

# LAUNCH OF THE UPDATED

## Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) Form and Policy

**Implementation 01/07/14 9am**

**The core principles of decision making for withholding CPR have not changed.**

### What has changed?

- The wording and layout of the form - in order to make it easier to use and complete.
- All STHFT forms will be available in duplicate form. The top part with a **red** border and ORIGINAL as a watermark; it is the original and is to stay with the patient. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part has a **blue** border and FILE COPY as a watermark. This is kept in the notes on discharge.
- The policy has been updated to reflect these changes and other sections have been reviewed by our group (comprising of a wide range of clinicians and also STHFT Clinical Ethics Group and mental capacity act professionals).

### When is the launch date?

- The new DNACPR form V13 **replaces** the current STHFT Form V12 from 9 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> July and must be used from this date onwards for all new DNACPR orders.
- It is not necessary to replace existing forms at the moment but by December 2014, this will be a requirement.
- The updated policy will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> July on STHFT intranet

### Where is the form available from?

- The form is available in pads of 10 from suppliers quoting the reference **PD4692** as before
- All orders placed from the 1<sup>st</sup> June will be supplied with the new form to allow stock in place for the 1<sup>st</sup> July

If you have any questions with regard to the new DNACPR form and/or policy, please contact Dr Ellie Smith or Jon Goodinson

Dr Eleanor Smith  
Consultant in Palliative Medicine ; Email [eleanor.smith@sth.nhs.uk](mailto:eleanor.smith@sth.nhs.uk)