

# **Former Hibs defender takes temporary charge of football duties at Bristol City**

**Former Hibs defender and CIS League Cup winner Chris Hogg has taken temporary charge of football duties at Bristol City.**

Current manager Liam Manning is to take a period of absence from his role at Ashton Gate following the tragic death of his baby son.

Little Theo John Manning was born recently, but has sadly passed away, and the club has said the thoughts of everyone at Ashton Gate and in the wider football world are with the Manning family.

Hogg moved to Easter Road in 2005, from Ipswich Town under manager Tony Mowbray. He formed a defensive partnership with Rob Jones and in addition to winning the league cup he was voted club Player of the Year for the 2007/08 campaign, being moved up to captain after Jones' exit in 2009

A statement published on the Bristol City FC website reads: "Everyone at Bristol City Football Club is deeply saddened by the passing of Liam's recently born son Theo John Manning.

"We know that Bristol City's supporters and the wider football family will share their condolences and deepest sympathy with Liam, his wife Fran and his son Isaac during this difficult period.

“Liam will take a period of absence, and all football duties will be carried out by Chris Hogg.

“We ask that the privacy of Liam and his family is respected during this time.”