

Bereavement Leads Group	
Wednesday 9 December 2015	
Shropshire Women and Childrens Centre. Princess Royal Hospital	
Brief Notes and Actions	
1.	<p>Apologies: Hayley Amos – Walsall Fiona Partington – New Cross</p>
	<p>Present: Holly Haden – Bereavement Midwife DGH Bev Paterson- Lead Midwife Bereavement DGH Carole Sadler-Lead Midwife New Cross Jo Cookson-Practice Educator SSBCNMN Nicola Ashdown-Senior Clinical Staff Nurse RSUH Jan Latham-Bereavement Specialist Midwife SaTH (Chair for this meeting)</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 24th June 2015 Agreed, Bev still to get PM reports emailed from BWH to DGH is in weekly contact with the Histopathology Dept.</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising <u>Terms of Reference</u> Agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was felt there needed to be better engagement from units, it was thought that a Bereavement midwife or Neonatal Nurse to attend each meeting if not to send a representative. • Jo to email unit Manager for Neonatal Unit at Manor Hospital Walsall to see who could represent them. • Need to ask Mr Gornall if he could raise issue at next Maternity Network meeting. • Jo to liaise with Acorns Hospice and Donna Louise Hospice re member joining the Bereavement Leads Group. • Jan to liaise with Hope House Childrens hospice. • It felt it would be useful to have a SANDS representative in the group (could one be approached?) <p><u>Chair of Group</u> It was agreed the chair for future meetings would be from the host hospital.</p>
4.	<p>Practical Issues <u>Cooling Cots</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGH have 2 • New Cross – 2 • Stoke awaiting one for NNU, Maternity have one • SaTH have 3 (2 donated last week by Shropshire SANDS)
5.	<p>Communication Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following IUT or Ex utero transfer - if then the baby dies there needs to be a process in place to improve communication. Letter needs to be sent from Consultant at that unit to the appropriate Consultant in the referral unit, this may be the Obstetrician or Neonatologist. • Funeral arrangements – each unit offer different arrangements, some units offer burial or cremation at any gestation of pregnancy, others only offer shared cremation for the non registerable births. <p>Ways to improve communication needs to be discussed at Maternity Network meeting.</p> <p>Set up links between units Bereavement Midwives/Neonatal nurse to enable sharing of information to improve the families journey.</p> <p>Bereavement links for each unit Separate table attached.</p>
6.	<p>Resources for Professionals Involved in Maternity/Neonatal Bereavement Care RCM Network – some group members found it difficult to get on to website. Directory:- some of the groups suggestions of useful support groups and contacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SANDS • Child Bereavement Trust • ARC • RCM network • Bliss • TAMBA • Hospices in region • Gov.UK • CRUSE

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3	A Bereavement midwife or Neonatal Nurse to attend each meeting	All
3	Hayley Amos at Manor Hospital Walsall to attend next meeting.	Jo Cookson
3	Sarah Carnwell to put on agenda for next Maternity Network meeting.	Sarah Carnwell
3	Jo to liaise with Acorns Hospice and Donna Louise Hospice re member joining the Bereavement Leads Group.	Jo Cookson
3	Jan to liaise with Hope House Children's hospice re member joining the Bereavement Leads Group.	Jan Latham
3	SC to ask SANDS for a representative on the group.	Sarah Carnwell
3	SC to amend Terms of Reference with chair for future meetings would be from the host hospital, and put final version on website.	Sarah Carnwell
5	When a baby dies following IUT or Ex utero transfer a letter needs to be sent from Consultant at that unit to the appropriate Consultant in the referral unit, to be put on the Mortality Group agenda.	Sarah Carnwell
5	Ways to improve communication needs to be discussed at Maternity Network meeting.	Sarah Carnwell to put on agenda with recommendations
5	Set up links between units Bereavement Midwives/Neonatal nurse to enable sharing of information to improve the families journey to be put as an objective for the Group on the Terms of Reference.	Sarah Carnwell
5	Bereavement links for each unit to be e-mailed as a separate table.	Sarah Carnwell
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