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Subject: How many DNR requests are rejected?

REQUEST & RESPONSE

Initial request:

Q1) 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)?

Q2) 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)?

Q3) How does your Trust receive DNR Orders from patients?

PC asked for further clarification from the person requesting the FOI request. Their response is below:

For DNRs overturned I was looking at when patients who have a DNR order in place have it overturned in an attempt to resuscitate them.

By question 3, I was wondering how the hospital knows the patient has a DNR order in place - is it received from the GP or does the patient make the hospital aware?

STHK's Response:

Answer to Q1 and Q2: We do not routinely collect the information that is being asked in the first 2 questions.

Answer Q3: If a patient has a unified DNACPR decision made by their GP or following a previous hospital admission. The top copy (Lilac) would have been given to the patient or carer. When a patient or carer brings this into hospital this is brought to the attention of all involved in the care of the patient and placed in the front of the patient's case notes. There is also a facility to place an alert flag on the trusts Medway system as a prompt "Check Patients DNACPR Status"