

FOI 3110

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

In relation to the paediatric pathology service and the current requirement that these are undertaken in Alder Hey, how are parents informed that they can travel with their loved one and have the costs covered by the Trust.

Response:

Parents who have had a baby that has died will be made aware of travel arrangements to Alder Hey as part of the consent process.

If a parent or parents confirm that they will be travelling to Liverpool to accompany their child during the journey, travel forms will be completed and the expenses will be covered by the Trust. Trust staff make parents aware of this.

There are videos that are shared with bereaved families who have experienced the death of a baby/child who has went for a post mortem to Alder Hey. There is also a video which shows the staff at Alder Hey and their roles in the post mortem process.

Alder Hey provide the family with a bereavement midwife who, make contact with the family and let them know when the baby arrives and is returning home.

Doctors are advised to discuss options with the families and make them aware of their choices.

Please see attached documents:

Travel Information Leaflet for Parents or Nominated Parent Representative for Paediatric/Perinatal Hospital Consented Post-Mortem (Attachment 1)

Parent Travel Form for Paediatric Hospital Consented Post-Mortem (Attachment 2)

Expenses forms and the links below:

[Hospital Post Mortem Examination of a baby,child,adult - All Documents](#)

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