

## Taking your baby home

This option includes the possibility for you as the parents to collect your baby from the hospital mortuary and continue with funeral arrangements from home. There is a legal requirement the mortuary must adhere to in order to facilitate this. The hospital recommends that the funeral arrangements for your baby are handled by a

For further assistance and information please contact :

Bereavement Midwife  
Toni.singleton@tgh.nhs.uk

Aidan Gaunt  
0161 368 9883

Central Delivery Suite  
0161 922 6172/6173

Hospital Switchboard:  
0161 922 6000

The Mortuary Team:  
0161 922 6059

Tameside Town Hall 0161 342 5032

Contact Sands For support on:



020 7436 5881



Tameside and Glossop  
Integrated Care  
NHS Foundation Trust



NHS  
Tameside and Glossop  
Integrated Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Funeral choices for babies over 24 weeks gestation

If you have a visual impairment this leaflet can be made available in bigger print or on audiotape. If you require either of these options please contact the Patient Information Centre on 0161 922 5332

If you require an interpreter, please ask an appropriate person to contact our central booking office between Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm on 0161 922 6991 to arrange this for you.

語言翻譯及病者支持服務 (LIPS):

如果閣下需要翻譯員在您的預約當日幫助您的話 請找一名合適的家庭成員 0161 922 6991 聯絡本中  
央預約辦事處來您您安排 我們的辦公時間是星期一至星期五 上午 8 時至下午 5 時

Językowo Tłumaczeniowa Usługa Pomocy dla Pacjenta (Language, Interpretation and Patient Support Service LIPS):

Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy tłumacza w trakcie swojej wizyty, proszę poprosić odpowiedniego członka rodziny o skontaktowanie się z Centralnym Biurem Zamówień (Central Booking Office), w celu zorganizowania tłumacza pomiędzy poniedziałkiem a piątkiem w godzinach od 08:00 - 17:00 pod numerem 0161 922 6991.

لیگوئج، انٹرنیشنل ایڈیٹیشن سپورٹ سروس (Lips)

اگر آپ کو اپنی اپائنٹ کے لئے مترجم کی مدد کی ضرورت ہو تو براہ مہربانی اپنے خاندان کے کسی موزوں فرد سے کہیں کہ وہ ہمارے سنٹرل  
بلک آفس سے پیر سے جمعہ 8.00 بجے صبح سے 5.00 بجے شام کے دوران 0161 922 6991 پر فون کر کے اس کا بندوبست کریں۔

Author:	Toni Singleton
Division/Department:	O&G
Date Created:	September 2019
Version:	1.0



You now have the difficult decision of what type of funeral you would like for your baby. It is important you have all of the information to fully understand the choices you are making. This leaflet will discuss the options that are available to you.

The staff taking care of you will be able to help and support you to make this decision. They will also ensure that the correct paperwork is completed.

Because your baby was born after 24 weeks, you are required to register the stillbirth at Dukinfield Town Hall or Glossop registry office. This is by appointment made by telephone call before attending. Once this has been completed, the registrar will provide you with a certificate for the burial or cremation of your baby. This is required by the funeral director of your choice to be able to collect your baby from the mortuary.

#### Funeral options -Burial or Cremation

The hospital offers a free of charge burial or cremation, both held at Dukinfield crematorium/cemetery, with the hospital contracted funeral director; Aidan Gaunt. You can contact Aidan to discuss your wishes and he will liaise closely with you each step of the way.

Of course, you are free to choose a funeral director of your choice. When arranging a funeral it is important that you choose a company that you are happy with. You may wish to consult a few funeral directors before making your final decision. All funeral directors will provide a simple funeral for your baby that will incur minimum or no cost to you, which would usually include;

- ◆ Limousine
- ◆ Cremation or Burial (in a baby grave at Dukinfield)
- ◆ Casket
- ◆ Minister
- ◆ Service

There will be a cost to you for any other specific requirements you have such as; flowers/decorations/order of service/extra cars/family grave

If you choose a cremation for your baby, there will be ashes available for you to keep. You will be contacted when your baby's ashes are ready for collection. Some families like to scatter ashes or keep them at home in a special place.

There is not a right or wrong decision, we suggest you take time to consider what you prefer, you may want to discuss with family and friends, or the midwives caring for you. You must do what you feel right for you.

In the Tameside area, Dukinfield is the only cemetery with a designated baby garden area. A burial here is free of charge, however, there is a requirement for a memorial grave stone which has a mandatory charge to families of;

£240 - stone plaque with 70 characters.

£360 - black granite with 70 characters.

£2 for each additional character.

£95 for addition of a motif

You can choose a burial in any other cemetery, however, unless there is an existing grave within your family, you would have to purchase the rights to the grave. These can cost around £1000 or more for residents of Tameside.

Cemeteries offer burials for various denominations - Hyde and Ashton Hurst have a separate area for Muslim faith (a grave here would have to be purchased)