

RESUSCITATION POLICY

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Target Organisation(s)	Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust		
Target Departments	All departments		
Target staff categories	All staff		

Definitions, responsibility and duties

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

CPR - cardiopulmonary resuscitation, medical techniques applied to support respiratory and or cardiac function.

RDPC – Resuscitation & Deteriorating Patient Committee

DREAMS - Deterioration, Resuscitation, End-of-Life and Mortality Studies Group

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

ReSPECT – Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment. The national programme for documenting patient preference and clinical recommendations for care in the situation of acute deterioration.

2222 – the internal emergency number called to summon urgent assistance (often used to identify an emergency situation).

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

- The Resuscitation Officers (led by the Senior Resuscitation Officer), provide four key services; operational support (clinical guidance, equipment, skills and process), training, audit and the administration of policy. The Resuscitation Officers report to the Trust Lead for Resuscitation & ReSPECT.
- The Trust Lead for Resuscitation & ReSPECT is responsible to the Chief Medical Officer for all aspects of resuscitation medicine and ReSPECT. They chair the Resuscitation & Deteriorating Patient Committee, which is part of the Deterioration, Resuscitation, End-of-Life and Mortality Studies Group (DREAMs)
- The Deterioration, Resuscitation, End-of-Life and Mortality Studies Group (DREAMs) reports to the Clinical Governance Group
- The Clinical Governance Group is responsible to the Trust Board for the overall delivery of a safe, effective resuscitation service.