

ReSPECT update



2018 has seen 46 organisations adopt ReSPECT in total (24 Acute Trusts, 14 CCGs, and eight Ambulance Trusts). There are over 30 additional organisations working towards adoption, and who plan to launch next year. If you're thinking of adopting, please [contact us](#) for an implementation pack and ensure you complete and return the Responsibilities Document.

Compassion in Dying have published a report on '[Advance care planning in general practice – does policy match reality?](#)' which reveals a mismatch between Clinical Commissioning Group policies and the reality faced by patients. Patients report doctors being ill-equipped to support them to plan ahead for their future care and treatment. ReSPECT aims to address these issues.

We were also very delighted to see the recent Royal College of Physicians' report '[Talking about dying: how to begin honest conversations about what lies ahead](#)'. This report highlights the importance of the ReSPECT process as a structured tool to support conversations and documentation for advance care planning.

In November, the RC (UK) hosted a Planning Day for the future of the ReSPECT Process. It was great to see the passion and enthusiasm in the room, and we made good progress towards developing our vision and a strategy for the future of ReSPECT.

Finally, I'm looking forward to taking up my full time role as Clinical Lead for the ReSPECT Process in January.

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