

Improving services for women who have experienced recurrent miscarriage

Focus group participants' role

Focus group date: 23 October 2018

Time: 7.30–9.00pm

Venue: Newtownabbey (venue to be confirmed on registration)

Background

Miscarriage can be a very difficult and distressing time for women and couples. The PHA is working with Health and Social Care and the Patient Client Council to develop a regional care pathway to help improve local services for women and couples who have experienced recurrent miscarriage.

It is hoped that the care pathway will help:

- standardise the care offered to those affected by recurrent miscarriage;
- encourage joint decision-making between women, couples and health professionals;
- enable women and couples to understand what they can expect from services.

As part of the focus group event, you will discuss what you think are important aspects of this work from your perspective as someone who has received care or treatment in relation to recurrent miscarriage.

As a group we will discuss specifically expectations of care, how this care might be organised, and the important aspects of emotional support for recurrent miscarriage.

Please note that it will not be possible to discuss detailed clinical aspects of care, such as specific investigations, as these will depend on individual assessment.

There is also a questionnaire if you are unable to attend this event or would prefer to share your views this way.

Currently we are focusing on the care pathway itself; however we also hope to develop a regional patient information leaflet and there may be a future involvement opportunity regarding this.

This event is a single, evening focus group event being held on 23 October 2018.

What we ask of those attending

Confidentiality: It is important that everyone participating acknowledges the importance of confidentiality. Some personal stories may be shared during the event and it is important that these are not shared or discussed outside of this event.

Respect: It is important that the focus group is regarded as a safe and welcoming space to voice opinions, and this should be encouraged by all participants through respect to all members of the group.

Disclosure: You will have the opportunity to contribute to group discussions focusing on important aspects of care and treatment around recurrent miscarriage.

There will also be an opportunity to leave additional anonymised feedback at the end of the event.

Interest in Service Improvement: The aim of this work is to improve future services for those who experience recurrent miscarriage.

How we will support you

We will:

- encourage respect, inclusion, and openness throughout the discussions at the event;
- securely store your contact information if provided to us. We may ask you if you would be happy to be contacted about future similar events. If you are happy with this we would intend to store your information for the duration of this work (it is expected this could be up to six months);
- provide light refreshments at the event;
- provide some information about support organisations;
- feedback a summary of the discussion points from this event to the Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Working Group and review the draft documents in view of these;
- provide feedback to the focus group following the event for those who would like to be updated on the progress of this work.

Expense claims

Travel and childcare expenses will be provided to allow you to participate in this event. Expense claims are available by contacting PHA and will also be available at the event.

Contact details

If you would like to participate in this event, or would like further information, please contact Christine McKee in the Public Health Agency by **Monday 15 October** (Tel: 028 9536 2892 or email: rplevent2018@hscni.net). You can also register to attend online or by returning the attached response form.



Registration Form

Please complete and return by Monday 15 October 2018 to rplevent2018@hscni.net

Alternatively you can print this form, complete and return it by post to Christine McKee, PHA, County Hall, 182 Galgorm Road, Ballymena, BT42 1QB.

Involvement in Recurrent Miscarriage Focus Group Event

I would like to be involved in this focus group event.

I have read the information about the role and understand the commitment I am being asked to make and the support available to me.

I give my consent for my contact details to be kept for future involvement opportunities in relation to this work (which may be held for up to six months) (please circle as appropriate):

Yes	No
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Name:			
First half of postcode (we are requesting this information so we can review participation from around Northern Ireland):			
Email:			
Contact number (if you provide this information we can update you if there are any last minute changes to the event details):			
Have you had any experience with healthcare services in relation to recurrent miscarriage? (We are asking this question because the discussions at this event will focus on recurrent miscarriage services.) Please circle as appropriate.	Yes	No	Prefer Not To Answer
Please let us know about any adjustments you would require to let you take part in this event: 			

Many thanks for your interest in this event.

