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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 012575 – Infant death

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 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 - Yes
- d) If the answer is yes to (a) where in relation to the Labour ward is the suite located - Close to the exit
- e) Do you have bereavement trained midwives? If yes, how many? - All midwives have bereavement training facilitated by a bereavement study day, we have a Lead Midwife for Bereavement who leads a team of midwives and chairs the bereavement group.
- f) Do you have a trained bereavement councillor at the hospital? - If yes, what is the average waiting time to be able to access support from that councillor? - No, we offer support from the bereavement team and the chaplaincy service, this is immediate and follow on support can be provided, women are also sign posted to voluntary groups.
- g) Do you provide any information to parents following the loss of a baby? If yes, please name the third sector organisation information is provided from - Yes SANDS
- h) Can you list the guidelines around infant death which are implemented by the hospital? - Previabie Pregnancy Loss Guideline, Stillbirth Guideline, Neonatal Death Guideline.
These guidelines are benchmarked against National recommendation.
- l) Does the hospital provide support around funeral arrangements for infants or babies who have died at the hospital - Yes
- J) Does the hospital advise parents on the advantages of having a post mortem conducted where this is not compulsory - Yes