

Optional section on retaining organs for the Sands *Post mortem consent form*

Section 5: Keeping one or more organs for diagnostic purposes

In most cases, all the organs will be returned to your baby's body after the post mortem examination. But occasionally the doctors may recommend keeping one or more organs for longer, to carry out further detailed examination to try to find out more about why your baby died. This might take some weeks and so could affect the timing of your baby's funeral. The person who discusses the post mortem with you will tell you if it is likely.

I/We agree to further detailed examination of the organ(s) specified below:

Any organ

The following organ(s)

If you agree to further detailed examination, you also need to decide what should be done with the organ(s) after the examination:

I/We want the hospital to dispose of the organ(s) respectfully as required by law.

I/We want the organ(s) returned to the funeral director we appoint for separate cremation or burial.

I/We want to delay the funeral until the organ(s) have been returned to my/our baby's body.

Alternatively, after the further detailed examination, you may decide to donate the organ(s) for one of the following purposes:

I/We agree to donate the organ(s) to be used to train health professionals.

I/We agree to donate the organ(s) to be used for ethically approved medical research.

If you agree to donate one or more organ(s), they will be respectfully cremated as required by the Human Tissue Authority when they are no longer needed.

If you change your mind about this donation at any time in the future, and want to withdraw your consent, please contact the hospital and ask for the histopathology department.

Notes to Section 5 if required

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