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Re: Adoption of ReSPECT document in Hertfordshire

Dear Colleagues,

The ICB Frailty board has endorsed the implementation and adoption of ReSPECT as the preferred advance care plan (ACP) document for use across Hertfordshire by all providers of health, mental and social care, including all NHS, Local authority, social care, private, charitable, and voluntary providers in Hertfordshire.

The ICB would like all providers in the system to: -

- Officially adopt ReSPECT as the preferred advance care plan document.
- Support ACPs including documentation and training.
- Support the ReSPECT rollout process.
- Expect all organisations to engage with the development and implementation of digital ACPs.

Within the ICB we have organisations working across borders and therefore the use of one end of life form will improve quality of care, visibility of the document, completion of the document and improved patient outcomes.

Please see the statement below for further details about ReSPECT.

[Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment \(ReSPECT\) roll out project in South and West Herts.](#)

The ReSPECT process creates a summary of personalised preferences for the named “person” wishes for future care particularly when the named person does not have capacity to make or express choices. The person’s wishes or preferences regarding cardio-pulmonary resuscitation are included in the ReSPECT document. These preferences are not legally binding, and the final decision whether or not to perform CPR rests with the clinician(s) in attendance. The process is intended to respect both patient preferences and clinical judgement.

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Approximately 75% of ICBs nationally are now using the ReSPECT process and South and West Herts are keen to avoid becoming an outlier, therefore Herts and West Essex ICB have prioritised the roll out of the ReSPECT process and documentation within South and West Herts as part of the palliative and end of life care workstream.

There is more information about ReSPECT on the Resus Council UK website <https://www.resus.org.uk/respect>
[ReSPECT Poster A3 FINAL.pdf \(resus.org.uk\)](#)

[001 ReSPECT-A4-Leaflet Redesign 03.pdf \(resus.org.uk\)](#)

A South and West Herts ReSPECT rollout project group which includes all stakeholders in the system has been convened to oversee the project and there will be a rolling implementation of the process and paperwork from late Spring 2024. The ICB expects each individual organization within the South and West Herts area will work on the internal adoption of this new process.

Training will be provided as it was during the rollout in E&N Herts. Care homes, social care and other system providers in S&W Herts will be notified of the dates, training and other information required for the rollout process.

During the roll out the ReSPECT forms will be acceptable as a record of patients' wishes alongside the current DNACPR form. Over time, there will be a shift for the ReSPECT forms to replace the current DNACPR forms entirely.

I am looking forward to your support with our project.

Kind regards,



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