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আপনার যদি এই পত্রের অনুবাদের দরকার হয়,
তাহলে দয়া করে যোগাযোগ করুন :

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)
01932 723553

PATIENT INFORMATION FOR NEO-NATAL DEATH ON LABOUR WARD

Women's Health

Ashford Hospital London Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 3AA

Telephone **01784 884488** Facsimile **01784 884017**

St. Peter's Hospital Guildford Road, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 0PZ

Telephone **01932 872000** Facsimile **01932 874757**

Website: ashfordstpeters.nhs.uk

PATIENT INFORMATION

This leaflet is intended to give you additional information
to that received from a healthcare professional.

CARING FOR YOU WHILE YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL

Our midwives and doctors are here to help you in any way they can. They will try to answer your questions and to offer you the support you need. This will be an emotional time for you.

REMEMBERING YOUR BABY

After the birth of your baby you will be able to spend some time alone with him/her. Your baby may have lived for moments or even perhaps for a few hours. Your midwife will be available to support you during this time. The mementos that have been taken for you can be taken home, or they will be kept in your hospital records if you do not want to see them now.

You can spend as much time as you wish with your baby before saying goodbye. When you have said your goodbye, he/she will stay within the labour ward until being transferred to the mortuary chapel of rest. Your baby will be cared for in a sensitive environment at all times. Should you wish to see your baby again, this is best arranged through your funeral directors who can collect him/her as soon as you wish and support you whilst seeing your baby before the funeral. This of course is a very individual matter.

SANDS (The Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society)
Office telephone number/helpline **020 7436 5881**
Monday-Friday 09.30 - 17.30 hours or answerphone out of hours
Email: Helpline@UK-SANDS.Org
Website: www.UK-SANDS.org

Woking Crematorium **01483 472197**

The Natural Death Centre (for information
and guidance on Woodland Burial) **020 73598391**

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If you are on a low income you may also be eligible for Sure Start Maternity grant and funeral expenses payment.

Child benefit is also paid for up to eight weeks after the date of your baby's death, some parents may find this strange but it is important that parents are aware of this option and that you need to claim within three months of his/her death.

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

The Trust holds an annual Ceremony of Remembrance for children who die at any age, from early pregnancy to adulthood. This ceremony usually takes place on the last Saturday in **June** and the Bereavement Support Midwives (**01932 722879**) or the Hospital Chaplains (**01932 723324**) can give you more details.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

A Children's Book of Remembrance is kept in the Hospital Chapel. If you would like your baby's name to be included in the book please contact the Bereavement Support Midwives/Hospital Chaplains.

SOME USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Bereavement Support Midwives	01932 722879
The Patient Affairs Officer	01932 722319
Hospital Chaplain via Hospital Switchboard	01932 872000
Birth Reflections Service	01932 722879
The Miscarriage Association	01924 200799
ARC - Ante-Natal Results and Choices	020 7631 0285

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL NEEDS

You may have very specific religious, cultural or other needs and we wish to ensure that these needs are met. Please let us know what your requirements are, and how we can help you.

A BLESSING FOR YOUR BABY

When your baby is born, your midwife, with your permission, can contact one of the Hospital Chaplains or your own religious Leader. Even if you do not have a religious faith, you may find it helpful to talk to one of them, and you may like a blessing for your baby. A Certificate of Blessing will be given to you.

A POST-MORTEM FOR YOUR BABY

In certain circumstances your Consultant may feel it would be helpful for your baby to have a post-mortem. If so you will be given the verbal and written information that you need on order to reach a decision about whether you feel this is appropriate. You do not have to agree to a post-mortem, and it can only go ahead if you have given your written consent. You may decide to agree to a full post-mortem, or to a more limited examination. Your baby's post-mortem will take place at St. George's Hospital, London. The results of the post-mortem may not be ready for up to ten weeks. However your baby will be released much earlier than this so that you can make funeral arrangements.

REGISTERING YOUR BABY

When you leave the Hospital you will need to register both the birth and the death of your baby. This is a legal requirement and your midwife will give you a Medical Death Certificate for you to take to the

Registrar. The Registrar will issue you with both a Birth Certificate and a Death Certificate. You will also be given a form permitting you to make funeral arrangements. You will need to take this form to your chosen Funeral Director.

The Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages is based in Weybridge:

The Register Office
81 Oatlands Drive
Weybridge KT13 9LN

Tel: **08456 009 009**

and is open Monday – Friday, 09.00 –16.30 hours except Wednesdays when the office opens at 09.30. It is best for you to ring the Registrar's Office and make an appointment with them.

ARRANGING YOUR BABY'S FUNERAL

You will need to give some thought to arranging a funeral service for your baby. The funeral service can only take place once your baby has been registered, and, if applicable, once the post-mortem has been completed. The Patient Affairs Officers (**01932 722319**) are available to help you make contact with a local Funeral Director and the Hospital Chaplains (**01932 723324**) are happy to offer you advice in planning the service. There is often no charge for a Cremation service, although there may be restrictions on the time of day that the service can take place. If you choose to have a burial service you will find that most local cemeteries charge for a baby's grave. These charges may vary.

If your baby is having a post-mortem you need to bear in mind that it may be about three weeks before he/she will be ready for the funeral service.

FOLLOW-UP CARE FOR YOU

The community midwife will be in touch with you to arrange a visit. Your midwife will be able to discuss with you such issues as leakage of breast milk, vaginal blood loss, contraception and any concerns you may have.

You will also need to make an appointment to see your GP for your post-natal check up at about six weeks. You will also be offered an appointment with your consultant once the post-mortem results are available. One of the Bereavement Support Midwives will also be in touch with you, or you can contact them on **01932 722879**.

MATERNITY AND PATERNITY LEAVE

You are entitled to the full normal maternity leave. You are also entitled to free prescription and dental care for one year after the baby's birth. If your partner is entitled to paternity leave this entitlement still holds.

BENEFITS

If you are eligible for statutory Maternity Pay or Maternity Allowance you will be entitled to these.

If your partner is still entitled to statutory Paternity Pay this still holds.