

## Thank you so much for participating in our short survey on bereavement care provision.

It should take 20 minutes to complete. This will help us understand what is happening on the ground in bereavement care following pregnancy loss or the death of a baby. Please include information about all units where pregnancy loss or the death of a baby may occur. We will use the information gathered from this survey to help us lobby for more support for services and will share our findings with you.

If you encounter any issues while completing the survey, please contact [campaigns@sands.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@sands.org.uk).

## Information about your Trust or Board

\* 1. Please select where you are based

England

Northern Ireland

Scotland

Wales

## National Bereavement Care Pathway

2. If your trust has signed up to the National Bereavement Care Pathway, in your view is your Trust...

- Working towards compliance
- Compliant
- Championing
- We are not signed up

### Information about your Trust or Board

\* 3. Name of Trust/Board

If your Trust/Board is not in the drop-down list, please write the name here:

### Information about your Trust or Board

\* 4. How many maternity units are covered by the Trust/Board?

\* 5. How many deliveries were there in your Trust/Board in 2021?

- Under 2,000 births per annum at 24 weeks or later
- 2,000-3,999 births per annum at 24 weeks or later
- 4,000 or more births per annum at 24 weeks or later
- 5,000 or more births per annum at 24 weeks or later.

\* 6. Is there a foetal medicine unit within the Trust/Board?

Yes

No

7. If yes, please list the hospital/s where it/these are located

\* 8. Is there a neonatal intensive care unit within the Trust/Board?

Yes

No

9. If yes, please list the hospital/s where it/these are located

## Staff

\* 10. Do you have a dedicated post or dedicated hours in someone's post to cover bereavement care for families following pregnancy loss or the death of a baby?

Yes

No

Don't know

11. If yes, please tell us which posts and how many hours FTE

*e.g. Bereavement Midwife, 0.5 FTE*

Post & Hours

Post & Hours

Post & Hours

Post & Hours

## Staff

\* 12. Are the staff who provide or manage bereavement care for families following pregnancy loss or the death of a baby at the Trust/Board responsible for...

*(please select all that apply)*

- Leading on the development of the National Bereavement Care Pathway (NBCP)?
- Regularly gathering and reviewing families/staff feedback?
- Assessing the quality and consistency of bereavement care?
- Implementing ongoing improvement plans?
- Leading on the Perinatal Mortality Review Tool?
- Delivering bereavement care training for other maternity staff?
- Organising external bereavement care training?
- Ensuring that the necessary paperwork is completed for all perinatal deaths on maternity units across the Trust?
- Ensuring that all maternity staff are aware of and familiar with all paperwork and guidelines relating to perinatal death?
- Ensuring ongoing support to parents after they have left hospital is offered?
- Ensuring additional support to bereaved parents in any subsequent pregnancies is offered?

**Training for staff**



## 15. Bereavement care training for staff is...

|                                    | Allocated for up to 60 minutes | Allocated for 120 minutes | Allocated for half a day | Allocated for 1 day      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Midwives                           | <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Obstetricians/gynaecologists       | <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Neonatologists/paediatricians      | <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Neonatal nurses                    | <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Early pregnancy nurses             | <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ultrasound practitioners           | <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Student Midwives                   | <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Student neonatal/paediatric nurses | <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A&E staff /paramedics              | <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Support staff                      | <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## 16. Bereavement care training for staff is offered...

|                                    | It is offered virtually<br><i>(live teaching through Teams, Zoom, Google Hangout etc)</i> | It is offered face to face | It is offered as e-learning<br><i>(an online &amp; automated, pre-recorded, multiple choice etc)</i> |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
|                                    | Midwives  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Obstetricians/gynaecologists       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Neonatologists/paediatricians      | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Neonatal nurses                    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Early pregnancy nurses             | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Ultrasound practitioners           | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Student Midwives                   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Student neonatal/paediatric nurses | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| A&E staff /paramedics              | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Support staff                      | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

17. If you are able to provide information on the content of the training and who delivers it, please do so here:

## Care and facilities

\* 18. How many maternity units within the Trust/Board have one or more suitable and sensitive rooms where bereaved parents can be cared for until they go home?

*Please enter a number below stating "0" if there are none*

\* 19. How many maternity units within the Trust/Board have one or more dedicated rooms which are only used for bereavement care?

*Please enter a number below stating "0" if there are none*

\* 20. How many of these bereavement rooms are situated where parents cannot hear other babies?

*Please enter a number below stating "0" if there are none*

\* 21. How many of these bereavement rooms are soundproofed, if they are situated where parents may be able to hear other babies?

*Please enter a number below stating "0" if there are none*



\* 22. How many of these bereavement rooms are accessible without having to go through any maternity ward?

*Please enter a number below stating "0" if there are none*

\* 23. How many of these bereavement rooms are equipped with facilities for partners to stay overnight?

*Please enter a number below stating "0" if there are none*

\* 24. How many of these bereavement rooms are designed in consultation with bereaved parents?

*Please enter a number below stating "0" if there are none*

\* 25. Are babies delivered in the bereavement rooms and spaces?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Not applicable

## Care and facilities

**\* 26. Are suitable and sensitive rooms available to families who experience losses within the units below in your Trust/Board?**

Neonatal

Accident and Emergency

Early Pregnancy

Other

Gynaecology

**If you have selected 'Other', please state where:**

**\* 27. Are protocols in place to enable parents to take their babies home after they have died?**

Yes

No

Don't know

**Care and facilities**

**\* 28. Who seeks consent from bereaved parents for a hospital post-mortem examination and how often (excluding post-mortems ordered by a coroner/Procurator Fiscal)?**

|  | All Cases             | Most Cases            | A minority of cases   | Never                 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Perinatal Pathologist                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other Pathologist                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Consultant (obstetric/neonatal)        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Registrar/trainee (obstetric/neonatal) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Bereavement Midwife                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Midwife other than Bereavement Midwife | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other                                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**If you have stated 'Other' please specify**

**\* 29. What would you estimate is the average wait for post-mortem reports in your Trust/Board (from the time that parents give consent to the time parents receive the PM report)?**

- Less than 4 weeks
- 4- 8 weeks
- 8-12 weeks
- 12-16 weeks
- more than 16 weeks

**30. When parents need interpreters, do units within the Trust/Board use...**

|                               | Never                 | Only out of hours emergencies | Only in emergencies   | Usually               | Always                |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Trained advocates</b>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Trained interpreters</b>   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Telephone interpreters</b> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Fathers or partners</b>    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Children</b>               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Other relatives</b>        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Covid-19**

**\* 31. Since January 2021, has Covid impacted your Trust/Board's ability to offer good quality bereavement care?**

- It has had a very negative effect
- It has had a very positive effect
- It has had a somewhat negative effect
- It has had no effect
- It has had a somewhat positive effect

**Please tell us more about your answer above if you would like to**

### **Information about who is completing the survey**

**32. This will not be published but may be used to contact you if we have any queries about your responses, to share results and about any future surveys**

**Name**

**Role**

**Email Address**