**DNACPR Update – January 2014**

**DNACPR website details to access DNACPR documents and information**

The revised DNACPR website is now up and running and includes a range of documents to support the development of the regional approach to DNACPR in the East of England. Please visit:


The following documents are available on this site:

- Copies of the DNACPR triplicate form [PDF] which can be printed for use in all care settings. The DNACPR single page form [PDF] which can be printed for use mainly by GP Practices and separately the **DNACPR single form template for GPs only** for use on GP electronic systems and which can also be printed.
- DNACPR form order information for the reorder of the triplicate form [Ref:1187-2012] or a separate order form for the reorder of the one page version for GPs [Ref:1276-2012]. Please note there is a cost attached to reorders and details of costs can be found on these reorder forms.
- DNACPR Patient Information Leaflet [generic information which can be used nationally [produced by East of England]
- DNACPR Patient Information Leaflet generic information which can be used nationally [produced by East Midlands]
- DNACPR policy East of England
- DNACPR and how it relates to the Mental Capacity Act [MCA] Leaflet – generic leaflet [developed by NHS South Central]
- DNACPR senior nurse and medic competency training package for East of England [developed by NHS South of England - Central] to enable senior nurses and senior medics to take on full responsibility for DNACPR processes
- Patient Decision Aid booklet for people with Advanced Kidney Disease which provides extensive generic end of life care information and specific information about DNACPR [page 30]. The PDA can also be viewed on the NHS Direct website by going to the NHS Direct website, click on Decision Aids and then click on Advanced Kidney Disease End of Life Care decision aid to view the text and videos.
- A DNACPR e-learning package has also been developed by East of England senior clinicians to support all healthcare staff who may be involved in a DNACPR decision. To access the e-learning package, please visit: www.dnacprlearning.co.uk
Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation [DNACPR] Key Messages

A one page briefing sheet has been developed which sets out the key messages in relation to the use of the DNACPR forms. This has been developed for a range of audiences and also signposts healthcare staff to additional resources and contact details for further queries. This has been widely circulated to key areas across the region for onward distribution.

In addition a specific ‘DNACPR Key Messages for GPs’ and a ‘DNACPR Key Messages for Ambulance Crews’ have been developed and widely circulated which focus on DNACPR issues for these specific groups. Copies of all these key messages are available on request and will also be available shortly on the DNACPR website.

GP Practices

Many GPs are using the one page DNACPR paper patient copy to leave with the patient [as the record for clinical notes in GP Practices is held electronically on a DNACPR template and can be retrieved electronically for audit]. However some GPs prefer to use the triplicate form in order that they can fill in the patient copy in the patient’s home and return to the Practice with a carbonated copy for transfer of the DNACPR information onto the Practice electronic system.

DNACPR action plan

In order to assess the use of the DNACPR regional form across care settings a DNACPR questionnaire was sent in 2013 to Acute Trusts, Community Trusts, Mental Health Trusts, Hospices, Care Homes and GP Practices across the region. Following analysis of the questionnaire’s findings the following actions are being undertaken:

- Hospital Trusts are being contacted to discuss the inclusion of a DNACPR question on patient discharge summaries ie “DNACPR in place yes/no” and discussions are being held with hospital discharge teams about checking whether DNACPR forms are in place [where appropriate] prior to discharge

- Discussions are being held with mandatory BLS training programme leads to promote the inclusion of the DNACPR process, signposting participants to DNACPR information materials including the DNACPR e-learning package.

- Education departments within appropriate health care organisations [currently hospices and acute trusts] are being approached across the region to discuss the possibility of hosting DNACPR competency training for senior nurses and medics in the local area who wish to be eligible to complete and sign DNACPR forms as the Senior Responsible Officer [SRO]

- Education, support and updates continue to be provided for a range of healthcare organisations across the region to promote good practice in the use of the DNACPR form as well as dealing with specific queries on request
DNACPR competency training package for senior nurses and medics

A DNACPR competency training programme has been developed in order that senior nurses and senior medics [junior to Consultants and GPs] if agreed by their employing organisation, can take on full responsibility for DNACPR processes. A paper has been submitted to Health Education East of England which recommends training programmes should be accessible across the region with guidance on the eligibility for completion of the competency checklist in order that participants can be signed off by an appropriate mentor.

Education departments within appropriate health care organisations [currently hospices and acute trusts] are being approached across the region to discuss the possibility of locally hosting the DNACPR competency training.

An initial pilot of the DNACPR competency training package has been undertaken by St Helena Hospice and ACECIC in NE Essex and the evaluation of this pilot will be available in February.

The decision to endorse and/or train senior nurses and senior medics [junior to Consultants and GPs] in this extended role will lie with individual organisations that retain accountability for the clinical governance for DNACPR decisions that originate within their operational jurisdiction. The Programme and Competency Framework will therefore need to be formally endorsed by organisations through their own governance mechanisms.

General information and queries

If you require any further information or have any queries regarding DNACPR please do not hesitate to contact me:

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