

DNACPR – Do Not Attempt Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

Our Policy and Procedure

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At The Hamlet we are aware that children and adults attending our services may have complex medical conditions which may mean that a DNACPR (ReSPECT) decision may have been made with the family and medical professionals.

The purpose of a DNACPR (ReSPECT) decision is to provide immediate guidance to those present on the best action to take (or not take) should the person suffer cardiac arrest or die suddenly.

However, in the absence of a current, signed original DNACPR (ReSPECT), there is a presumption in favour of attempting resuscitation, and the Hamlet staff will act in accordance with the Hamlet's procedures for providing emergency first aid, including attempting CPR, and calling emergency services.

Our Procedure

- The Hamlet is made aware of the existence of a DNACPR (ReSPECT) or similar document signed by a senior clinician (medical doctor)
- The Senior Manager will discuss the DNACPR (ReSPECT) and the Hamlet policy with the family and, if appropriate child or adult
- The family, child or adult if appropriate and a member of the management team will sign a copy of the DNACPR (ReSPECT) Agreement to confirm that all parties understand this policy, and what action will be taken by The Hamlet in the event of cardiac arrest / sudden death.
- The DNACPR (ReSPECT) original, signed document will be retained in the child / adult's support plan.
- A member of the management team will inform staff that a DNACPR (ReSPECT) order is in place, and what action is to be taken in the event of cardiac arrest.
- The original DNACPR (ReSPECT) document will be passed to paramedics in the event of cardiac arrest.

Signed by Chair of Trustees:

Date:

Suzanne Naylor
11/2/2021

References:

<https://www.resus.org.uk/#>

<https://compassionindying.org.uk/making-decisions-and-planning-your-care/planning-ahead/dnar-forms/>