

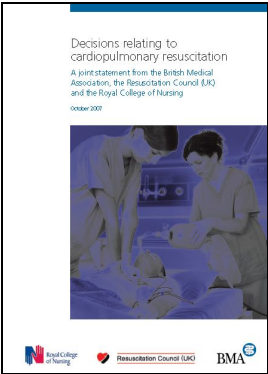








## ‘Do not attempt resuscitation’ and people with learning disabilities

	<p>Resuscitation means giving chest massage.</p> <p>In hospital it also means helping the person to breath.</p>
	<p>The Resuscitation Council (UK) say that Doctors may need to take a view on whether Resuscitation would be right for the person.</p> <p>If someone is dying, it is not right to try to resuscitate.</p>
	<p>The Resuscitation Council (UK) say that doctors should talk to people about their treatment and whether they should have resuscitation.</p>
	<p>If the person does not have capacity to understand, Doctors and Nurses should consult with Family, care workers and community professionals.</p> <p>If the person does not have Family, an Independent Mental Capacity Act Advocate should be invited to offer their opinion.</p>

	<p>In these cases, it is the Doctors responsibility to make the decision about what is right for the person.</p>
	<p>East Kent Hospitals have seen the news reports about a man with Down's syndrome and dementia and the resuscitation decision.</p>
	<p>East Kent Hospitals have a policy in place to make sure people's human rights are safeguarded.</p>
	<p>East Kent Hospitals cannot say anymore about this as it may affect what happens in Court.</p>
	<p>East Kent Hospitals are reviewing the policies, practices and procedures relating to Do Not Attempt Resuscitation.</p>