COMMUNITY CARE AFTER STILLBIRTH AND SECOND TRIMESTER MISCARRIAGE



RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK ASKED WOMEN IN THE WEST MIDLANDS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY COME HOME FROM HOSPITAL AFTER A STILLBIRTH OR SECOND TRIMESTER **MISCARRIAGE**

THEY SAID....

"telling the story is exhausting"



charities, faith groups and community groups provide a lot of support



they often had to find their own help



there was no continuity

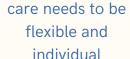
the words used by doctors and midwives were often insensitive or awkward



"you don't know who to talk to, or what to say, without making someone else feel bad"



it's difficult to remember and absorb verbal information



there was no NHS care for partners or families

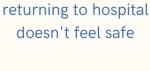


community care is a postcode lottery



"the GP asked where the baby was"

> care needs to be offered more than once



there was no

there was often little or no support or follow up from doctors and midwives in the community





common concerns"

care for physical health

antenatal appointments need to be cancelled

"felt dropped"

need to be told what support is available

WHAT NEXT....

RESEARCH WORKING WITH WOMEN AND PARTNERS TO IMPROVE THE CARE THEY RECEIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

