



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

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Question

I have been taught that we must show the DNR to the emergency services if one is in place for our service users.

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- Or would the ambulance service have to commence with CPR due to not having proof.

Answer

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This is dependent on the patient's primary care team (generally the GP) inputting the information onto the patient's Key Information Summary. If this has been done, the information would be visible via the patient's Emergency Care Summary which ambulance clinicians have access to via the in-cab data terminal.

Or would the ambulance service have to commence with CPR due to not having proof?

Ambulance clinicians will exercise their clinical judgement. A DNACPR type form is a communication tool that helps guide a clinician's decision making. However, if the attending clinicians cannot make a judgement about futility, they are often likely to commence CPR.