

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?

I.e. what should be included & excluded from the topic? what are the driver behind the topic?

Do Not Resuscitate (DNACPR) Forms – their use and effectiveness

Ambitions for the review:

i.e. what is the review trying to achieve & why e.g. financial / efficiency savings and/or performance improvements? what will be different as a result of the review?

To try and ensure that patients wishes and instructions are acted upon by health professionals and carers at the end of life.

(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?

Yes

No

Will the review duplicate other work?

Yes

No

Is it timely, and do we have the resources?

Yes

No

If the answer is 'Yes' to the above questions, 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:

1) Who and how shall we consult?

i.e. who do we need to consult and why? is there already any feedback from customers and/or other consultation groups that we need to take account of?

Who: Key Health Partners (NHS North Yorkshire & York, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, York Hospital, St Leonard's Hospice, Adult Social Care at CYC, Independent Care Group,)
York Link, the Police, Funeral Directors, public, families

How: Informal meetings, briefing papers, discussions

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

i.e. is the review dependent on specific teams, departments or external bodies? What impact will the review have on the work of any of these?

Will need technical support from those listed above, what a DNACPR form is, how they work, background information, good practice, examples of when they have worked well and examples of when they haven't worked.

Evidence of how the form is used and whether the forms are recognised by the Police, Hospital & Ambulance Service – for example

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

i.e. does this review relate to any other ongoing projects or depend on them for anything?

What information do we need and who will provide it? What do we need to undertake this review e.g. specific resources, events, meetings etc?

LINKs have already undertaken a review on 'End of Life Care' Review however this has no specific recommendations linked with the use of DNACPR form but is focussed around wider issues associated with End of Life Care.

4) How long should it take?

i.e. does the timings of completion of the review need to coincide with any other ongoing or planned work