

Baby Hatch

The „Baby Hatch“ was established to assist mothers to place their babies in to care. Whilst it is not easy for any mother to separate from her child, some mothers do not have a choice but to put her baby in to care as they face an uncertain future.

Services

Emergency nursing hotline 030-7882/2050 (offers rapid and anonymous assistance).

Location

The „Baby Hatch“ is located adjacent to the neonatology unit, in Gontermannstr. 41. There is a sign on the pavement that shows the way. The path is protected by a high fence for privacy.

What happens after placing the baby in the hatch?

Once you have decided that this is the best decision for you and your baby, place your baby in the hatch. An alarm sounds shortly after the hatch is opened and closed. During this time you can leave unnoticed safe in the knowledge that your baby is being cared for.

Once the alarm is activated a pediatric nurse from the neonatology unit checks the hatch.

A pediatrician examines the baby to determine the baby's age and health status and to take medical measures if necessary.

The baby will be named and a photo will be taken. Any clothes or other belongings such as a letter or toys will be kept in a bag.

The baby will be given a legal guardian until suitable adoptive parents are found.

If you regret your decision and would like to contact us regarding your baby, you are welcome to do so with complete confidence.

To help us identify you as the biological mother, we will ask you to undertake a DNA test. Once we establish your identity you will be able to contact your child with support from experienced hospital staff. Should you need we are able to refer to our social service for further advice. We love to help you and we are happy, if mother and child can stay together.

Confidential birth

Our hospital provides a service for women to leave their child using the baby hatch. Mothers who decide to choose one of these options act very responsible in their situation. This service is provided in complete confidentiality. Fear in all its facets is often one of the main reasons to conceal a pregnancy. Childbirth without suitable assistance can place both the mother and child in grave danger.

Besides the anonymous birth there is also the opportunity of a confidential birth. The mother doesn't need to tell her name. The mother's data will be only taken by the counselling center and it will be kept in a sealed envelope. At the age of 16 the child has the opportunity to get the personal data of his mother on application.

We ask mothers, who are in such a situation not to risk serious danger and to contact us. We will always treat your personal request confidentially and we will guide you personally.

We do understand, if you don't want to tell us your name.

Further you can get help at the following numbers, everything remains anonymous.

Emergency number for mothers of newborns
and pregnant women

Tel. 0800 4560789

Consultation, if you want to discuss concerns
about your unplanned pregnancy

Tel. 0800 4040020

Education and family counselling

Tel. (030) 90277 7830

In case you want to contact an adoption agency you can do that at the following number:
(030) 90227- 6528