

Update Report – End of Life Care Review
‘The Use & Effectiveness of DNACPR¹ forms’

Summary

1. This report updates the Committee on progress made in relation to their review on End of Life Care. It details outcomes of an informal meeting held on 13th October 2011 where the aim was to begin to scope and timetable the review. It also sets out further developments since that date.

Background

2. At a scrutiny work planning event held on 25th July 2011 it was agreed that the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would do some review work around End of Life Care. This led to a workshop being held on 31st August 2011 between Members of the Committee and a variety of stakeholders to agree a focus for the review. Discussions led to the focus being agreed as the ‘use and effectiveness of DNACPR forms’.
3. At a full meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 21st September Members deferred an item to clarify the scope and timetable to the review and the matter was subsequently considered at an informal meeting on 13th October.

Outcomes from 13th October meeting

4. At the meeting on 13th October Members completed the Scrutiny Topic Assessment Form and this is now attached at **Annex A** for information. The completed Topic Registration Form acts as the scope for the review and sets out information on who the

¹ Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Committee will consult and the kind of information they will want to receive.

5. In addition to this the Committee agreed that they would potentially hold two evidence gathering meetings as follows:

Monday 28th November - 9am to 12 noon

Monday 5th December – 2pm to 5pm

6. The Members of the Committee who attended on 13th October agreed to undertake some preliminary evidence gathering via the internet/telephone based on the information in **Annex A**. It was also agreed that those present at that meeting would contact various organisations with a view to making initial contact and inviting them to attend one of the two meeting dates that had been set aside for evidence gathering (detailed in **Paragraph 5** of this report). Once the initial contact has been made then formal invitations to give evidence would be sent.

Further developments

7. However, since then it has come to light that the original dates set were not practical for many of the key health partners to attend. In addition to this further discussions with the Chair highlighted the need for the Committee to receive some background information on DNACPR forms prior to gathering evidence from key health partners in relation to how they use the forms.
8. In light of this a further informal meeting of the Committee has been arranged for Wednesday 21st December at 1pm to consider background information on DNACPR forms that will be provided by NHS North Yorkshire & York.

Consultation

9. Various health organisations and partners would be asked to give evidence as part of the review; these are detailed in **Annex A** to this report.

Options

10. Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Analysis

11. Members are asked to note the contents of the report and the additional meeting date of 21st December 2011.
12. It is envisaged that once the Committee have received the background information from NHS North Yorkshire & York they will be in a better position to agree a line of questioning for future evidence gathering sessions and to agree a timeline for the rest of the review.

Council Plan 2011-2015

13. This report is linked with the 'Protect Vulnerable People' theme of the Council Plan in particular the key outcome:

'There will be a focus on independence and greater choice and control over their lives for vulnerable people'.

Implications

14. There are no financial, human resources, legal or other implications associated with the recommendations in this report. Implications may arise as the review progresses and these will be addressed accordingly.

Risk Management

15. There are no known risks associated with the recommendations within this report.

Recommendations

- Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Reason: To progress this review

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex A Completed Scrutiny Topic Assessment Form