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Experiences of Bereaved Fathers

National Maternity Support Foundation ([NMSF](#)) have commissioned the University of Chester to undertake a groundbreaking study to improve the specific care of Father's following the death of their baby.

What is the purpose of the study? At the present time there is very little information pertaining to fathers who have experienced the loss of their baby. The aim of the study is to explore the experiences of bereaved fathers who have lost a baby following a still birth or neonatal death up to six months, following delivery. The study will be conducted in two phases. The first will be via a questionnaire that can be requested [here](#) (hyperlink to email, andrew@jakescharity.org). The second will be through individual interviews at a later stage. The findings from the study will be part of my PhD thesis and will also be used within professional journal articles and conference presentations. The results will also be posted anonymously on the NMSF website and published in the wider public domain.

What will happen to me if I take part? If you decide to take part, you will be asked to sign a consent form. This then indicates that you have given your consent to complete an anonymous questionnaire. The questionnaire will ask you questions regarding your experience, including the care and support you received following your loss. All of the information within your completed questionnaire is coded and therefore no one will be able to recognise you or your information within the reporting of the study.

Who may I contact for further information? If you would like more information about the research before you decide whether or not you would be willing to take part, please contact:

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Thank you for your interest in this research.

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