

## SCRUTINY TOPIC ASSESSMENT FORM FOR COUNCILLORS 'ONE PAGE STRATEGY'

### What is the broad topic area?

End of Life Care

### What is the specific topic area?

'Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) Forms – Their Use and Effectiveness'

### Ambitions for the review:

To try and ensure that patients\* wishes and instructions are acted upon by health professionals and carers at the end of life, especially in terms of ensuring that instructions in relation to information on DNACPR forms is up to date and adhered to when required.

\*Adults aged 16 & over

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(For completion by the relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

**Does it have a potential impact on one or more sections of the Population?**

Yes  No

**Is it a corporate priority or concern to the council's partners?**

Yes  No

**Will the review add value? And lead to effective outcomes?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes  No

**Will the review duplicate other work?<sup>2</sup>**

Yes  No

**Is it timely, and do we have the resources?**

Yes  No

**If the answer is 'Yes' to all of the above questions (bar the duplication question), then the Committee may decide to proceed with the review. To decide how best to carry out the review, the Committee will need to agree the following:**

<sup>1</sup> The review topic is a sub-set of a very broad issue. It will increase the chances of having effective outcomes for more residents.

<sup>2</sup> The review will complement rather than duplicate other work by narrowing in on a sub-set where there are some known problems/concerns

## 1) Who and how shall we consult?

### Questions to Ask

- To clarify what the DNACPR form is, how the form works, who recognises the form
- To understand & clarify the difference between a DNACPR form and a living will
- To understand what variants there are to the DNACPR form, if any
- To understand how the form came into being
- To understand what is happening now and why it is happening
- To find out how many DNACPR forms are not adhered to & why (statistical rather than specific information)
- To understand how clearly the scheme is set up
- To understand the opinions/guidance & advice of professional organisations in relation to this form
- To investigate how things can be improved and who can help with any suggested improvements

### Who to Consult

(either via face to face discussions, written correspondence or internet/telephone research)

NHS North Yorkshire, York & GP Commissioners, District Nurses

Individual GPS (*target 2 practices*)

Yorkshire Ambulance Service

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Independent Care Group

York Link

St Leonard's Hospice

City of York Council Adult Social Services

Carers

Voluntary Sector (Age UK, McMillan, local Stroke Association, Older People's assembly)

General Medical Council (GMC), British Medical Association (BMA) for any ethical guidance on DNACPR forms (*internet/telephone research to look at measurement against gold standard/national standards/local standards*)

National Hospice & Palliative Care website

Patient opinion websites

## 2) Do we need any experts/specialists? (internal/external)?

- See list above

- To 'advertise' the review with CVS & Links to try and encourage people to come and talk to the Committee

### **3) What other help do we need? E.g. training/development/resources**

Apart from the information detailed above the following is required to give a whole picture of the situation:

To revisit the LINK report on End of Life Care Services and the recommendations contained within it (28<sup>th</sup> August 2009)

### **4) How long should it take?**

The whole review should be complete by the end of the municipal year.

Next meetings will be to gather evidence and will take place as follows with venue to be confirmed:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9am to 12 noon

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2pm to 5pm