



# WE Party Conference

15 – 18 October 2020

**Motion Title:** Improved care after pregnancy loss

**Amendment Title:** Preserving Abortion Rights

**Amended Motion text:**

N.B. New text is in colour and underlined – black text ~~struck through~~ has been deleted.

1 The Women's Equality Party calls on all 4 UK governments to adopt the following changes into law:

- 2 • Statutory bereavement leave of 2 weeks for any parent experiencing pregnancy loss over 5 weeks;
- 3 • Option to take statutory maternity pay/leave for parents whose baby is still-born after 13 weeks;
- 4 • All pregnancy-loss absence to remain a protected characteristic under pregnancy-related absence
- 5 until all pregnancy-loss medical complications have been treated or 2 months following loss;
- 6 • ~~Option to register the birth and death of any still-born from 16 weeks;~~
- 7 • Information on types of pregnancy loss to be included in PSHE lessons in schools;

8 and calls on the NHS or regulators to adopt the following changes:

- 9 • All hospitals (via Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit and Maternity Unit) to offer counselling and
- 10 signpost women who have experienced a pregnancy/baby loss to charities who can help, as well as
- 11 a possible funeral/memorial service.
- 12 • Weekend opening for at least one EPAU in a hospital trust/city.
- 13 • All hospitals to provide/print an optional 'remembrance certificate' for parents of pregnancy losses
- 14 ~~in EPAU/Maternity.~~
- 15 • All staff in EPAU and maternity to undergo training in language use and bereavement with a
- 16 pregnancy loss charity.
- 17 • Screened off waiting area/room (away from maternity and crying babies) for women awaiting news
- 18 or surgery of a pregnancy loss.
- 19 • All hospitals to offer a scan and surgical miscarriage to women experiencing a miscarriage within a
- 20 week of their confirmatory scan.
- 21 • Blood tests for thyroid/progesterone/APS (sticky blood) after 1 miscarriage (or family history) and
- 22 medication offered.
- 23 • Investigations after 2 miscarriages (non-consecutive) starting with the simple blood tests.
- 24 Progesterone offered to women experiencing early bleeding and miscarriage
- 25 • Sensitivity and training for professionals over the life-course regarding women who experience
- 26 pregnancy loss in terms of screenings and interventions.