

Patient/Parent voice - Reflections from the child loss community

James Thompson

Southern ambassador - DWA (Daddys With Angels, international)

Chair and befriender - Southampton Sands (Stillbirth And Neonatal Death, UK)

Lily May Thompson

- 22+2 weeks
- 05/06/2019 – 22:20
- 420g
- Bilateral renal agenesis





Sands



Saving babies' lives. Supporting bereaved families.

Before our son was cremated I went to visit the funeral place he was at, as I deeply wanted to see him. The kindest lady put him in a coffin and closed the lid as I wanted to sit with him, whilst I still could, but didn't know if I could face seeing him after the autopsy... I just couldn't bare not to see him, and asked her if I could see him, she then put him in a cold cot for me... I know it was my choice but it still makes me deeply sad that he had cuts on him, and to see him that way. I think if the autopsy can be avoided, even if people wish for answers, then they really should consider it, and I hope they do.” - Lu

“We would have accepted the scan, with the expectation there would be no result, we didn't go down the autopsy path as I've seen autopsy's and no child should be put through that” – Bruis

“I do not remember being asked if we wanted one (Autopsy)... I do not think I would have done it... I couldn't imagine doing that to my baby...” – James

“My little girl had an autopsy and I was too scared to hold her and change her afterwards, because I couldn't face seeing the cuts... 4 years later the regret is still a huge feature in my life, even with counselling... I do think choice on something so awful would be much more humane though...” – Charlotte



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Availability of less invasive prenatal, perinatal and paediatric autopsy will improve uptake rates: a mixed-methods study with bereaved parents

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

“We might get a lot more families who will agree”: Muslim and Jewish perspectives on less invasive perinatal and paediatric autopsy

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WILEY PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS

“The communication and support from the health professional is incredibly important”: A qualitative study exploring the processes and practices that support parental decision-making about postmortem examination

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