

Notice of Motion

Motion to be moved by Councillor Beeson:

Council notes that one of the most traumatic things that people can go through is the loss of a baby, whether miscarriage or still birth, and that often this upset and trauma is made more difficult by the settings in which treatment takes place for those mothers. That often, those being treated for miscarriage or stillbirth, are treated in the same setting as mothers with healthy new-borns in the rooms and beds next to them.

Council welcomes the “Rainbow Clinic Service” in place at Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. The scheme to support parents who have experienced the agony of losing a baby, who have died during previous pregnancies or shortly after they were born, are being supported by a special pregnancy service in Hull.

Council recognises the work of campaigns such as ‘Tommy’s | The Pregnancy and Baby Charity’; Mumsnet’s ‘The Better Miscarriage Care Campaign’, and Sands, along with leading campaigners such as Anna Whitehouse and the Chasing Rainbows Chief Executive Officer, Samantha Catanach, as well as the work politicians have been calling for, such as the Liberal Democrats.

Council believes that we need to do more as a society through careful service planning and building design to support those that receive maternity care during baby loss.

Council resolves to:

- a) Asks the Executive to request that Health and Social Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Commission to investigate the matter of maternity care provisions for those going through the early stages of baby loss in Hull, and
- b) that the Overview Scrutiny Management Committee works with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Public Health, along with the Integrated Care Board, to develop solutions with Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust that can be implemented to support those affected.

Sources:

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