



# **national bereavement c a r e   p a t h w a y**

for pregnancy and baby loss

## **Standards for bereavement care**

- 1.** A parent-led bereavement care plan is in place for all families, providing continuity between settings and into any subsequent pregnancies.
- 2.** Bereavement care training is provided to all staff who come into contact with bereaved parents, and staff are supported by their Trust/Board to access this training.
- 3.** All bereaved parents are informed about and, if requested, referred for emotional support and for specialist mental health support when needed.
- 4.** There is a bereavement lead in every healthcare setting where a pregnancy or baby loss may occur.
- 5.** Bereavement rooms are available and accessible in all hospitals.
- 6.** The preferences of all bereaved families are sought and all bereaved parents are offered informed choices about decisions relating to their care and the care of their babies.
- 7.** All bereaved parents are offered opportunities to make memories.
- 8.** A system is in place to clearly signal to all health care professionals and staff that a parent has experienced a bereavement to enable continuity of care.
- 9.** Healthcare staff are provided with, and can access, support and resources to deliver high quality bereavement care.