

Bereaved Families Break Ground On Baby Loss Centre

Birmingham Women's Hospital Charity

Making Woodland House a reality

We have been able to break ground on the UK's first standalone bereavement centre in a hospital setting, following a successful £3m charity appeal.

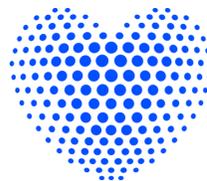
Our hospital cares for over 2,000 families every year who experience pregnancy or baby loss. Due to limited space, heart-breaking conversations take place in rooms and locations which don't reflect the significance of their loss. Woodland House will change that. When complete this Autumn, Woodland House will be a safe haven for bereaved families away from the hustle and bustle of the busy maternity unit, allowing families to grieve in private.

We believe bereavement aftercare must be better for our devastated families and our pioneering bereavement centre will lead the way, acting as a blueprint for hospitals up and down the country.



A family's experience in hospital after such a traumatic event can have a lasting impact on them, and while we can't change the outcome, Woodland House will give our colleagues the tools needed to provide the best possible aftercare.

- Alison Rea, bereavement midwife



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Lynette Parkes (second from right) helped to break ground on Woodland House

Lynette's story

Lynette Parkes discovered her baby boy, James, had died, during a scan. He was stillborn seven months into her pregnancy. She said: "It can't be underestimated just what a difference having Woodland House will make to families during the worst time of their lives.

"Having somewhere private, where my husband and I could have spent some time with James as a family, to say goodbye and grieve without the additional distress caused by hearing live babies crying around us, would have offered us some comfort. I'm glad Woodland House will be able to provide that for future families."

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