

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE**FOI 3412****Bereavement**

- (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? **Yes**
- (b) If the answer to (a) is no, what alternative arrangements are available? **n/A**
- (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? **No.**
- (d) If the answer is yes to (a) where in relation to the Labour ward is the suite located?
- (e) Do you have bereavement trained midwives? If yes, how many? **1 full time Bereavement support midwife and identified staff with an interest and additional training in Bereavement in neonatal, gynaecology and maternity. All staff in maternity receive training on Mandatory training, gynaecology training to start imminently.**
- (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? **No, but have identified groups and organisations that can offer specialist counselling in the area.**
- (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. **Yes, all SANDS literature (Bereavement Pack for Parents) supplemented by trust literature**
- (h) Can you list the guidelines around infant death which are implemented by the hospital? **Yes**
- (i) Does the hospital provide support around funeral arrangements for infants or babies who have died at the hospital? **Yes, we have hospital funeral contracts and offer parent individual cremations or burials with a service with any after 12 weeks which they can choose to be a part of or not.**
- a) (j) Does the hospital advise parents on the advantages of having a post mortem conducted where this is not compulsory? **Yes, the trust has Drs and midwives appropriately trained alongside SANDS recommendations.**