

## Further information

Information on who to contact, ie web sites / telephone numbers of other departments / organisations which may be of help.

## How to contact us

### Patient Services

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# Information leaflet for pregnancy loss over 12 weeks

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### Patient Services

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## Information leaflet for pregnancy loss over 12 weeks

Dear Patient,

We wish to express our sincere condolences following the loss of your baby. We understand that this may be a difficult time for you, this leaflet contains information to assist you in understanding the process that will follow.

During your admission your nurse/midwife would have explained to you the process that follows and asked you to read and sign a consent form following your pregnancy loss. Following the loss of your baby, in some cases this may require further examination.

Arrangements will be made following your consent for making the necessary funeral arrangements. The Patient Affairs Team will arrange for a private cremation at the local crematorium and a hospital chaplain will attend the ceremony to ensure dignity and respect at the time of the service. We will only contact you if you have consented for us to do so.

The Patient Affairs Team can also advise and support you regarding your options, at times there maybe a cost incurred and these will be met by you.

Depending on the development of your baby will determine whether we are able to provide you with hand or footprints or any photographs available to you.

Your nurse/midwife will discuss this with you in further detail. If you have any medical questions following your discharge please contact the ward and they will be very pleased to help you.

The consent form which you have signed will accompany your pregnancy remains for examination. Following discharge, if you have any concerns about the arrangement we have made with you during consent please contact the Patient Affairs office from Monday to Friday during the hours of 9.00am to 16.00pm on telephone number **01923 217 114**. If the office is closed you may leave a message on the answer phone and your call will be returned when the office reopens.

Patient Affairs can only discuss any change or enquiry with the patient who is named and who signed the consent form.

If you feel you would like to talk about your loss please contact the Spiritual and Pastoral Care Department who will either assist you personally or recommend other appropriate avenues of support.