From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk> Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 8:36 AM To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot >; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot> Subject: RE: Bereavement Services in NHS Lanarkshire - reply for Scottish Ministers requested by 12 noon - Thursday 29 September 2022

Morning

That would be lovely. It would be fantastic to welcome you to Lanarkshire and show you some of the improvements we are working towards 🐵

Again sorry for the delay

Have a good weekend when it comes.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Maternity and Neonatal Services PA – [REDACTED] ' Tel: Tel: [REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Sent: 29 September 2022 08:34 To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk> Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Subject: RE: Bereavement Services in NHS Lanarkshire - reply for Scottish Ministers requested by 12 noon - Thursday 29 September 2022 Thanks very much **[REDACTED]**, your help is much appreciated. This sounds like a fantastic facility and one that we would be keen to come and visit at some point over the winter/spring if that was suitable to you and your team. I'll be in touch about that in due course. In the meantime, thanks again for your help.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk> Sent: 28 September 2022 20:32 To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Subject: RE: Bereavement Services in NHS Lanarkshire - reply for Scottish Ministers requested by 12 noon - Thursday 29 September 2022

Hi both

Sorry for the delay

Ive answered in the email below. Happy to answer any follow up questions.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Maternity and Neonatal Services PA – [REDACTED] ' Tel: Tel: [REDACTED]



University Hospital Wishaw, Level 3 Management Offices, 50 Netherton Street, Wishaw, ML2 0DP Tel: [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Sent: 28 September 2022 17:23 To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk>

## Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Subject:** Bereavement Services in NHS Lanarkshire - reply for Scottish Ministers requested by 12 noon - Thursday 29 September 2022

# Hi [REDACTED]

I refer to my colleague **[REDACTED]**'s emails regarding NHS Lanarkshire's new baby loss bereavement service opening on 31 October 2022. Ministers have been asked about this and we need to get a reply to them tomorrow. With apologies for the tight timescales, would you be able to provide the information requested by **[REDACTED]** by 12 noon tomorrow?

Many thanks

# [REDACTED]

## [REDACTED]

Maternal and Infant Health Team Improving Health and Wellbeing Division Scottish Government Area 2B - South Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Sent: 27 September 2022 12:36 To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk> Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gov.scot> Subject: IMPORTANT: Bereavement Services in NHS Lanarkshire Importance: High

### Hello [REDACTED]

Apologies as I realise I am chasing however I wondered if you have had the opportunity to consider my below request for information regarding your new bereavement space opening on 31 October 2022.

We have now received some ministerial correspondence in relation to this which is due over the next few days so grateful for a response as soon as possible.

#### Thanks [REDACTED]

## [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Maternal and Infant Health
 Improving Health and Wellbeing Division
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From: [REDACTED] Sent: 21 September 2022 17:06 To: [REDACTED]@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk Subject: Bereavement Services in NHS Lanarkshire Importance: High

#### Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

I am contacting you as we have been made aware of the above event and a just giving page (<u>https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/babylossunitfundraiser</u>) from parents raising funds for cuddle cots for a new bereavement suite in Wishaw.

I was wondering if you could please provide the following details regarding the new bereavement space opening 31 October 2022:-

• What bereavement spaces (rooms separate or otherwise) do you already have?

We have a dedicated bereavement suite called the Ohana Suite which sits next to our early pregnancy service. The suite is one room, designed for the postnatal period for the family to be with their baby as long as they desire. The suite is sound proofed with kitchen and toilet facilities housed within the area so the family don't need to leave the area. There is also a dect phone for the family to use.

• How has the new bereavement space come about?

I came into post and was struck by the patient journey. Any woman who has suffered a pregnancy loss and requires to go through labour and birth are currently asked to attend labour ward. There is no direct access to our labour ward. Women and their family are required to access via antenatal ward. They have to walk through a corridor, walk past pregnant women who may be in early labour, pass by the theatre recovery bay where families are celebrating the birth of their baby and walk into the labour ward bypassing women in labour. The rooms in labour ward are all single but not sound proofed so more often than not, women can hear newborns crying. The journey through our area is not conducive to psychological wellbeing therefore I was keen to create an all in one space where families could labour, birth and grieve in privacy away from celebration of new life. We have involved the full MDT to ensure it is safe to facilitate miscarriage / stillbirth care in one facility. The new facility will have 3 rooms for labour birth and recovery housed in a quiet space away from the business of a labour suite.

• How has the new bereavement space been funded? Was there any third sector support for funding of this new space?

The bereavement space is funded from endowment money donated from families.

• Has the third sector supported any other bereavement spaces? I don't have organisational memory and cant be certain however SANDS may have donated money for the Ohana Suite which opened 2019. These new bereavement rooms are from endowment monies.

Grateful to receive any details you can provide in regards to this please. Please can you return this information by close of play 28 September 2022.

#### Thanks [REDACTED]

## [REDACTED]

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