

NCDAH – BEST PRACTICE PROFORMA

Trust Name: Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust

Hospital Name: Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital - Wonford

Example of good practice description: *(Please include, where appropriate, what made you think of the idea? What you did? Who was involved? Details of any education and training undertaken or delivered)*

Goal 19: Tissue Donation discussed: **Yes** **No**
Have the relatives been asked Yes No
Did they agree to tissue donation Yes No
Tissue transplant coordinator pager no.

We added this goal to the LCP early 2006 in response to the Trusts corneal donation programme. This was in close working with the Trust Eye Retrieval Specialist Nurses.

Whenever I commenced LCP education on a new ward I informed the eye retrieval nurses who would then provide further sessions on corneal donation & how to discuss this.

This goal was also added to the 'Check list for deceased adult patients' for patients not on the LCP (duplicate of Section 3) as mentioned previously.

Has this example been evaluated? If yes, please explain the method used, and whether it indicated a change in practice

Retrospective audit of notes of patients who died on 4 wards over a 3 month period July – Sept 2006. Collected data on whether the LCP or 'Check List' was used & whether Goal 19 was completed appropriately.

Out of 94 sets of notes 63 (67%) had either the LCP or 'Check List'.
51 out of 63 (81%) had completed Goal 19 - although not always appropriately.
Despite this it showed there was a significant increase in donor rates compared to the same period in 2005.

The only major change in this time period was the introduction of the LCP & 'Check List'. Although clearly could not rule out other influencing factors like education & increased awareness it was concluded that Goal 19 had been an invaluable tool in giving staff structure & confidence to approach families with the option of donation & has resulted in increased donation rates. It has also provided an excellent audit tool for the eye retrieval team.

Additional Comments:

This is clearly a sensitive issue & debatable as to whether it should be included on the LCP. However I feel it has been demonstrated in our Trust that it has been valuable. The theme that is encouraged is not so much about 'asking' but the opportunity to not miss it if it was something that would have been important to the patient or those close to them.