

A Multi-Disciplinary Team approach to fetal anomalies

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In Bradford, in the year 18/19 we had around 5800 bookings, with approximately 160 patients diagnosed with an unexpected finding / fetal anomaly on ultrasound (only 61 were anomalies included in FASP 11 auditable conditions). Our MDT meeting is once a week, with each member of the team playing a vital role in the tertiary referral, follow up, counselling, perinatal testing, genetics and further care of the woman and her baby. This is in conjunction with the Bradford Butterfly pathway, which formulates birth plans and aftercare for babies who are likely to die in the antenatal or neonatal period, allowing their families to spend precious quality time with their baby instead of having that time invaded with hospital tests and treatment.



Our Multi-Disciplinary Team:

Neonatologist with special interest in palliative care

- Brings together feedback from babies born with anomalies, future planning for families in relation to genetics. Also organises a CPD session once a month

Sonographers

- Discuss cases, review images and receive feedback and future learning

Consultant Obstetricians with a special interest in fetal medicine

- Meeting Chair
- Review of Ultrasound images and collate obstetric follow up

Paediatric Palliative Care nurse

- Co-ordinates with families and health professionals with regards to ongoing care for children who survive beyond the neonatal period

Local Children's Hospice team

- Co-ordinate with families and have facilities for late miscarriages/stillbirths

Screening Support Sonographer

- Collates information for NCARDS and FASP KPIs

Screening Co-ordinator

- Is a supportive role and point of contact to ensure that patients are followed up, counselled and collates further tests and arranges TOP if required