

RESUSCITATION POLICY PATHWAY

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Definitions

Cardio respiratory arrest – cessation of effective respiratory and cardiac function.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) – medical techniques applied to restore respiratory and cardiac function.

Do Not Attempt CPR – An advanced decision to withhold cardiopulmonary resuscitation from an individual in cardio respiratory arrest.

Responsibility and Duties

Healthcare organisations have an obligation to provide an effective resuscitation service to their patients and appropriate training to their staff. A suitable infrastructure is required to establish and continue support for these activities.

Duties within the organisation

It is the responsibility of the Clinical Governance Department, Resuscitation Department and the Resuscitation & Deteriorating Patient Committee to ensure policy distribution, implementation and compliance throughout the organisation.

- The Resuscitation Department is responsible to the Resuscitation & Deteriorating Patient Committee for the development and monitoring of the policy, its standards and service delivery.
- The Resuscitation & Deteriorating Patient Committee is responsible to the Safe Patient Group for the resuscitation policy and overall resuscitation service strategy.
- The Safe Patient Group is responsible to the Quality Governance Committee for the overall delivery of the resuscitation service.

The Quality Governance Committee is responsible to the Trust Board for policy document control and distribution of all policies via the trust policy database