

# Practical arrangements for a funeral following the loss of a little one

## Under 24 weeks gestation (when the hospital arranges the funeral)

Patient Services



First of all we offer our sincere condolences on the loss of your baby. This leaflet seeks to advise you of the funeral arrangements we will be making with you. Below are some of the questions you may have:

### What happens next?

The law states that prior to 24 weeks of gestation no registration is required (unless the baby is born alive).

The funeral arrangements will be made by the Bereavement Centre, (location C51) in conjunction with the Funeral Directors and the Chaplaincy Department.

Bereavement Centre will write to you confirming the date, time and place of the funeral.

This is normally within one month of your loss. There is no restriction on who you can bring with you, neither are you under any obligation to attend.

**The prevention of infection is a major priority in all healthcare and everyone has a part to play.**

- Please decontaminate your hands frequently for 20 seconds using soap and water or alcohol gel if available
- If you have symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, cough or other respiratory symptoms, a temperature or any loss of taste or smell please do not visit the hospital or any other care facility and seek advice from 111
- Keep the environment clean and tidy
- Let's work together to keep infections out of our hospitals and care homes.

## Should I have a Burial or Cremation?

It is entirely up to you whether you wish to opt for burial or cremation. Both services start with a short service in the chapel. In the case of a burial your baby will be buried in the lawned section of the cemetery with a cremation the service ends with the committal in the chapel. You will be given a leaflet from Bushbury crematorium to explain in more detail the cremation process.

## Who takes the funeral?

Normally one of the hospital chaplains will take the service. You are welcome to invite your own minister / faith representative to take the service instead, the hospital would not be able to pay any expenses in respect of this person. Please let the staff in Bereavement Centre know if you prefer for someone else to take the service. We realise that some people may wish to have a non-religious service and this is available; please ask for details.

## Where does the funeral Service take place?

If you have chosen Wolverhampton for your funeral it will normally take place in the East Chapel at Bushbury Crematorium, Underhill Lane, WV10 7JG.

Funerals in Stafford will take place at Stafford crematorium and Walsall funerals can be held at Willenhall Lawn cemetery or Streetley crematorium

## What happens at the service?

The funeral service may include more than one family.

You will be greeted outside the Chapel by the chaplain / minister taking the service. You need to arrive at the chapel at least ten minutes before the stated time of the funeral. When the hearse arrives you will be invited to follow the minister into the chapel. A partner or another member of the family may choose to carry the casket into the chapel, or the funeral directors will do this for you. Once in the chapel the chaplain will lead you through the service. If you would like a piece of music played during the service please ensure that both the Funeral Director and the person taking the service knows about your request. Music must be ordered at least 48 hours in advance of the service. When there is more than one family present at a service the agreement of the other family will need to be sought for the music to be played.

If you have chosen burial then the service is followed by committal in the lawned section of the cemetery.

The lawned section does not allow you to put a memorial stone in the future, but you will be able to purchase a plaque to place on the memorial column in the lawned section.

If you have chosen Cremation then the committal follows straight away in the chapel. Any ashes that remain would be available to collect the following working day or dealt with as you have previously specified.

## How much does the service cost?

There is no charge for the service, burial or cremation.

## How can I find out more about the service itself?

The chaplain taking the service will contact you beforehand to confirm the date and time of the service. They will be more than willing to talk through any issues concerning the funeral or related issues.

## Useful Contact Numbers

**Bereavement Centre:**

01902 695091

**Hospital:**

01902 307999

**Chaplaincy Office:**

01902 695098

**Funeral Directors:**

01902 423708

**Specialist Nurse for Bereavment services (early pregnancy):**

07917 398313

**Swan Suite:**

01902 695516

**SANDS: National stillbirth and Neonatal death charity:**

Tel: 020 7436 5881

helpline @ uk-sands.org

**SANDS: Local:**

Email: wolverhamptionsands@yahoo.co.uk

**LAPS (Looking After Parents and Siblings)**

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/LAPSWolverhampton](http://www.facebook.com/LAPSWolverhampton)

**Lilymae foundation**

Tel: 01676 535716

<https://www.lilymaefoundation.org/><https://www.lilymaefoundation.org/>

**The Miscarriage Association:**

01924 200799

info@miscarriageassociation.org.uk

**Antenatal Results and Choices:**

0207 713 7486

arc-uk.org

**Twins trust**

Email: Bereavementsupport@twinstrust.org

## Specialist Midwives for Bereavement Services

Our bereavement midwives are here to support families following the loss of a baby, they can provide additional information regarding funeral choices and act as a link between the hospital and home.

Carole Sadler - 01902 695149 or 07814 249255

Email: carole.sadler@nhs.net

Kirsty Malcolm - 01902 695168 07341 123002

Email: kirsty.malcolm3@nhs.net

## Annual Service of Remembrance

There is an annual service of remembrance for the little ones which is held at the beginning of November each year. Please contact the Chaplaincy Department on the number given above for more details or to be sent an invite to the service.

## English

If you need information in another way like easy read or a different language please let us know.

If you need an interpreter or assistance please let us know.

## Lithuanian

Jeigu norėtumėte, kad informacija jums būtų pateikta kitu būdu, pavyzdžiui, supaprastinta forma ar kita kalba, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

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## Polish

Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać te informacje w innej postaci, na przykład w wersji łatwej do czytania lub w innym języku, prosimy powiedzieć nam o tym.

Prosimy poinformować nas również, jeżeli potrzebowaliby Państwo usługi tłumaczenia ustnego lub innej pomocy.

## Punjabi

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## Romanian

Dacă aveți nevoie de informații în alt format, ca de exemplu caractere ușor de citit sau altă limbă, vă rugăm să ne informați.

Dacă aveți nevoie de un interpret sau de asistență, vă rugăm să ne informați.

## Traditional Chinese

如果您需要以其他方式了解信息，如易读或其他语种，请告诉我们。

如果您需要口译人员或帮助，请告诉我们。