

URGENT BULLETIN

From Northern England Clinical Networks

For the Attention of All Clinical Staff who are involved in Resuscitation Decisions and completion of Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) documentation and for those people responsible for the order and re-order of Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) documentation within organisations: Hospitals, Hospices, CCGs, GP practices, Care Homes, Prisons and any other care providers.

PLEASE ACTION: Necessary changes to the Print Version of the DNACPR document have taken place from Thursday 14th June 2018. The document changes are located on Deciding Right within the Northern Clinical Networks Website [Deciding Right Regional Forms - NECN NECN](#).

This urgent bulletin provides guidance on what has changed and why? What's not changed and why? And provides guidance to the actions required with the necessary changes and removal of all previous DNACPR v16 documents.

What's Changed and Why?

DNACPR NHS Printable Version 17 document has been removed from Deciding Right website [Deciding Right - NECN NECN](#)

This was a document in 3 parts (see illustration below); Part 3, with the watermark "Invalid" and Strapline title: "Previous Resuscitation Status" had potential risk and therefore withdrawn from the website. The part 3 document has been used and retained as a carbonated copy of the DNACPR form by some clinical providers; the wording "invalid" and "previous resuscitation status" carries the potential to cause uncertainty to the resuscitation status of the individual patient and therefore this document has been withdrawn from the Deciding Right Website and **should not be used**.

The image displays three components of a DNACPR form, labeled Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3. Part 1 is a form with a patient information section. Part 2 is a flowchart with decision points like "Is there a valid DNACPR decision?". Part 3 is a form with a "PREVIOUS RESUSCITATION STATUS" section. Red callouts point to "V17" and "REMOVE FROM PRACTICE!".

What's changed and why?

DNACPR NHS Print form v17a 2018 document has been added to the Deciding Right website [Deciding Right Regional Forms - NECN NECN](#) (see illustration below). This document is in 2 parts. The document format and information required follow the same format as previous version 17 however to distinguish between the removed document this document is now V17a which is added to the red strapline.

Part 1

Part 2

DO NOT ATTEMPT CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (DNACPR)

V17a

A copy document: DNACPR COPY form v17a 2018 has been created to provide opportunity for Clinicians to retain a copy of the original DNACPR Decision, should they wish to do so. This document is now available in printable format on the Deciding Right Website [Deciding Right Regional Forms - NECN NECN](#)

COPY OF DNACPR DECISION - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

V17a

This document is A COPY Document only, it is in black and white; has a Copy watermark; a strapline title “Copy of DNACPR Decision - For Information Only” and provides a prompt to keep the original in patient’s care setting.

Copy Watermark

Keep original in patient's care setting

V17a

Title: Copy of DNACPR Decision – For Information only

What's Not Changed and Why?

The DNACPR-NHS-Fillable-form-v17 is still available to use from the Deciding Right Website [Deciding Right Regional Forms - NECN NECN](#).

This document remains unchanged and reflects the same requirements as the DNACPR NHS Print form V17a.

Actions:

- Remove from practice DNACPR NHS Printable V17 documents that contain the PART 3 document with watermark “INVALID” **with immediate action**.
- Where a copy document is required to be retained in practice use DNACPR COPY form v17a 2018 only [Deciding Right Regional Forms - NECN NECN](#)
- Where a DNACPR v16 document is in place this should be replaced by DNACPR NHS Printable V17a or DNACPR NHS Fillable v17 at the earliest convenience or at the next regular review. **This change must be achieved by December 31st 2018 at the latest.**

DNACPR v16 was replaced by DNACPR v17 in 2015. Changes in the document were made to include the GMC number for Junior Doctors and the GMC/NMC number for the Senior Responsible Clinician. Changes to DNACPR v17 were required to reflect the law to ensure communication with the person with mental capacity happens when a DNACPR decision is made and when the individual lacks capacity, communication takes place with the persons Lasting Power of Attorney for Health and Welfare or appointed Deputy or Independent Mental Capacity Advocate; the option of Not Applicable (DNACPRv16) was removed and replaced by Yes or No options only (DNACPRv17).
- **Note version changes and action the following:**
 - All forms are available from the NECN website to print directly but with the stipulation that the DNACPR form is printed in colour otherwise they will not be recognised by the NEAS crews.
 - When ordering Printed documents and instructing Printers to produce DNACPR documents the artwork must reflect the most current DNACPR NHS Print form v17a 2018 [Deciding Right Regional Forms - NECN NECN](#).
 - When instructing Printers to produce DNACPR print forms please instruct your printer to remove all previous versions from their artwork and direct to the NECN website for the original document: DNACPR NHS Print form v17a 2018.
 - Any previous versions to DNACPR NHS Print forms V17a 2018 will not be acceptable.
 - It is the responsibility of the individual organisation to ensure the necessary changes happen in line with DNACPR NHS Print forms v17a 2018.
- **This information must be shared with Clinical and non-clinical Staff within organisations and those with responsibility for Education and Training.**

On behalf of the Northern England Clinical Networks thank you for your co-operation and action.