

Luna's Fund – Supporting Beneficiaries

Background

To comply with charity legislation, Luna's Fund operates under the Charity Commission's '[know your beneficiaries](#)' principle.



Charitable objects

This means that we set criteria to define who might be eligible to access the services that we provide under our charitable objects, which are:

'To preserve and protect the health of parent/s suffering from the loss of a baby through a stillbirth or neonatal death in particular but not limited to Derriford hospital, Plymouth in particular but not exclusively by the provision of personal and financial support which is not provided by the NHS and such other support as the trustees may from time to time determine.'

Meanings

The Trustees have determined the following meanings for the purposes of determining which person qualifies for applying to access our services under our charitable objects:

- '**Stillbirth**' means born sleeping at or after **24 weeks gestation**;
- '**Neonatal**' means from **birth to 28 days old**.

Applications and evidence

We appreciate that determining which applicants might or might not qualify for our support, particularly at a time of grief, stress and anxiety, requires sensitive management and compassionate conversations to secure the necessary evidence in order to protect our charitable funds from fraud or misappropriation and to ensure that we comply with charity legislation.

Signposting

Where applicants do not meet our criteria, or cannot evidence that they do, or when there are insufficient funds to support their application, we will try our best to signpost to an organisation that can provide support.

Decisions

The Trustees retain discretion to determine what support we can provide to our beneficiaries, should an applicant believe that their circumstances or needs do not meet the pre-defined criteria.

In making their determination, Trustees will also be mindful of the charity's available resources, which may constrain who we can support, or what level of support we are able to provide.

The Trustees' decision will be final in all applications.

Appeals

There is no process for appeal.

How we use and manage your information

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