bereavement Services
- j) Does the hospital advise parents on the advantages of having a post mortem conducted where this is not compulsory?