

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance & ICT

Further update on Implementation of Recommendations from the previously completed End of Life Care Review – ‘The Use and Effectiveness of DNACPR¹ Forms’

Summary

1. This report provides Members with a further update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the previously completed End of Life Care Scrutiny Review which falls within the remit of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Background

2. At a scrutiny work planning event held in 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 in August 2011 between Members of the Committee and a variety of stakeholders to agree a specific focus for the review. Discussions led to this being agreed as the ‘use and effectiveness of DNACPR forms’.
3. In October 2011 the following ambition for the review was agreed:

Aim

The overall ambition of the review was: To 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.

¹ Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

4. In March 2013, the Cabinet approved the recommendations arising from the review and in September 2013 the Committee received its first update on the implementation of the recommendations. The Committee resolved that the recommendations remain outstanding as the work was ongoing and asked for a further report in six months.

Consultation

5. The Chief Clinical Officer of the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group has provided the update information contained within Annex A.

Options

6. Members may decide to sign off any individual recommendations where implementation has been completed, and can:
 - a. request further updates and the attendance of the relevant officers at a future meeting to clarify any outstanding recommendations relating to the above reviews or;
 - b. agree to receive no further updates on those reviews

Council Plan

7. The process of monitoring and ensuring the implementation of the approved recommendations arising from the review will contribute to the 'protecting vulnerable people' element of the Council Plan 2011-2015.

Implications

8. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ITT or other implications associated with the recommendation made in this report.

Risk Management

9. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

Members are asked to note the contents of this report and sign off all recommendations that have been fully implemented.

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which are still to be fully implemented.

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All



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Background Papers: None

Annex

Annex A – Further Update Information on End of Life Care Review

Abbreviations in report and annex

DNACPR – Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group

GP - General Practitioner