Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 11th October 2023

Petitions and Questions Received from Members of the Public

Name	Question	Response
Dave Berry	**Question:** *"I would like to ask the public question to the Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday but I am unable to attend in person.* *I am aware of an occasion recently when the family member of an elderly patient at Northern General Hospital felt pressurised when asked to sign a Do Not Resuscitate Form on admittance of their partner to the hospital. The family member refused to sign but was then upset to find a Respect form issued on discharge which they had not been consulted on and felt did not reflect the family's wishes.* *I am concerned that DNR forms are becoming overused and that protocols on consultation with the patient and family are not being followed and that there is confusion regarding the legal status of DNR and Repect forms and the required consultation required.* *I would ask that your Committee ask for a report and consider this issue at a future meeting.* *The report may include:* • *information on the legal status of DNR and Repect forms* • *copies of protocols regarding the two forms* • *training of health professionals in the use of and consultation required of the forms* • *any statistics on the use of the two forms"* **Response:** Firstly can I apologise for the delay in getting back to you regarding the question you raised for the October meeting of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee. Your question was read out and it was decided that there would be an agenda item for this at a future meeting. This was because the members felt that it was in line with work they wanted to do on Bereavement and End of Life Care. The ICB are	Deborah Glen

| | producing an End-of-Life Care Strategy which the sub-committee hopes to scrutinise. The item will hopefully be on the agenda on the 25th January 2024, where your question will be addressed more fully. You are, of course, more than welcome to attend, but either way I will feed back the outcome of the discussions to you. Thanks once again for your question. | |