

POLICY AT A GLANCE

This is a summary of the Policy for sV 3.0 Adult and Paediatric Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) CLP14: March 2026

01 Policy Purpose		To ensure that all EPUT staff can recognise, respond to, and manage cardiopulmonary arrest safely and effectively, in line with Resuscitation Council (UK) 2025 guidelines, maximising patient survival while respecting valid DNACPR decisions and Advance Decisions to Refuse Treatment (ADRT).
All staff must promptly recognise cardiac or respiratory arrest, summon help, commence CPR, and use an AED or defibrillator as soon as possible unless a valid DNACPR or ADRT is in place.		Key Point 02
03 Key Point		The policy applies to all EPUT staff working across inpatient, community, and patient-facing settings, including patients' usual place of residence
All inpatient and specified community patients are monitored for deterioration using: - NEWS2 (adults) - PEWS (children and CAMHS) Escalation must occur in line with Trust guidance using SBAR communication.		Key Point 04
05 Key Point		Staff must follow Resuscitation Council (UK) algorithms for: - Adult and paediatric basic life support - Choking - Anaphylaxis - Immediate Life Support (where trained)
All resuscitation events must be: Documented contemporaneously using the Resuscitation Event Form and reported via DATIX Audited and reviewed by the Resuscitation and Deteriorating Patient Group		Key Point 06
07 Key Point		All clinical areas must have appropriate emergency equipment and medicines, which must be: Readily accessible, checked daily or weekly and maintained in a ready-to-use condition.

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STAFF RESPONSIBILITY

Staff are expected to

- ✓ be familiar with the location and contents of all resuscitation equipment in their work area, including as part of their ward or local induction
- ✓ to ensure resuscitation equipment is always readily available, undertaking and signing daily or weekly checks in line with Trust requirements
- ✓ commence CPR immediately in the event of a cardiac arrest and follow Resuscitation Council (UK) 2025 guidelines appropriate to their level of training
- ✓ promptly summon help in an emergency, including calling (9)999 and utilising the SBAR communication tool when escalating concerns
- complete the Resuscitation Event Form contemporaneously and ensure the corresponding Datix Incident Form is submitted as soon as possible
- ✓ clean, restock, and replace resuscitation equipment following an event, ensuring all single-use items are replenished immediately
- ✓ maintain awareness of each patient's resuscitation status, including identifying those with valid DNACPR or ADRT decisions
- ✓ comply with mandatory training requirements, including annual Basic or Immediate Life Support training and NEWS2/PEWS training where applicable
- ✓ undertake appropriate physical health observations, using NEWS2 or PEWS to identify deterioration, and escalate concerns according to Trust guidance
- ✓ participate in post-incident debriefs to support learning, reflection, and the emotional wellbeing of colleagues involved