

## **NE and Yorkshire Region SCN Palliative and End of Life Statement - Universal Advance Care Planning Principles (issued May 2022)**

The publication of the Universal Principles for Advance Care Planning for people in England (March 2022). (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/universal-principles-for-advance-care-planning.pdf>) These principles were published in response to concerns raised during the COVID-19 pandemic about how resuscitation decisions were made for adults (<https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/themed-work/protect-respect-connect-decisions-about-living-dying-well-during-covid-19>).

The principles outline an approach to "ACP as a process of person-centred discussion between an individual and their care providers about their preferences and priorities for their future care, while they have the mental capacity for meaningful conversation about these".

The Strategic Clinical Network for Palliative and End of Life Care, North East and Yorkshire, strongly support the principles and the process of Advance Care Planning for **all** people who could benefit from it. This includes people who are deemed to lack capacity and / or who are under the age of 16 years, for whom legal frameworks, other than the Mental Capacity Act, apply. In all cases, and as outlined in the principles, the process of Advance Care Planning is highly individual, is likely to involve several conversations over time and must have due consideration and respect for the person's changing circumstances (including in some cases their mental capacity), wishes and emotions at all times.

Many resources are available to enhance advance care planning at both national and local levels and we support their use in this process.

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