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To: All Medical Directors, NHS Wales

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Dear Medical Directors

UPDATED HTA GUIDANCE ON DISPOSAL OF FOETAL REMAINS

In my email to you of 25 March 2014 regarding the disposal of foetal remains, I asked that you take steps to review your policy and practice and adopt burial and cremation as appropriate methods of disposal. I also asked you to provide me with assurance that practices have been reviewed and appropriate action taken where necessary; thank you for doing so.

Further to this, on 25 March 2015, the Human Tissue Authority published revised guidance on the disposal of pregnancy remains following pregnancy loss or termination. The guidance can be viewed at:

https://www.hta.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_the_disposal_of_fetal_remains.pdf

I ask that you now adopt this guidance within your health boards and trusts.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Hussey".

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