

Honeysuckle Team - General Patient Information Leaflet

The Honeysuckle Team are the dedicated baby bereavement team at Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust. The team consists of 2 bereavement support midwives, Marie Kelleher and Pauline McBurnie, and a bereavement support admin officer, Sarah Martin.

The Team's office is open Monday – Friday 8am-4pm, you are welcome to contact them either by phone **0151 702 4151** or email honeysuckle@lwh.nhs.uk

The Honeysuckle team are very sorry for your loss, we do not wish to be intrusive at this sad time but we would like you to know that we are here to offer support and advice where we can.

We can offer you and your family practical advice and information, help explain some of the formalities involved and guide you through the choices you may face during this difficult time.

Although we do not offer formal counselling we are here if you wish to talk as it may be helpful to talk with someone outside of the family setting. We can provide you with contact details for outside agencies that specialise in bereavement counselling in your local area.

The Honeysuckle Team run a monthly support group for parents and grandparents, with guest speakers, a library of books, craft table and refreshments provided.

The support group normally meets on the first Tuesday of the month between 6pm and 8pm at Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust –please contact the Honeysuckle Team to confirm upcoming meeting dates. Unfortunately at present there will be limited places available at the meetings and COVID-19 measures will be in place. If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting please email honeysuckle@lwh.nhs.uk with your interest to book a place. If a space is available you will receive confirmation via email with the date, time and location of the meeting, including details of the measures that will be in place.

The Honeysuckle Team are active on social media. We have our own Facebook page Honeysuckle Bond and two private closed Facebook pages one for families and one for Dads who have suffered the loss of a baby. To join one of the private groups, request to join Honeysuckle Community Page or Honeysuckle Dads Group.

The Honeysuckle Team arranges an annual remembrance service in October during Baby Loss Awareness Week <https://babyloss-awareness.org/> for all families to remember their babies. We will publish details of our service on Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust website and social media pages.

Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust has a special remembrance garden located in the courtyard behind main reception. Within the garden there is a metal love lock tree where families have placed special locks in memory of a loved one. If you would like to order a lock please visit Ladybugs Picnic Wirral - <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/LadybugsPicnicWirral> **Please note due to current restrictions in regards to Covid-19 you are unable to visit the garden unless you have a pre-existing appointment at the hospital.**

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Facebook – search Honeysuckle Bond or request to join our closed groups Honeysuckle Closed Community Group or Honeysuckle Dads Group.

Twitter - @honeysucklelwh

Helpful organisations

Antenatal Results and Choices (ARC) – Offers information and support for parents making decisions around antenatal testing, including when a baby has a significant anomaly. <https://www.arc-uk.org/>

Liverpool Bereavement Services – provides counselling support in Liverpool for all gestations – 0151 236 3932

Love Jasmine – provides counselling support in Liverpool for over 22 weeks gestation – 0151 459 4779 / enquiries@lovejasmine.org.uk

Child Bereavement UK 0800 028 8840

Child Death Helpline 0800 282 986 / 0808 800 6019

Children of Jannah 0161 480 5156

The Ectopic Pregnancy Trust 020 7733 2653
ept@ectopic.org.uk

The Miscarriage Association 01924 200 799
info@miscarriageassociation.org.uk

Muslim Bereavement Support Service 020 3468 7333
info@mbss.org.uk

SANDs
Stillbirth and Neonatal Death charity 020 7436 5881
helpline@uk-sands.org

SPACE is a Liverpool-based network that offers peer support to women who have experienced miscarriage or infertility – either recently, or at any time in the past.

The network was started up by a small group of friends who met during their own miscarriage and fertility journeys, and felt inspired to create a local support space for other women facing similar struggles. The network is open to any woman in the Merseyside area who would like to connect with other women for peer support.

- **Small group support** - a monthly online drop-in evening (currently online) is held on the final Thursday of each month for women affected by these issues to connect informally for a cuppa and chat
- **1-2-1 peer support** – an option for women who would rather chat to someone else with a similar story in a one-to-one setting, over a phone call/online chat, or face to face for a coffee or walk
- **Website support** – online support including a private Facebook space, real stories from local women, and signposting to lots of other recommended resources and support such as helpful books, podcasts and other organisations.

To find out more or to access the SPACE network, women can visit www.thereisspaceforyouhere.com

Or email the team directly at: thereisspaceforyouhere@gmail.com

TAMBA

Twin and Multiple Birth Association

0800 138 0509

asktwinline@tamba.org.uk

This leaflet can be made available in different formats on request. If you would like to make any suggestions or comments about the content of this leaflet, then please contact the Patient Experience Team on 0151 702 4353 or by email at pals@lwh.nhs.uk

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