

Bereavement Care Standards

- 1. A parent-led bereavement care plan is in place for all families, providing continuity between settings and into any subsequent pregnancies.
- 2. Bereavement care **training** is offered to staff who come into contact with bereaved parents, and staff are supported to access this training.
- 3. All bereaved parents are informed about and, if requested, referred for **emotional support** and for specialist mental health support when needed.
- 4. There is a **bereavement lead** in every healthcare setting where a pregnancy or baby loss may occur.
- 5. Bereavement rooms are available and accessible in all hospitals.
- 6. The preferences of all bereaved families are sought and all bereaved parents are **offered informed choices** about decisions relating to their care and the care of their babies.
- 7. All bereaved parents are offered opportunities to make memories.
- 8. A **system is in place to clearly signal** to all health care professionals and staff that a parent has experienced a bereavement to enable continuity of care.
- 9. Healthcare staff are provided with, and can access, **support and resources** to deliver high quality bereavement care.