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Hospital appoints bereavement midwife in memory of baby Jake Canter

Stevenage, UK – 28 June 2011 – The Trust, which runs the Lister and QEII hospitals – has appointed Jacqui Hylton into the new role of bereavement support midwife.

The new role has come about through the campaigning of Andrew Canter and his wife, following the tragic stillbirth of their son, Jake in 2005.

Andrew, Chairman of National Maternity Support Foundation (NMSF) said: *“Having received excellent bereavement support from the hospital, my wife and I started NMSF to campaign for improvements in patient care. When we discovered there was currently no specialist bereavement support at the Trust, we approached the Chief Executive, Nick Carver, with evidence that showed the difference it can make to families and staff. We are extremely proud and delighted that the Trust has appointed Jacqui and are very pleased to appoint her as one of ‘Jake’s Midwives’ in memory of our son.”*

Jacqui has worked at the Trust since 1994 and is a qualified nurse and midwife. Her role will be to provide support and a point of contact for women following the loss of a baby in the second and third trimester of pregnancy. She will also be providing education and support for the midwifery and nursing staff, to help them and ensure a consistent approach to pregnancy loss.

Jacqui commented, ‘I feel hugely privileged to be able to provide bereaved women and their families with care at the Trust, and will be working closely with other members of the team to ensure high quality support is consistently offered – with the right facilities, networks and trained staff to support parents when a baby dies’

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