

Bereavement Support for Families





The loss of a child is a devastating time for you and your family, and you may like some additional support. This leaflet contains information about other services that can help. This resource is a list of websites and information around baby loss and the loss of a child. NHS Shropshire Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board (NHS STW ICB) accepts no responsibility for the service provided by any of these groups or the content of their websites. This is correct as of January 2026.

If you know of any not listed or any links that need updating, please contact the Child Death Service on:

Email - stw.cdop@nhs.net

Telephone - 07917010518

Child Death Process

| Child Death Review Process | |
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| These leaflets explain the Child Death Review process and what happens next to bereaved families. |  When a Child Dies Leaflet.pdf  lullaby-cdr-booklet.pdf |
| HM Coroners | |
| Information regarding the role of the coroner and the coronial process which may take place after your child has died. | A Guide to Coroner Services for Bereaved People  Welcome to the Coroners' Society of England & Wales  |

When a Child Dies – NHS England

Leaflet on the process around child death and role of the keyworker.



When a Child Dies
Leaflet.pdf

Child Loss

2 Wish

Support for sudden, unexpected deaths 25 years and under.
Provide immediate and ongoing support, such as memory boxes, bereavement rooms within hospitals, counselling, play therapy and complementary therapy.

Covers the whole of Shropshire.

[Home - 2 Wish](#)



Hope House

Children's Hospice on the Wales border. Hope House offer bereavement support and a free and confidential counselling service to anyone who has been affected by the death of a baby, child or young person (up to the age of 18 years).

Counselling is also offered to siblings and children.

[Hope House Children's Hospices](#)



Shrewsbury Bereavement Group

Offers monthly support groups face to face in Shrewsbury.
Offering compassionate care, guidance and understanding in a safe space.

[Shrewsbury Bereavement Group](#)







Child Bereavement UK

Supports children and young people (up to age 25), parents, families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.

[Child Bereavement UK](#)



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| Provides resources for families, schools and professionals, books, films. | www.childbereavementuk.org/families/info-sheets Support Line: 0800 02 888 40 support@childbereavementuk.org High Wycombe (Head Office) 01494 568900 Milton Keynes 01908 550895 |
| SUDC UK | |
| Offers immediate connection with professional and peer support. Expert 1:1 guidance, advocacy and research referrals. Family days and supportive SUDC retreats. Community and closed support groups. Care packages, special cards and information. | HOME - SUDC UK  Family Registration - SUDC UK |
| CRUSE Bereavement Support | |
| Offer support for bereaved families through one-to-one support, support children and young people and grief resources. | Home - Cruse Bereavement Support  Tel – 0808 808 1677 |
| Winston's Wish | |
| Support, guidance and information for anyone caring for a bereaved child or a child facing the imminent death of a family member - for families and professionals. It provides resources and publications for all ages: reading lists, activities, how to tell a child someone has died, how children grieve, should they go to the funeral. They offer specialist support programmes for children affected by | www.winstonswish.org/supporting-you  Winston's Wish Freephone National Helpline 08088 020 021 Email: ask@winstonswish.org |

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| deaths related to murder, manslaughter, suicide or the military community. | |
| Teddy's Wish | |
| For Families SIDS, Stillbirth, Neonatal death – will send care packages free of charge to families if they contact them. Provide counselling up to 18 months post loss. | Teddy's Wish Baby Loss Charity  |
| Children of Jannah | |
| Children of Jannah is the first charity especially for Muslim parents who have experienced the death of a child. They offer meeting support groups and downloadable resources. | Home Children of Jannah  |
| The Child Death Helpline | |
| <p>The Child Death Helpline aims to provide a quality freephone service to anyone affected by the death of a child of any age.</p> <p>Callers to the helpline might be parents, grandparents, siblings, other family members, friends or involved professionals.</p> <p>It is staffed by trained volunteers, all of whom are bereaved parents.</p> | Home  |
| A Child of Mine | |
| A Child of Mine is here after the most unimaginable loss, after a baby or child has died. We are here to support families with emotional support, practical information and guidance. | Welcome - A Child of Mine  |
| The Compassionate Friends | |
| The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is a charitable organisation of bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents dedicated to the support and care of other similarly bereaved family members who have suffered the death of a child or children of any age and from any cause. | The Compassionate Friends Your loss  |

4Louis

4Louis is a UK charity that works across the country to support anyone affected by miscarriage, stillbirth and the death of a baby or child. We also work to improve the care bereaved families receive from health care and other professionals. We provide memory boxes filled with keepsakes and mementos to help families create lasting memories of their loved one.

[4Louis A UK Charity Supporting Families with Child Loss](#)



Child Suicide

PAPYRUS – Prevention of Young Suicide)

PAPYRUS is a voluntary UK organisation committed to the prevention of young suicide and the promotion of mental health and emotional wellbeing.

www.papyrus.org.uk



HOPE Line UK is a specialist telephone service staffed by trained professionals who give non-judgemental support, practical advice and information to children, teenagers and young people up to the age of 35 who are worried about how they are feeling.

Hope Line UK: 0800 068 41 41

Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org

SMS: 07786 209697

Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide

For adults bereaved by suicide.



Helpline – open 9am to 9pm Monday to Sunday 0300 111 5065

www.uksobs.org/

Email: support@uksobs.org

STW Suicide and Unexpected Bereavement Service

Available to families, friends, colleagues and anyone living in Shropshire Telford and Wrekin who feels affected by a suicide and can help find the path to the right support, understanding and recovery.

Call - 07483 906788

or email:

bereavementsupport@shropshiremhs.com

Life Limiting Illness – Child Loss

Hope House

Hope House is a Children's Hospice located on the Welsh border. Hope House offer bereavement support and a free and confidential counselling service to anyone who has been affected by the death of a baby, child or young person (up to the age of 18 years).

[Hope House Children's Hospices](#)



Children and Young People's Cancer Association

This charity covers all aspects of child death when a child is dying or has died from cancer.

[Facing the death of your child and bereavement | CCLG - The Children & Young People's Cancer Association](#)



Together for Shorter Lives

TSL is the leading UK charity that speaks out for all children and young people who are expected to have short lives. Their vision is for children and young people with life shortening conditions to have as fulfilling lives as possible, and the best care at the end of life.

<http://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/>







Rainbow Trust

Offers support to families in England with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.

[Supporting Children and Families | Rainbow Trust Children's Charity](#)

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Still Birth and Infant Loss

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| <p>The Stillbirth and Neonatal death charity supports anyone who has been affected by the death of a baby before, during or shortly after birth.</p> <p>Services include a Helpline for parents, families and health professionals; a UK-wide network of support groups with trained befrienders; an online forum; and a wide range of leaflets, books and other resources.</p> | <p>https://www.sands.org.uk/</p>  <p>Sands Website Shropshire Sands</p> <p>https://www.sands.org.uk/support/bereavement-support</p> <p>https://www.sands.org.uk/support/bereavement-support/practical-information</p> <p>Sands Helpline 0808 164 3332</p> <p>Email: helpline@sands.org.uk</p> |
| The Lullaby Trust | |
| <p>The Lullaby Trust raises awareness of SIDS, provides expert advice on safer sleep for babies and offers emotional support for bereaved families.</p> | <p>http://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/</p>  <p>When-a-baby-or-young-child-dies-suddenly-and-unexpectedly.pdf</p> <p>Bereavement Support: 0808 802 6868</p> <p>Email: support@lullabytrust.org.uk</p> <div>   </div> <p>Trauma-Resource.pdf lullaby-cdr-booklet.pdf</p> |

BLISS

Offers support for families of premature or sick babies, including bereaved families.

<http://www.bliss.org.uk/>



Petals

Provides counselling and bereavement support to every parent following the loss of a baby.

[Petals, The baby loss counselling charity - Petals Charity](#)



Saying Goodbye

Saying Goodbye provides comprehensive information, advice, and support to anyone who has suffered the loss of a baby, at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy. Part of the Mariposa Trust.

[Saying Goodbye - support for miscarriage and baby and infant loss](#)



SOS – Our Sam

Our Sam works to raise awareness, understanding and improve support, and access to support for anyone affected by baby loss following miscarriage, stillbirth, termination for medical reasons and neonatal death.

[SOS - S.O.S. Baby Loss](#)

Multiple Birth Infant Loss

Twins Trust

Twins Trust Bereavement Service offers compassionate support to families experiencing the loss of one or more of a set of twins or triplets – this includes peer

[Twins Trust | Bereavement Service](#)

to peer connections, online communities and resources,



Support for Men

Bereaved Dads Brotherhood

For fathers who have suffered the profound heartache of the loss of a child. Provides an online community for bereaved fathers – The Tiny Footprints Brotherhood – for grieving fathers to come together.

[Bereaved Dads'](#)



StrongMen

Man2Man is our telephone-based peer support service from a trained StrongMen volunteer with first-hand experience of losing a loved one. Counselling can be offered.

[UK Mens Bereavement Charity - StrongMen](#)





Sibling Support

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Offer advice, support and explanations to bereaved siblings.
Free resources available for siblings.

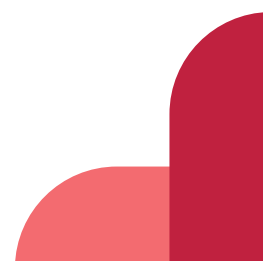
[Sibling Support](#)






| Bear Us in Mind | |
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| An online resource designed to help children who have experienced bereavement, separation or trauma. | Bear Us In Mind  |
| Bodie Hodges Foundation | |
| Provides memory bags for bereaved siblings, including those with SEND. Bags are free of charge and are filled with grief resources to support children in understanding grief and encouraging conversation about their siblings. | Memory Bags - Bodie Hodges Foundation  |

Memory Boxes and Keepsakes

| The Harvey Hex Trust | |
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| The Harvey Hex Trust is a national charity who support bereaved children to keep alive their precious memories of their siblings by supplying bespoke, personalised, durable wooden memory boxes and memory bears. | Harvey Hext Trust – Memory boxes for children who have lost a sibling  |
| Remember My Baby | |
| A UK based registered charity who have professional photographers volunteering their photography services for the benefit of UK parents losing their baby before, during or shortly after birth. | Home Remember My Baby  |
| The Lovely Keepsake Company | |
| Personalised jewellery, memory bears, grave items, candles. | Bereavement Gifts – The Lovely Keepsake Company |






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| Someone Remembered | |
| Provides personalised jewellery and baby charms with engraving. | Personalised Infant and Baby Loss Jewellery Someone Remembered  |
| Love Keep Create | |
| Offer a range of keepsake memory bears created from special clothes/baby grows or from almost any item you choose. | Keepsake Memory Bears - Love Keep Create  |

Funeral and Government Support

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| Tell Us Once | |
| A service that lets you report a death to most government organisations (such as DWP for benefits) in one go. | What to do after someone dies: Tell Us Once - GOV.UK  |
| Register Offices in England and Wales | |
| Find a register office | Find a register office - GOV.UK |



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| Child Funeral Charity | |
| Child Funeral Charity provides financial assistance to families who have to arrange a funeral for a baby or child from 12 weeks gestation to 17 years old (up to 18 th birthday). Families must be referred by a professional who have knowledge of the family and their circumstances. | Child Funeral Charity – Financial Support for Families  |
| Children’s Funeral Fund | |
| The Children’s Funeral Fund for England can help to pay for some of the costs of a funeral for a child under 18 or a baby stillborn after the 24th week of pregnancy. It is not means-tested: what you earn or how much you have in savings will not affect what you get. The burial or cremation must take place in England. | Support for child funeral costs (Children’s Funeral Fund for England): What it does - GOV.UK  |

