



This information will help you to make decisions about your baby's funeral and the options available at Llanelli District Cemetery.

Hospital Arrangements

The hospital can make the arrangements for a funeral service. Hospital authorities do not charge for making burial or cremation arrangements. They also pay any necessary fees.

Parents can usually attend the funeral and can also make some decisions about the kind of service and how they will participate.

If the hospital is making the arrangements it is important that you speak to the appropriate member of staff or the Chaplain at the hospital so that you are aware of all the choices available to you. It is important that you are satisfied with what will happen to your baby prior to the funeral as your decision may not be reversible afterwards.

You may wish that the funeral takes place at a cemetery close to your home. The hospital has a contract agreement in place with a local funeral director and the hospital will need to discuss your wishes with them.

Private Arrangements

You may decide to contact a funeral director yourself and arrange a private funeral at the cemetery or crematorium of your choice. You would then have full control of all the arrangements and you would be responsible for any costs associated with the funeral, but most funeral directors, cemeteries and crematorium make either no charge or a greatly reduced charge for babies.

You may decide you want to make all the arrangements yourself without using a funeral director. The cemetery manager will be able to assist you by explaining all the available options and giving help and advice regarding the practicalities of undertaking the funeral and the legal requirements, certificates and forms that will be required.

Burial

At Llanelli District Cemetery we have a dedicated children's burial section. The graves are small and are only suitable for the burial of babies. The graves are individual plots where it's possible to erect a memorial after the burial.

There are regulations regarding memorials at the cemetery so it's important to speak to the cemetery staff and check the cemetery regulations before any arrangements are made to purchase or erect memorial items.

When considering your options you may want to think about burial in a larger plot in a main burial area of the cemetery. In this case you would be able to use the same grave for up to two adults at some time in the future. The burial rights for this type of grave will need to be purchased and the hospital will not be able to assist in paying for this type of grave.

Some parents already have access to a family grave. If this is an option you would like to consider then cemetery staff will need to make certain checks regarding available space and who has the rights of burial before you could use the grave. In some cases the hospital may not be able to fund burial in a family plot, especially if provision has to be made to allow further burials in the grave. You will need to discuss this option with hospital and cemetery staff.

Cremation

You may prefer to consider Cremation. This may not be a suitable option in all cases. You should be informed that there might not be any ashes resulting from the cremation, so discussion with the hospital staff is important before any decisions are made.

If cremation is an option, you may wish to consider placing the ashes where you can visit and erect a memorial. At Llanelli District Cemetery several options are available for the interment and scattering of ashes. Please contact the cemetery staff to discuss the choices available. The hospital normally won't be able to assist in making the arrangements for the interment or scattering of ashes after cremation.

The Cemetery

Llanelli District Cemetery encompasses 32 acres and is operated by Llanelli Joint Burial Authority. The cemetery was established in 1847 and offers a mix of traditional and modern facilities.

The cemetery has a Chapel that is available for services or private contemplation.

All areas are maintained throughout the year by its own dedicated grounds men and cemetery staff are always available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

The cemetery is serviced by a network of roads and pathways and all burial areas are accessible by car.

The cemetery offers several burial and remembrance options comprising of lawn and traditional graves, woodland burial, gardens of remembrance, columbaria vaults and scattering areas.

The cemetery can also provide memorial plaques, benches and trees.

The cemetery is open 365 days of the year.

The cemetery gates are open for vehicles until 5pm in winter months and 6pm in the summer.

The cemetery is open to pedestrians 24 hours a day.

The cemetery offices are located at the Swansea Road entrance.

Opening hours Monday-Thursday 8.30–4.00 and 8.30-3.30 on Fridays.

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Sands is a well known national organisation that provides help and support to bereaved parents via a network of local groups.

The Sands website contains a wealth of advice and information that might help you make decisions on the funeral that meets with your needs.

<http://www.uk-sands.org>

The Sands Helpline on 020 7436 5881 is available if you would like to speak to someone or be put in touch with your nearest Sands group