

Press release

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Newborn placed in Baby Window in Olten

Solothurn – On the 3rd of August at 11:30 pm, a healthy newborn girl was placed in the baby window at the Cantonal Hospital in Olten. The girl was born a few days earlier and will for the time being remain in the hospital for further medical examinations.

The child and adult protection authority (KESB) Olten-Gösigen was informed. A legal guardian will now take on the rights and duties that the parents of a child normally have. In particular, special attention is given to ensuring privacy is maintained for the baby girl.

The mother of the child can contact the child and adult protection authority Olten-Gösigen in Olten or the Swiss Aid for Mother and Child foundation (SAMC). The mother is assured absolute discretion and unbureaucratic assistance, in order to find the best solution for her and the child.

Offer of help in extreme situations

The baby window in Olten is a joint project of the Solothurn Hospitals Ltd. (soH) and the Swiss Aid for Mother and Child foundation (SAMC). SAMC provides advisory services and direct assistance to women, couples and families who find themselves in difficulty because of a pregnancy or the birth of a child.

The baby window was installed in order to provide an offer of help in extreme situations. It should help to prevent infanticide or child abandonment. If a mother finds herself in a seemingly hopeless position, the baby window provides her with the possibility of placing her child in safe hands in complete anonymity.