



**Southport and  
Ormskirk Hospital**  
NHS Trust

## **PATIENT INFORMATION**

# **Termination of Pregnancy**

**Cremation Service Information**



## **TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY**

Termination of pregnancy is a difficult decision for most women. It is a chosen option for a variety of circumstances. It may help many women to know what happens to the pregnancy loss.

## **SPECIAL, RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL NEEDS**

You may have very specific spiritual, religious, cultural or other needs; we aim to meet those needs. Please let us know what your requirements are, and how we can help and support you.

## **LESS THAN 16 WEEKS GESTATION HOSPITAL CREMATION SERVICE**

A communal cremation service is held each month, on the last Wednesday of the month, at 10.00 hours at West Lancashire Crematorium. The service will take place 3 months from the date of your admission. The date of the service can be given to you from a member of staff on the ward if required.

Even if you do not have a religious faith, you might find this simple service of some comfort. It will last between 15-20 minutes and there will be the opportunity for you to stay in the Chapel for quiet reflection for longer if you wish. This service is open to all patients affected who wish to attend.

As this is a communal cremation service, there will often be more than one small coffin. A small bunch of flowers or single flower may be placed with the coffins either by

yourself, the religious Minister or the Funeral Director before the service begins.

A keepsake in the form of a pebble, petal or seeds to grow in your garden (feel free to take one of each) is offered to you. This is available at the end of the service.

Our Funeral Director and a Religious Minister will be present at the service. If you have any questions or wishes, please feel free to approach us and we will help where we can.

## **LOCATION MAP FOR WEST LANCS CREMATORIUM**



## **OVER 16 WEEKS GESTATION**

An individual funeral, either cremation or burial, is performed. This duty is undertaken by our Funeral Director and if you wish to be present, our Funeral Director will contact you to arrange the time and date. Individual services normally take place within a couple of weeks of your loss.

## **PRIVATE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

If you prefer to make private funeral arrangements, you can do so by contacting a Funeral Director of your choice.

There may be some costs involved, but you will be able to discuss these with your chosen Funeral Director. If you decide on a burial service, there may also be local charges for a burial plot.

## **SOME USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

### **Bereavement Office**

01704 704135

### **Hospital Chaplain via Hospital Switchboard**

01704 547471

### **Brook Helpline**

Free and confidential information for under 25's

0808 802 1234

[www.brook.org.uk](http://www.brook.org.uk)

### **Marie Stopes Helpline**

Information, advice and professional care for all

0845 300 8090

[www.mariestopes.org.uk](http://www.mariestopes.org.uk)

### **Pregnancy Advisory Service Helpline**

08457 304030 (local charge)

[www.bpas.org/bpaswoman](http://www.bpas.org/bpaswoman)

### **Family Planning Clinics**

Ormskirk Hospital – 01695 588224

Southport 44-46 Hoghton Street – 01704 385030



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Please remember to complete the **attached** *Friends and Family Test*.

Alternatively, you can complete the *Friends and Family Test* on-line by going to:

[southportandormskirk.nhs.uk/FFT](https://southportandormskirk.nhs.uk/FFT)

**Thank you**

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