Spotlight on

Health education
We have now submitted our response to the Department for Education's consultation on health education. The proposals to make health education a mandatory part of the curriculum in England suggest the inclusion of basic first aid at both primary and secondary level, and how to do CPR and the purpose of a defibrillator at secondary level.

Huge thanks to all those who supported our campaign on social media and the 2442 people who completed our survey on the Government’s intention to put CPR on the curriculum in England. We were delighted with the strength of your support, and for the opportunity to include supporter's voices in our consultation response for the first time with this campaign. We expect the Government's response early in the new year, and will keep you informed about the next steps to getting CPR on the curriculum. In the meantime, find out more about our CPR education campaign >

ReSPECT update

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Vicky Simms who is our new project manager for the ReSPECT process. Vicky joined in January and has already started to develop a number of workstreams.

Following our planning meeting in November, a new structure for the ReSPECT process was established at the RC (UK) with the creation of a ReSPECT Subcommittee and working groups to progress key priorities such as documentation, education, policy and patient/public engagement, digitisation and research and evaluation.

During the next few months we are planning conference calls with leads for adopter sites which will serve as an opportunity to update on progress, share experiences and discuss any key issues. It will also enable us to share current developments and work within the project.

In January I had the privilege of joining the Radio 4 Joan Bakewell show to discuss resuscitation, issues around planning for end of life and the ReSPECT process. You can listen to the episode on the BBC website.

February has seen the implementation of the ReSPECT process in Lincolnshire which is really positive. A number of other counties are adopting in the next few months.

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