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Dear Colleague,

In 2019 we shared a letter outlining the Cheshire and Merseyside End of Life Programme Board position statement regarding ReSPECT. We are writing to you again to provide some guidance on behalf of the programme board.

The ReSPECT process creates personalised recommendations for a person's clinical care and treatment in a future emergency in which they are unable to make or express choices.

At the present time the board do not propose the implementation of ReSPECT in Cheshire & Merseyside for the following reasons:

- Many areas in Cheshire & Merseyside already have established processes in place around anticipatory care planning based on the North West Anticipatory Clinical Planning Guidance;
- There are no published outcome measures to illustrate that ReSPECT offers any significant advantage over current practice in Cheshire & Merseyside;
- Some of the issues identified with ReSPECT reflect issues we already observe, e.g. paper based, incomplete forms, etc.;
- As per the recommendations of the ReSPECT group any roll out should be region wide and we don't believe that this degree of 'buy in' currently exists;
- Roll out of ReSPECT would require significant communications and engagement with professionals and the public. An education 'package' would be required along with capacity and funding. There is no funding provision for the roll out of ReSPECT currently, unlike the North West Unified Do Not Resuscitate guidance, which was supported by MPET funding.

The above said, if areas wish to pursue implementation of ReSPECT, obviously they may but would need to follow the comprehensive roadmap stipulated by [ReSPECT](#).

As a network we support the use of the [North West Anticipatory Clinical Planning Guidance](#) which includes DNA CPR. This guidance has been in place since May 2018 and was developed on the foundations of the North West unified DNA CPR policy. In line with the recommendation at the time the guidance was published, a network wide audit will be undertaken in March 2021 to understand how the guidance is being applied across the network.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please email Kathryn.Davies16@nhs.net

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