

Information Governance Department  
Blackpool Victoria Hospital  
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FY3 8NR

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Dear,

Thank you for your recent request for information.

**(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?**

We have a Bereavement suite on Delivery suite

**(b) If the answer to (a) is no, what alternative arrangements are available?**

**(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?**

**Over 28days old with permission from the coroner our families will have choice of where the baby would be cared for, Butterfly Suite in Hospice, home , with the A funeral home or hospital mortuary.**

Under 28days old would have above choices and also have the choice of care on Delivery suite Bereavement suite , dependant on the Coroner.

**(d) If the answer is yes to (a) where in relation to the Labour ward is the suite located?**

Within Delivery suite, but with Sound proofed walls and separate access door to promote privacy

**(e) Do you have bereavement trained midwives? If yes, how many?**

We have 2 Bereavement nurse Specialists:

One in maternity caring for early pregnancy loss – 28 days

The 2nd is in child health caring for from 28 days – 16yrs

**(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?**

As above no waiting time

**(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.**

Information on Bereavement Nurse Specialist, information by SANDS, information on funeral services, information on registration and post mortem.

**(h) Can you list the guidelines around infant death which are implemented by the hospital?**

Bereavement Support Nurse Specialist Referral Criteria

Funeral Options For Pregnancy Loss Under 24 Weeks

Funeral Options For Stillbirths And Neonatal Deaths  
Stillbirth and Integrated Care Pathway – Management  
Support for Parents following Suspected or Actual Poor Outcome for the Newborn  
Missed Miscarriage  
Management of Recurrent Miscarriage  
Termination of Pregnancy (TOP)  
Death of a Baby/Child/Young Person  
Bereavement Support for families following the death of a Child

**(i) Does the hospital provide support around funeral arrangements for infants or babies who have died at the hospital?**

Supported throughout the choices by Bereavement Specialist, and by Hospital bereavement office. With written information from councils.

**(j) Does the hospital advise parents on the advantages of having a post mortem conducted where this is not compulsory?**

Given written and verbal information can be found on both SANDS and Child Bereavement Charity.

The following link is a customer satisfaction survey if you would like to leave feedback.

<http://www.bfwhospitals.nhs.uk/about/foi/foiq.asp>

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Yours Sincerely

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