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Re: COVID-19 Do Not Attempt CPR Guidance

Dear Minister, Vaughan,

I hope that this letter finds you well during this extremely worrying time.

I have been made aware of several deeply concerning instances where blanket decisions are being taken around the care and treatment options that will be available to older and vulnerable people. I have been informed that some feel coerced into signing Do Not Attempt CPR forms, experiencing a deep fear and anxiety around this most important and personal of decisions. I feel you would agree that choosing to sign a DNA-CPR is an individual right, and one that should not be coerced in order to relieve the NHS of its current pressures.

Whilst I appreciate the significant workload that front-line staff are currently experiencing at this deeply concerning time, it is my sincere wish that such important decisions get reached through honest discussions between patients, doctors and families. Decisions must continue to be made on a case-by-case basis, taking account of the risks and benefits, as well as people's own wishes.

I appreciate the significant pressure you and the Welsh Government are under to continue to respond promptly to this quickly evolving crisis, however I must ask that you address this important concern and issue immediate guidance to our hardworking front line staff as **a matter of urgency**.

Yours sincerely,

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Mi wnafai Janet Finch-Saunders cadw unrhyw wybodaeth bersonol yn gwbl gyfrinachol, ac fel arfer mi fydd rhaid iddi rannu'r wybodaeth 'efo aelodau o staff i'w galluogi nhw i ddellio 'efo'r awdurdodau perthnasol er mwyn eich helpu a'ch cynorthwyo chi. Efallai mi fydd angen i rywun ysgrifennu atoch er mwyn darparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf o bwys. Gadwch wybod i ni os nad oes diiddordeb gennych mewn cael eich cysylltu at y diben hwn.

Janet Finch-Saunders will treat in confidence any personal information which you may pass on to her, and she will normally allow her staff to see it, so that they can consult with relevant authorities in order to help and advise you. We may wish to write to you from time to time to keep you informed on issues which you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish to be contacted for this purpose.

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