



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

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The National Bereavement Care Pathway (NBCP), supported by the Department of Health and the APPG on baby loss, has been developed to improve the quality of bereavement care experienced by families at all stages of pregnancy and baby loss up to 12 months in neonatal settings or of sudden infant death.

- ◆ To ensure all bereaved parents are offered the same high standard of parent-centred, empathic and safe care when a baby dies.
- ◆ To ensure that professionals have access to guidance, materials and training to support their work.

Who's involved

The project is being led by Sands on behalf of a Core Group of charities and professional bodies.*

Best practice from across the country has been drawn on to help develop the pathway; a training pack is provided to pilot sites and an external evaluation is underway.

Next steps

- ◆ 11 sites were launched in October 2017 to pilot the pathway as part of wave 1
- ◆ A further 21 sites are coming on board from April 2018
- ◆ It is anticipated that the project will be rolled out in the winter of 2018/19

*NBCP Core Group Members

- ◆ Sands
- ◆ ARC (Antenatal Results & Choices)
- ◆ Bliss
- ◆ Institute of Health Visiting
- ◆ Miscarriage Association
- ◆ Neonatal Nurses Association
- ◆ NHS England
- ◆ A representative of the UK Health Research Community (based at Bristol University)
- ◆ Royal College of Midwives
- ◆ Royal College of Nurses
- ◆ Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- ◆ Royal College of General Practitioners
- ◆ The Lullaby Trust

Find out more via the core group charities' web pages or www.nbcpathway.org.uk.

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