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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013159 – Pregnancy loss and miscarriage

1. Please provide copies of all current versions (currently handed to patients or in use by clinical staff) of the following documents where available:

a. Consent forms for patients for all kinds of procedures related to the following types of pregnancy loss: miscarriage (for example, manual vacuum aspiration or medical miscarriage), termination for fetal anomaly, and stillbirth;

For miscarriage - The Trust consent form is used for evacuation of retained products of conception

For termination of fetal abnormality - The consent form Certificate A Abortion Act 1967 form is used.

For stillbirth - Post-mortem consent form is used for all pregnancy losses from 20 weeks onwards including stillbirth.

b. Advice sheets and leaflets provided to patients for the following types of pregnancy loss: all types of miscarriage, termination for fetal anomaly, and stillbirth

Leaflets attached – Miscarriage, miscarriage management options, ectopic pregnancy, medical management of miscarriage

SANDS information leaflets – When a baby dies before labour begins and Saying goodbye to your baby - The Trust does not have an electronic copy of these leaflets but they can be found on the SANDS website [www.uk-sands.org](http://www.uk-sands.org)

Notes for Parents considering giving consent for a post mortem information leaflet. – see attached

c. Consent forms concerning retention and disposal of fetal tissue and remains following pregnancy loss (e.g. all types of miscarriage, termination for fetal anomaly, stillbirth);

All patients undergoing ERPC or histology of pregnancy tissue including ectopic pregnancy up to 20 weeks are consented using POC form.

After 20 weeks babies are either cremated or buried depending on the mother's choice.

The NVF 1 form is used for babies below 24 weeks gestation and the certificate 9 is used for babies above 24 weeks gestation that are to be cremated - see attached

There is also a Post-mortem consent form - there is not an electronic copy of this form if you would like a copy please let us know and one can be posted to you.

d. Advice sheets and leaflets concerning retention and disposal of fetal tissue and remains following pregnancy loss (e.g. all types of miscarriage, termination for fetal anomaly, stillbirth);

Post-mortem information form. Chaplains discuss funeral and cremation with parents on an individual basis.

e. Trust or staff policy/clinical guideline on informing patients who experienced pregnancy loss on the disposal of fetal tissue and remains, including any scripts or guidance on advice/information staff must provide.

Stillbirth guideline ( currently under review) attached

2. Has the Trust's policy/clinical guideline on the disposal of pregnancy remains changed after the publication of the HTA Guidance on the disposal of pregnancy remains following pregnancy loss or termination in March 2015? If yes, please provide details of these changes. You may also provide copies of previous versions of the policy/guidelines.

Work is underway to seek ways of providing cremation to all pregnancy tissue but as yet this work has not been completed