



## Zero Tolerance Policy

We are committed to the well-being and safety of our patients and of our staff. Please treat other patients and staff with the courtesy and respect that you expect to receive. Verbal abuse, harassment and physical violence are unacceptable and will lead to prosecutions.

## Suggestions, Concerns and Complaints

If you would like to provide feedback you can:

- Ask to speak to the ward or department manager.
- Write to us: Patient Advice and Liaison Services, 1st Floor, Cobbett House, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9WL
- Log onto the NHS Choices website [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) - click on 'Comments'.

If you would like to discuss a concern or make a complaint:

- Ask to speak to the ward or department manager – they may be able to help straight away.
- Contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) – Tel: 0161 276 8686 e-mail: [pals@cmft.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@cmft.nhs.uk). Ask for our information leaflet.

We welcome your feedback so we can continue to improve our services.

## No Smoking Policy

The NHS has a responsibility for the nation's health.

Protect yourself, patients, visitors and staff by adhering to our no smoking policy. Smoking is not permitted within any of our hospital buildings or grounds.

The Manchester Stop Smoking Service can be contacted on  
Tel: (0161) 205 5998 ([www.stopsmokingmanchester.co.uk](http://www.stopsmokingmanchester.co.uk)).

## Translation and Interpretation Service

It is our policy that family, relatives or friends cannot interpret for patients. Should you require an interpreter ask a member of staff to arrange it for you.

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بماری بہ پالیسی ہے کہ خاندان، رشتہ دار اور دوست مریضوں کے لئے ترجمہ نہیں کر سکتے۔ اگر آپ کو مترجم کی ضرورت ہے تو عملے کے کسی رکن سے کہیں کہ وہ آپ کے لئے اس کا بندوبست کر دے۔

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Nasze zasady nie pozwalają na korzystanie z pomocy członków rodzin pacjentów, ich przyjaciół lub ich krewnych jako tłumaczy. Jeśli potrzebują Państwo tłumacza, prosimy o kontakt z członkiem personelu, który zorganizuje go dla Państwa.

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我们的方针是，家属，亲戚和朋友不能为病人做口译。如果您需要口译员，请叫员工给您安排。



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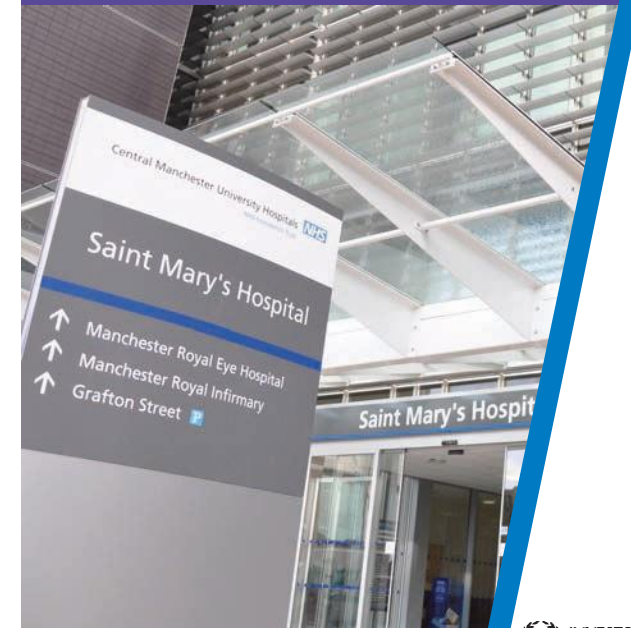
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## Saint Mary's Hospital Gynaecology Service and Family Support Team

# Examination and disposal of tissue following early pregnancy loss

## Information For Patients



## Why ask me to read this leaflet now that my pregnancy has ended?

We are sorry about your loss. We are talking to you now to avoid further distress. This leaflet explains the procedures that follow pregnancy loss.

A pregnancy loss may have occurred as a result of:

- A miscarriage – when a pregnancy ends unexpectedly in the early months.
- An ectopic pregnancy – when a pregnancy develops outside the womb and cannot continue.
- Or it may be that you have had to make the difficult decision to end your pregnancy because of fetal abnormality.

The tissue from the pregnancy is often called “the products of conception”. This is usually made up of the afterbirth (placenta), the lining of the womb and blood clot, and if present, the embryo or fetus (developing baby).

Sometimes, when products of conception are examined visually, an embryo or fetus is found. If a fetus is identified then a visual examination only is made of the fetus and any findings reported.

It is important for tissues from your pregnancy to be examined visually and under the microscope to confirm

the pregnancy and to rule out any abnormality which has not been previously identified. However, it may still not be possible to establish the cause of your loss.

If you agree to this examination, the histopathologist (a doctor who works in the laboratory) will select small samples of the tissue from your lost pregnancy for examination. The selected tissues will be retained by the hospital as part of your medical records.

## What happens next?

We need to know how you wish us to proceed with the tissue from your lost pregnancy. Your consent needs to be clearly documented to avoid any misunderstanding and to enable us to carry out your wishes.

## These are the options available to you:

1. The hospital can arrange for the respectful cremation of the products of conception, including the fetus if one is present, at the local crematorium.
2. You may make your own private arrangements for burial or cremation at your own cost.

If you would prefer the hospital to arrange for the cremation of the products of conception, you will be

given a two week period before the products of conception are cremated, in the event that you change your mind and decide to make your own arrangements.

If you have further questions, please speak to your nurse or contact the Bereavement Care Team where staff are available to offer you support and advice.

## Useful numbers:

### Ward 62

0161 276 6105

### Emergency Gynaecology Unit

(0161) 291 2561 (24 hours)

The EGU is located at Wythenshawe Hospital (enter via entrance 15)

The department operates a telephone triage service, you must call and speak with a specially trained nurse in before attending to plan your care

There are no emergency gynae or early pregnancy services at St Mary's Hospital, Oxford Road

### Gynaecology Ward F16 at Wythenshawe

(0161) 291 5060 (24 hours)

### Family Support Team

0161 701 8700

### Hospital Chaplaincy Service

(during office hours)

0161 276 8792

### Mortuary

(during office hours)

0161 276 4476