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Sherwood Forest Hospitals
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The cost of a hospital arranged baby funeral (before 24 weeks gestation)

Information for you, your family and friends



Spiritual &
Pastoral Care

Introduction

We are so very sorry for your loss. We appreciate what a very difficult time this is for you and your family.

This leaflet is designed to give you some information about the cost of a hospital arranged funeral for baby loss before 24 weeks gestation.

We understand just how overwhelming the loss of a baby is and how difficult it can be to have to think about funeral arrangements. The Spiritual and Pastoral Care Team are available to support you through every step of this process.

If you choose to have a hospital arranged funeral, then we will organise everything in discussion with you. Please do speak to a chaplain with any questions you may have.

What is included?

If you would like the hospital to arrange your baby's funeral, then a chaplain will plan this with you. You will be able to make choices about the content of the service. This will be detailed in a printed order of service, which the chaplain providing the service will produce.

Included within a hospital arranged funeral is the option for you to travel with your baby to the crematorium or cemetery. If you wish to do this, the funeral director may collect you and take you to the funeral and then take you home afterwards, although this depends on where you live.

You can choose the colour of the casket for the funeral, with the option of white, blue or pink.

The chaplain arranging the service will take care of all the paperwork and liaise with the funeral director and crematorium or cemetery on your behalf.

What does it cost?

The cost to the hospital of the funeral is £249.

If you are able to pay this cost yourself, this helps us to continue to be able to provide hospital arranged funerals for families who experience the loss of a baby before 24 weeks.

We appreciate that not everyone can afford the full amount at once. Anything you are able to contribute helps ensure we can continue to support families by arranging funerals.

How to make a payment

Any cheques should be made payable to Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

For bank transfer, our details are:

Bank name: RBS (Nat West)

Sort code: 60 - 70 - 80

Account number: 10011633

Account name: GBS RE SHERFHNSFT

Reference: Funeral expenses (please include this reference so that the payment can be identified).

Cash payments can be made at the hospital's General Office or at the Faith Centre.

How to contact the Spiritual and Pastoral Care Team

Please speak to us if you have any questions or if we can be of any further support.

The Spiritual and Pastoral Care Team office hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Outside of these hours please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Telephone: 01623 622515, extension 3047

Email: sfh-tr.spiritualandpastoralcare@nhs.net

Further sources of information

NHS Choices: www.nhs.uk/conditions

Our website: www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk

Patient Experience Team (PET)

PET is available to help with any of your compliments, concerns or complaints, and will ensure a prompt and efficient service.

King's Mill Hospital: 01623 672222

Newark Hospital: 01636 685692

Email: sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net

If you would like this information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call the Patient Experience Team on 01623 672222 or email sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net.

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