

Emergency Care and Treatment Plans

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Project method

A multi-stakeholder Working Group, facilitated by the Resuscitation Council (UK) and Royal College of Nursing, is developing a national process to record anticipatory decisions about CPR and other life-sustaining treatment.

Our aim is to establish an approach which:

- is developed with and is acceptable to patients, those important to them, their carers, health and social care professionals and the public
- includes a decision-support framework that facilitates patients and clinicians having informed discussions about the benefits and burdens of emergency treatments, including CPR
- ensures that dialogue between individuals and clinicians is central to decision-making
- is used across all care settings
- is used for individuals of all ages
- is based on evidence and experience from other successful initiatives
- considers a decision about CPR within the overall goals of care, focusing on choices of treatments to be given rather than specifically on withholding CPR
- respects capacity and human rights legislation

Project results/evaluation

1) Public consultation (closes 29 February 2016) – 1111 responses

2) Comprehensive evaluation to determine (in adults admitted to acute NHS hospitals) how, when and why emergency care and treatment plans (ECTPs) are made and what effects they have on patient experience and care (August 2016 – Aug 2019).

Project area classification

Hospital care	X	Dementia	X
GP care	X	Learning disability	X
Social care	X	Other mental health	X
Voluntary sector	X	Palliative care	X
Financial services		Advance planning, LPAs	X
Police		Commissioning	X
Legal		Training	
Community health care	X	For professionals?	X

Nursing and care home	X	For public and service users?	X
Acute care	X	Chronic care	X
Emergency care	X		