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To: All Wales DNACPR Implementation Group

Dear colleagues

I am pleased to make available to you the latest revised All Wales Do Not Attempt Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (Version 3) and the first revision of the Quick Reference Guide for clinicians, the revision of which you all contributed to this year. As you know no further changes were required to the DNACPR form at this time. Over the course of the autumn I plan to engage with a patient focus group to review the Patient Information Leaflets and I will keep you updated if there are any changes made in due course. I continue to work on developing an electronic solution to the communication of the DNACPR form and will keep you informed of progress.

Please could you make arrangements for these new policy documents to replace earlier versions of the all Wales policy and Quick Reference Guide on your internal and external websites **by the 30 September 2017**

It is now over two years since the launch of the All Wales DNACPR policy, associated forms and patient information leaflets. The audit I undertook last year showed that the new policy has been well received and is being embedded into practice across both hospital and community areas. It is anticipated that the next review of the policy and form will be undertaken in 2019 unless any significant legal issues that need to be addressed arise in the meantime.

I would like to thank you personally for the significant contribution and involvement that you have made to the success of achieving a DNACPR policy for Wales that is fit for purpose and addresses the many issues that were evident in relation to policy and practice across Wales some years ago. Thanks to your efforts in driving implementation within your organisations the new policy has been well received and is clearly being embedded into practice across both hospital and community care.

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Having reflected on the current position I have decided to step down the All Wales DNACPR Implementation Group and to form a new DNACPR Policy Review Group which will meet in 2019 (members to be agreed) to undertake the next review the policy and to ensure it keeps abreast of future changes to law and systems and processes.

I have reminded Medical Directors that, as with all policies approved by your Board, responsibility for implementation sits with each health organisation and therefore any governance or implementation issues should be handled locally within your organisation.

I would encourage you, going forward, to continue with the local audits similar to those undertaken last year to assess the quality of the completion of the form and conversations with patients; as well as monitoring communication between all hospital, primary care, community, nursing and care home settings.

Thank you for your involvement and support over the course of this important project it has been much appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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