

Women's and Children's

Patient Information Leaflet (PL)

Following pregnancy loss (up to 13 weeks and 6 days by scan)



This information page is used on the Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit (EPAU), Emergency Department (ED), Theatres, ward 21B and Antenatal and New-born Screening (ANNB).

We are very sorry for your loss. We are aware that this is a distressing time for you. You may be wondering what will happen to your baby now. This information has been compiled to inform you about what happens at a time when a pregnancy loss has occurred. We hope the information will be helpful.

What happens next?

Following an early pregnancy loss, we want to ensure that all babies are handled in a respectful and dignified manner and in accordance with national requirements.

Normal Practice

If you have miscarried before 13 weeks and 6 days, the tissue or embryo removed from your womb will be taken to the laboratory. Later, it will be taken to the Crematorium at Crownhill where a hospital Chaplain conducts a short, dignified committal before the tissue or embryo is cremated. The ashes are then scattered in the Children's Garden of Remembrance at Crownhill.

If you would like a burial or to discuss other alternatives for the committal, then please contact chaplaincy using the number listed below or by email to chaplaincy@mkuh.nhs.uk

Support

Following pregnancy loss, some people are surprised by the strength of their feelings and are not sure how to cope with them.

You may find that you and your partner grieve/feel differently. These emotions are all valid but can be very confusing. If you would like to talk to someone while you are in hospital, please ask a Nurse to contact the Chaplaincy team, who are available 24/7 via the hospital switchboard.

Useful contacts:

Early Pregnancy Nurses	01908 996 434
Hospital Chaplaincy	01908 996 061
Bereavement Midwife	01908 997 157
National Miscarriage Association	01924 200 799
Hospital Switchboard	01908 660 033

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