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Be Involved...



International Collaboration to Harmonise Outcomes for Stillbirth Care



**... Join our parent involvement group
and help improve stillbirth care through
research**

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Who is this opportunity for?

Parents who have experienced a stillbirth more than six months ago and have an interest in improving stillbirth care.

We want to improve stillbirth care across the NHS. We can only do this by listening, and working directly with parents.

The iCHOOSE team is committed to involving parents in developing the project idea, carrying out the research, and sharing the findings.

What does this involvement entail?

We will host at least 6 parent involvement meetings over 3 years. These meetings will include:

- Discussions with researchers and health care professionals.
- Reviewing project questionnaires and summaries.
- Helping with the direction of the research.
- Advising on the best way to get the key messages of the study across.

When?

The dates and times of all the meetings will be agreed well in advance with as much notice as possible. Timings will be varied and flexible to accommodate the group.

Where?

The meetings will be held in Bristol. Travel costs will be covered and we will offer gift vouchers to thank parents for their time. If you are interested in being involved in our parent involvement group, or would just like some more information, please contact the iCHOOSE team (details on the back of this leaflet).



About



The research aims to develop a Core Outcome Set (COS) for studies of improvements in stillbirth care.

'Outcomes' might include, for instance, depression, anxiety, or ability to return to work.

If all stillbirth studies use the same outcomes, the results can be combined, making research more helpful for parents, doctors and other health professionals.

Why should we develop a COS for care after stillbirth?

Every year stillbirth affects over 3,000 women in the United Kingdom. It has many effects on parents and their families in the short and long term.

The psychological and financial costs of stillbirth are far greater than for a live birth.

Despite this, care for parents following a stillbirth is not always as good as it should be and is not consistent.

A range of care ('interventions') is offered to parents, but researchers are still not sure how to measure the success of these (and future) interventions.

The iCHOOSE team will address this problem directly, so we can find the best way to support bereaved parents

WE NEED YOU

To develop a COS that is relevant, we need to recruit bereaved parents to the team. To do this properly and sensitively WE NEED YOU.

If you become part of our parent involvement group you, and the other members, can work with us to help develop solutions that are meaningful to bereaved parents.