

Do Not Attempt Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Orders and Advance Decisions

Where SOS Homecare are aware that a client has a current Do Not Attempt Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) order or Advance Decision this will be kept within the care file in their home.

If the client has fallen:

- Call an ambulance and paramedics will decide whether the client needs to go to hospital.
- If the client does go into hospital, you should give a copy of the DNACPR order or Advance Decision to the paramedics.
- Record all actions in the daily records and inform on-call or the office.

If the client is unwell, but conscious:

- Ask the client if they would like you to call their GP or an ambulance. If they agree to this, take the appropriate action. A copy of the DNACPR order or Advance Decision should be sent with the client.
- If they decline you must contact the Next of Kin and inform them of the situation.
- Next of Kin may decide to seek medical assistance - this is their decision.
- If the client does not go into hospital you (or the NEXT OF KIN) must inform the GP.
- Ideally a family member should stay with the client, but that is not a decision for SOS Homecare staff to make.
- Record all actions in the daily records and inform on-call or the office.

If the client is unconscious:

- Check the clients wishes within the care plan.
- Unless otherwise stated, call an ambulance. A copy of the DNACPR order or Advance Decision should be given to the paramedics on arrival.
- Contact the Next of Kin and explain the situation to them.
- If the Next of Kin is uncontactable you should call an ambulance and explain that the client is unconscious and has a current DNACPR order or Advance Decision. You should then contact the GP and inform them of the situation.
- Record all actions in the daily records and inform on-call or the office.

If you think the client may have passed away:

- Contact the GP and explain the situation. The GP will need to confirm the client has passed away.
- If it is not possible to contact the GP, you must call an ambulance. You should explain you believe the person has passed away, and that they have a current DNACPR order or Advance Decision.
- Contact the office and make them aware. The office will then contact Next of Kin and inform them that you have called the GP or an ambulance.
- Record all actions in the daily records and inform on-call or the office.
- Further support can be provided through your line manager

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years.