

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 under 12 weeks

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Watford General Hospital

Hemel Hempstead Hospital

St Albans City Hospital

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Information leaflet for pregnancy loss under 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.

Your pregnancy remains will go to Histopathology for examination and if fetal tissue is identified the hospital will arrange for a private cremation at West Herts Crematorium, this is a private arrangement between the Trust and the Crematorium.

You will not be invited to attend and the hospital will not contact you unless you have ticked the consent form stating you wish to make your own independent funeral arrangements.

As your loss has occurred at this early stage, we regret that we are unable to provide you with hand or footprints or any photographs available to you. At this stage, the foetus would not have developed sufficiently for there to be any ashes available following cremation.

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.