

AGE UK EXETER

Controlled Document

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Document Description

This document outlines Age UK Exeter's (AUKE's) position when receiving a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) request and the action we will take.

Implementation and Quality Assurance

Implementation is immediate and this policy shall stay in force until any alterations are formally agreed.

The policy will be reviewed every three years by the Board of Trustees, sooner if legislation, best practice, or other circumstances indicate this is necessary.

All aspects of this policy shall be open to review at any time. If you have any comments or suggestions on the content of this policy, please contact the CEO on info@ageukexeter.org.uk

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At times, clients of Age UK Exeter (AUKE) will make us aware that they have a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) statement in place. This may be through our Enabling and Home Support Project or within our Daycare setting.

Though we would always seek to respect the wishes of our clients, we note that we are not an organisation run by health professionals and therefore our first priority in an emergency has to be to call an ambulance and to be led by them. This approach is consistent with advice given by the Resuscitation Council. www.resus.org.uk. Please note this may involve staff being asked to stop a resuscitation attempt.

Revision History

Revision date	Summary of Changes	Other Comments
31.10.16	New Policy, reviewed by Standards Committee	Recommended to Board for approval
8.11.16	Approved by Board	Next review due November 2018
3.09.18	Routine review by Standards Committee	No changes made. Recommended to the Board for approval
11.09.18	Reviewed by Board. Approved	Next review due September 2020
23.08.22	Updated and agreed by Risk and Quality Committee 15.09.22 Approved by Board 13.12.22	
07.01.26	Simplified with advice from Resuscitation Council and Board of Trustees. Noted that we cannot ask our support staff to make clinical, potentially life-changing decisions.	Approved 24.02.26