## DNACPR



# What

#### ...is a DNACPR?

- DNACPR stands for Do Not Attempt Cardio Pulmonar Resuscitation
- cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is an emergency procedure for a person whose heart or breathing has stopped
- DNACPRs used correctly protect people's human rights and respect their wishes.

### <u>Who</u>

### ...are DNACPRs for?

- DNACPR decisions are made in advance with the person concerned and/or their advocate if they do not want CPR
- they're signed by a doctor leading their care
- care workers need to know who has a DNACPR form and where it is kept.

## **When**

#### ...should a DNACPR be used?

when someone who has decided they do not want CPR needs urgent medical care in hospital or home setting.

#### ...should a DNACPR be reviewed?

- if a person or someone close to them requests it
- if there are changes in the person's clinical prognosis.



### When should action be taken?

- if a DNACPR is put in place without consultation with the person or people close to them (representatives)
- if a care worker is asked to consent to a DNACPR
- if DNACPR decisions are being applied to groups or people.

### How to take action

 raise concerns with the doctor who signed the DNACPR form or, in an emergency, speak to the team providing care and treatment

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- notify CQC <u>www.cqc.org.uk/</u> <u>give-feedback-on-care</u>
- raise concerns with your local Safeguarding Adults Board.

For more information, please visit the website which has supporting resources such as FAQ's, videos and useful checklists www.skillsforcare.org.uk/DNACPR