# **Having Future Care Planning Telephone Conversations**



## What is Future Care Planning?

Future Care Planning is a person-centred, proactive approach to help people to plan ahead and to be more in control and able to manage any changes in their health and wellbeing.

At the heart of this is a conversation between individuals, those people who are important to them, for example a relative or carer, and their health or social care professional.

#### What is a Future Care Plan?

The decisions made during these conversations are recorded in a **Future Care Plan**.

The plan should include:

- reflections on an individual's situation and priorities in the context of their health
- information about specific treatments or care that would be appropriate for an individual, when they would consider or accept this care, and where they would like to be cared for
- information on who should be involved in supporting future decisions about treatment and care.

### Why am I being asked to phone people?

We know that many staff have been identified as a close contact by the Test and Protect process and as a result are now required to isolate. Whilst this means many services are under extreme pressure to continue to provide face to face support, there is now extra capacity in the system for staff to carry out tasks which can be completed remotely e.g. beginning to engage with people and their families about future planning.

By ensuring we know what people's wishes and preferences are, we can make the right decisions if emergency situations arise. This includes whether or not they would wish to be admitted to hospital or prefer to receive treatment elsewhere if possible.

### What are my responsibilities?

**Review Case Load:** All services should continually review their case load to establish if people have a Future Care Plan on Clinical Portal. If staff are isolating at home they should be instructed by their Line Manager as to which cases should be reviewed.

**Start the Conversation**: If no Future Care Plan has been recorded, staff should contact the person to begin to explore future planning. This may involve asking them to think about specific aspects of their care or reflect on their current experience. It may also be an introductory conversation about the benefits of future planning and signposting people to further information such as Power of Attorney (<a href="https://www.nhsggc.scot/planningcare">www.nhsggc.scot/planningcare</a>). In cases where people indicate that they would like to look over additional information and speak with those that matter to them, staff should ensure this is recorded on case files in order for future isolating staff to follow up with further conversations.

**Record the Information**: If people give their consent, information should be recorded in the **Future Care Plan Summary** on Clinical Portal. For staff who have no access to Clinical Portal at home, they can use the PDF version and transfer information onto Clinical Portal at the next available opportunity. A guide to using the Future Care Plan Summary can be found on the back of this page.

**Revisit the Situation**: For those who already have a Future Care Plan, staff can check with the person to ensure information is correct and up to date.

#### Where can I find more information?

Visit <a href="www.nhsggc.scot/planningcare">www.nhsggc.scot/planningcare</a> to find further information about all aspects of future planning including Future Care Plans and Power of Attorney.















### Consent

- Explicit Consent has been removed
- If someone choses to decline an summary this is recorded on Clinical Portal. Please provide details including if/when the conversation could be revisited.
- If there are any issues or things that need to be highlighted, add them in the "special notes" section e.g. if family are not to be told etc.

# Next of Kin/ **Carer Information**

Remember to offer the carer a referral to carer support services - contact info found at www.nhsggc.scot/carers

# **Possible Other Agencies** Involved

- Social work
- Pharmacy
- Local support
- Carers support services
- Palliative care services
- District nurses
- Hospice services

# Preferred Place of Care/ **Hospital Admission**

- Current place of care and future wishes
- Escalation plans/potential triggers for change in care plan
- Family understanding of diagnosis, prognosis and treatment plan

#### Resucitation

- Referral for DNACPR if required
- Location of DNACPR form
- Family agreement/ knowledge of DNACPR

# **Using the Future Care Plan Summary**

- what information to document. Frailty Score
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# **Trigger for Plan/Update**

Record trigger for discussion.

# Frailty Score

 Consider a Rockwood frailty assessment. If not applicable select "0"

## **Special Notes**

- What matters to the person e.g. motivations and health goals, faith or cultural aspects that are important
- Family situation inc. understanding and involvement in decisions, if they have a caring role for someone else etc.
- Accommodation situation inc. accessibility for equipment e.g. stretcher, key safe details, adaptations e.g. stairlift
- Possible risks/ difficulties e.g. pets, family dynamics, psychological states
- Preferred names
- Other care plans available
- Communication needs

### **Clinical Notes**

- Main diagnosis/ prognosis
- Allergies
- Current medication
- Access to medication and equipment
- Level of mobility/ functionality
- Assessed capacity
- MUST/NEWS scores (if applicable)
- History of falls

# **Legal Information**

- Power of Attorney
- Guardianship
- Adults with Incapacity

### Remember

YES, is a DNACPR Form in place?

f YES, where is the documentation kept in the home?

Depending on your role and relationship, you may only know some of this information. Please input as much information as you can. Your colleagues will also be adding to this form.