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Dear Elisa

Freedom of information request

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. Q : How many DNR orders were overturned between the years 2007-2012 that led to the attempted resuscitation of a patient (whether that was successful or not)?

[Data not collected](#)

2. How many DNR orders were overturned between the years 2012-2017 that led to the attempted resuscitation of a patient (whether that was successful or not)?

[Data not collected](#)

3. Q: How does your Trust receive DNR Orders from patients? [Either of the following:](#)

[Recorded on a DNA CPR decision form \(Resuscitation Council \(UK\) model forms for recording DNACPR decisions\).](#)

[In the form of Advanced Decision to Refuse Treatment \(ADRT\),](#)

[Included within their Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment \(ReSPECT\) process documentation.](#)

- [If a person volunteers during their hospital stay that they do not want to receive cardiopulmonary resuscitation or in response to questions from the medical teams about plans in the event of deterioration in their condition, then a DNACPR form can be completed at that time.](#)

- People may have DNACPR in place from community and usually this has been drawn up with their GP. The person then has a copy of the form (the red form of the 2 forms) and the GP will hold the other copy (grey form). When the person is admitted to hospital, the person would be responsible for drawing attention to the form either by presenting it or telling the admitting team. This information may also come to light if the admitting medical team contacts the GP. On receipt of these forms either from the person or their GP, the admitting team would need to check that it was still valid and appropriate before completing a form for their hospital stay.

Please note the use of the term Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation is now used throughout.

In the past the term DNR (Do not resuscitate) was used. That gave a false impression that all those who received CPR would be resuscitated (i.e. would recover). It was therefore changed to using DNAR (Do not attempt resuscitation). A DNAR decision is only about CPR and not about withholding any other treatment that a person may need or benefit from, we changed to using DNACPR to make it clear that the decision referred only to CPR.

I hope this information is helpful, but if you are unhappy with our response, or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an independent internal review. This would be undertaken by an appropriate senior member of staff at the Trust, who has had no involvement in dealing with your original request. We aim to deal with internal reviews within 20 working days following receipt. If you wish to request one, please set out your grounds for asking for the review in writing and send it by post or email:

By post: Please address your letter to "Freedom of Information – Information Access Appeal" and send it to our address as shown on this letter.

By Email: Emails should be clearly marked 'Information access appeal' and sent to: sash.foi@nhs.net.

Should you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you would have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). However, I should point out that under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, you are obliged to exhaust the Trust's own internal review process before appealing to the ICO. The ICO's contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
<http://ico.org.uk>

We would also welcome your feedback on how well we met your expectations in handling your FOIA request. If you have a couple of minutes, please click on this [link](#) to complete our Freedom of Information Customer Satisfaction Survey and let us know

about your experience. The survey is anonymous – unless you choose to provide your reference number.

Please contact me, quoting our reference, if you have any queries concerning this letter and I will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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