

STATEMENT ON CONSENT FOR EPaCCS END OF LIFE PARTNERSHIP

The End of Life Partnership working with all their partners in Eastern Cheshire, West Cheshire, Vale Royal and South Cheshire have a comprehensive plan for continued use and extensive roll out of EPaCCS (Electronic Palliative Care Coordination System) via the template on EMIS and use of the CCR (Cheshire Care Record).

The National Data set for EPaCCS (ICD 10) has recently included a consent box at the top of the data set.

Consent Status

Add patient to EPaCCS.

To show that the patient has given consent for you to create and share their EPaCCS record, please select the below.

This only needs recording once.

<input type="checkbox"/> Date consent given	<input type="text" value="30-Nov-2016"/>	18-Nov-2016	>
<p>Please select and record here any other information about their consent decision.</p>			
Further details	<input type="text" value=""/>	28-Oct-2016	Consent legiti... >
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal of consent for sharing	<input type="text" value="Text"/>	No previous entry	

The wording of this consent box is dictated nationally by the system providers and we are aware that this is causing some confusion in relation to how this relates to consent that the patient may have already given at GP Practice level to share their medical records.

The principles provided below therefore aim to provide some further clarity:

- When used this code 'flags' the person as someone receiving End of Life Care
- This code is also used nationally and regionally to report, and monitor, the number of people with an EPaCCS record.
- Conversations with the patient should include raising awareness that information about their condition and plan of care will be shared electronically with other services that may be involved in their care e.g. out of hours, ambulance,
- This code is NOT about gaining consent to share their general medical records
- Data entered within the EPaCCS template will still be shared even if the consent box is not ticked – it just won't be flagged to draw particular attention to it to other services

An example of wording that could be used with a patient is shown below.

"The NHS works best when it works as a team. We can share information about how you are doing and about your preferences with other colleagues, so we can work together to help you. Are you happy for what we have discussed today to be shared?"

There are further codes available through the drop down box to also indicate withdrawal of consent, best interest decision or consent by a nominated representative.

Should you require any further information or support with this matter please contact the End of Life Partnership on 01270 758120

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