

Bi-monthly cremation service for babies



Information for bereaved parents Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Jessop Wing

We realise that this is a very difficult time for you and we offer you and your family our sincere condolences on the loss of your baby. In this leaflet we explain what arrangements have been made for your baby's funeral service. If after reading the leaflet you need any more information about the arrangements or have any questions please contact Bereavement Services on:

- **0114 226 8425**

The service is intended to help parents gain comfort in knowing that their baby has been cared for in a sensitive manner and has received a dignified funeral. If you do not wish to attend, please do not feel under any obligation to do so.

When is the service?

The cremation service is held twice a month at City Road Crematorium, Sheffield. Approximately two weeks before the service you will be contacted in writing about the date and time of your baby's funeral.

Can my family attend the service?

Parents and other family members or friends are very welcome to attend the short service.

What happens on the day of the service?

On the morning of the service the Funeral Director will take your baby to the Crematorium. The Funeral Director uses an estate car for this purpose rather than a hearse.

How do I get to the service?

Parents and other family members or friends must make their own way to the Crematorium. Directions are shown overleaf.

About the service

The service in the Crematorium's Chapel will last approximately 15 minutes and will be conducted by one of the hospital Chaplains. Please be aware that a number of babies, of similar age to your own baby, will be commemorated at the service.

Each baby is placed in its own individual casket and each casket contains the full name of the baby or the name 'Baby' followed by the parent's chosen surname.

At the beginning of the service you will be given the opportunity to carry your baby's casket into the Crematorium. If you do not wish to do this, the casket will be carefully brought into the Crematorium by the Funeral Director or Chaplain.

Parents may wish to bring a small wreath or flower posy to place on the casket. Please do not bring more than one floral tribute as there is not a lot of space on the casket.

As part of the service, the Chaplain will read out all the babies' names (unless any parents request otherwise). The service will contain readings, appropriate music and an act of committal.

At the end of the service, an individual flower will be supplied by the Chaplain. You will be invited to place this on your baby's casket before leaving the Chapel.

After the service

If you would like to take home the flowers you brought with you please let the Funeral Director or Chaplain know and they will collect them for you. Otherwise they will be placed in the wreath garden. The individual flowers supplied by the Chaplain will be cremated.

Ashes (cremated remains)

We may be able to provide parents with their baby's individual ashes. This can be discussed and requested prior to the service. Your baby's ashes should be available to collect from the City Road Bereavement Services office the week after the service. Opening hours are 9.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday. Any remaining ashes are scattered in Section Q of City Road Cemetery.

Directions to City Road Crematorium

City Road, Sheffield, S2 1GD

From Sheffield City Centre:

From the Park Square roundabout take the B6070 Duke Street exit, continue along this road as it turns into the A6135 City Road. The entrance to City Road Cemetery and Crematorium will be on the left hand side of the road. Enter the grounds via the stone archway and follow the signs for the Crematorium and Chapel. Parking is permitted throughout the grounds.

From the M1 motorway:

Exit at junction 33; follow A630/A57/A61 Sheffield Parkway to the Park Square roundabout. From the Park Square roundabout take the B6070 Duke Street exit, continue along this road as it turns into the A6135 City Road. The entrance to City Road Cemetery and Crematorium will be on the left hand side of the road. Enter the grounds via the stone archway and follow the signs for the Crematorium and Chapel. Parking is permitted throughout the grounds.



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