

# Hospital Cremation Service after the loss of a baby in early pregnancy (under 14 weeks)

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Early pregnancy assessment unit [Patient information](#)

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## Remembering your baby

The loss of a baby at any stage of pregnancy can be a devastating experience. Although we cannot share your feelings, we wish to express our sadness and offer our help in any way we can. When you are experiencing grief, it may be helpful to share your feelings with your family, friends, or a member of staff. There are nurses, doctors, counsellors, and chaplains who will listen to you and try to help.

We will be arranging to cremate your baby at Bournemouth Crematorium.

Please note that this is a communal cremation service which is shared with other families who have experienced the loss of a baby. Unfortunately, the hospital is not able to offer an individual cremation or burial service.

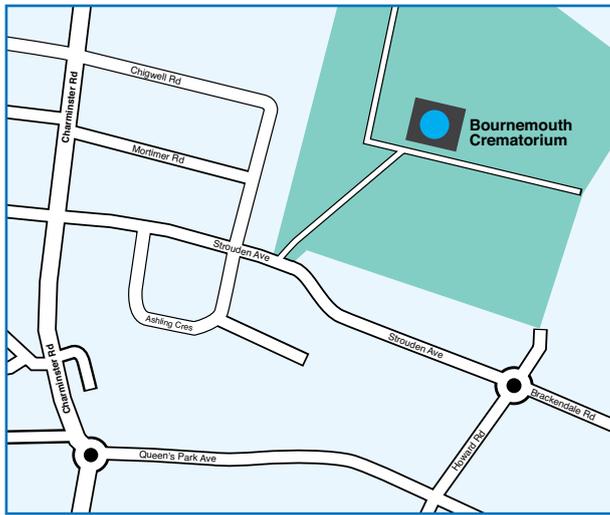
You will be contacted by our bereavement team to inform you of the date of the service for your baby's cremation if you wish to attend.

The cremation is at 9.45am on the last Tuesday of every month.

During this short remembrance service, you will have the opportunity to write a personal message to your baby if you wish. This will be placed on the top of the casket and when we commit your baby for cremation, this will be cremated as well.

The cremation will take place after the remembrance service and all of the babies will be cremated together.

We are sorry, but there will not be any individual ashes for you to scatter after this ceremony. The collective ashes will be scattered in the butterfly garden 15 days after the cremation service.



- **Bournemouth Crematorium**  
Cemetery Lodge  
Strouden Avenue  
Bournemouth  
BH8 9HX

## Individual cremation or burial

If you do not want your baby to be cremated in this way, you can arrange a private cremation or burial by contacting a funeral director of your choice. Your chosen funeral director will advise you further regarding the collection of your baby's remains. Unfortunately, the hospital is unable to contribute to the cost. Your chosen funeral director will be able to advise you about any fees involved. You can also take your baby's remains home with you if you prefer. Please discuss this with your nurse or doctor.

## Counselling support

There is a counselling service and a support charity which offer support through any loss in pregnancy. You can contact them directly.

**Counselling service:** call 0300 019 8752 or email: [uhd.maternity.counsellors@nhs.net](mailto:uhd.maternity.counsellors@nhs.net)

**SPRING Charity:** call 0300 019 8084 or visit: [www.springsupport.org.uk](http://www.springsupport.org.uk)

## Contact details

**UHD Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit 0300 019 5713**

**Royal Bournemouth Hospital chaplain: 0300 019 4221**

**Bereavement Team: 0300 019 4228 or 0300 019 2673**

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