

# Baby Saver is there to help avert needless infant deaths

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We were devastated to read about another baby being found dead on a rubbish dump in Lwandle (“Newborn found at dump”, 13 August).

Please could I request that whenever something like this occurs, [DistrictMail] uses the opportunity to educate the community about the alternative option, namely that babies could be saved if people used the Baby Saver.

It would also be much appreciated if you could run an article about this whenever possible. We need to get the word out there into the communities to try and prevent a recurrence of this.

It is so sad to know that we have tried to provide an alternative, but due to ignorance babies are still dying.

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DistrictMail has previously run stories on Helderberg Baby Saver.

The Helderberg Baby Saver was established in August last year after two babies were found abandoned in Somerset West within a week in February. It is situated at the Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centre on the corner of Schapenberg and Old Sir Lowry’s Pass roads in Somerset West.

The Baby Saver is a vault in a wall at the Choices centre in which a baby can fit and is open 24 hours a day.

As soon as the baby is put into the vault, the vault door closes automatically and a sensor activates an alarm. Volunteers at the Baby Saver, as well as medical emergency services will react to the alarm. The baby will be taken to Helderberg Hospital for care and will be put up for adoption.

To help create continued awareness of this project, anyone finding themselves in need of the Baby Saver service can contact Immelman on 084 940 983, email her at [sandyimelman@gmail.com](mailto:sandyimelman@gmail.com) or visit the Helderberg Baby Saver’s Facebook page. Phone the Choices centre on 021 852 6454