Information on the release of foetal tissue in the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals
Coming into hospital for the ending of a pregnancy is a very difficult and distressing time. During your stay in hospital we will do our best to offer you the highest standard of personal care.

One important part of our care is to make sure that you are given clear information about any foetal tissue that may be removed during your surgery or delivered spontaneously in the hospital.

The Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals will arrange for the disposal of any foetal tissue in the most sensitive manner possible, in accordance with the practices defined by professional medical institutions, hospital protocols and the Human Tissue Act.

All tissue will be stored for 10 days after your discharge to allow you time to ask any further questions about our processes, or consider possible alternative options for disposal.

If you wish to be given more information about our storage and release of foetal tissue, please ask the nurse who is looking after you during your stay in hospital. Alternatively, contact the Chaplaincy Service within 10 days of your discharge on 01865 857921. For urgent calls telephone the John Radcliffe switchboard on 01865 741166 and ask for the on-call chaplain.

The Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Chaplaincy Service is responsible for providing an advisory service on behalf of the Trust on all aspects of professional and statutory guidance in regard to the care and release of foetal tissue. This service is available to all patients regardless of culture or beliefs.

**Contact telephone numbers:**

- Gynaecology Ward, John Radcliffe 01865 222001 / 2
- Gynaecology Day Surgery Unit 01865 22014
- Gynaecology Ward, Horton General Hospital 01295 229088
- Counsellor, John Radcliffe 01865 221235
I confirm that I have received the information in regard to the disposal of foetal tissue. I authorise the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust to dispose of my foetal tissue in accordance with the Human Tissue Act and practices defined by professional medical institutions and the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals protocols.

I understand that I have 10 days in which to seek further information or make my own funeral arrangements.

Signed: ...........................................…………………………………………
Print Name: ...........................................…………………………………………
Date: ...........................................…………………………………………

I wish to make my own funeral arrangements and instruct the ORH NHS Trust to release my foetal tissue to me / my partner/ my appointed funeral director (delete as appropriate):

Signed: ...........................................…………………………………………
Print Name: ...........................................…………………………………………
Date: ...........................................…………………………………………
If you need an interpreter or need a document in another language, large print, Braille or audio version, please call 01865 221473 or email PALSJR@orh.nhs.uk