

Trust Board Capital Business Case Briefing Paper	
Reference Number:	TB148/12/F
Date of Meeting:	26 th January 2023
Presenting Director:	Suzanne Pullins, Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery & Allied Health Professionals/ Divisional Director Paediatrics, Women's Services and Corporate Support
Subject:	Bereavement Suite for Maternity Services
Purpose/Action Required:	For Approval
Background:	<p>Purpose of Business Case The purpose of this business case is to put forward a proposal for capital funding to create a bereavement suite in proximity to the maternity service footprint in Antrim Hospital, for use by women and birthing partners in the event of neonatal death or stillbirth.</p> <p>Existing Arrangements: Current service provision does not meet the recommendations of the <i>Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Services Strategy for Bereavement Care 2009 (DHSSPSNI 2009)</i> by not having a dedicated bereavement suite facility for baby and child loss. The Trust has not been able to provide a dedicated Bereavement Suite on either Antrim Hospital or Causeway Hospital site due to lack of physical capacity estate and capital funding and NHST are again the only Trust regionally who do not have this facility.</p> <p>In times of baby loss, one of the seven delivery rooms is utilised in Antrim Hospital as a makeshift bereavement room in instances of baby loss. However, this room is suboptimal for women and their birthing partners as it is adjacent to other delivery rooms and maternity theatres, whilst lacking appropriate soundproofing facilities.</p> <p>Options: Four Options were shortlisted including the Status Quo option.</p> <p>Preferred Option:</p>

	The preferred option is Option 4 : Creation of separate bereavement suite through displacement of two consultant offices in Neonatal Corridor and Neonatal clinic office.
Benefits:	<p>Benefits of this scheme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved location for bereavement care, reducing anguish for bereaved parents caused by seeing and hearing other parents in maternity unit • Contribute to improved experience through creation of comfortable, demedicalised environment with facilities which meets the needs of bereaved parents • Retainment of UNICEF baby friendly accreditation for Neonatal Unit
Total Capital Costs:	<p>Capital funding required is £305,377 which will be funded through the 2022/23 CRL.</p> <p>This is an increase of original pre-tender estimate of £117,766.52.</p>
Affordability:	Additional £1,421 Per Annum
Risks:	<p>The following risks have been identified for the scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project completing outside of required timeframes – risk that the works will not be completed within the Financial Year 2022/23. • Exceed Budget – Risk that the project will exceed allocated budget • Disruption of services – Risk that services will be disrupted during delivery of the project due to working in a ‘live’ environment
Conclusion:	<p>The preferred option is Option 4 to create a dedicated Bereavement Suite in the Neonatal Corridor separate to the existing Neonatal Unit Parents Room.</p> <p>The Capital cost of this option is £305,377 with additional revenue costs of £1,421 pa.</p> <p>Approval for this expenditure is required via Trust Board.</p>