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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Do Not Attempt Resuscitation orders within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/Response:

 Please can you send me all guidance relating to Do Not Attempt Resuscitation orders issued to GP surgeries by the CCG between 1 February 2020 to the present day (5th January 2021).

The information in appendix 1 was sent to GP practices via CCG bulletins.

Appendix 1

uDNAR Update

We have worked with NWAS to review the process for completion and sharing of the uDNAR form. Please note that the usual guidance regarding uDNAR still stands and colleagues should refer to the Month West Patient Information Leaflet to support discussions. Macmillan also has a useful 10 tips guide.

The uDNAR form is a reflection of decisions made regarding an individual's needs and not regarding groups of patients/residents as recently highlighted in the press.

Letter clarifying DNACPR and younger patients with physical or learning disabilities

NHSE/I's national mental health director, Claire Murdoch's letter clarifies the use of the Clinical Frailty Scale (CFS) and the use of do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation (DNACPR) with younger patients, those with a stable long term physical need, learning disability or autism. It follows new NICE issued rapid guidance on admission to hospital and to critical care: COVID-19 rapid guideline: critical care in adults NICE guideline [NG159]. The guidelines were amended to state that "CFS should not be used in younger people, people with stable long-term disabilities (for example, cerebral palsy), learning disability or autism. An individualised assessment is recommended in all cases where the CFS is not appropriate."

Read the full note

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