Dear Colleague

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the publication ‘Resuscitation to Recovery: A National Framework to improve care of people with Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) in England’ which is published today.

We know that survival rates following OHCA could be improved, but to achieve this requires attention to all aspects of the pathway of care for these patients. Supported by two of our National Clinical Directors, this document provides a professional consensus of what an optimum pathway might look like and how this could be more consistently applied in England. It builds on published guidance and research evidence where these are available, and otherwise brings together experts to provide consensus recommendations.

One of the intentions behind production of this guidance has been to support Urgent & Emergency Care Networks in their drive towards improving the services and clinical outcomes for those who suffer acute life threatening conditions. We know from international comparisons that outcomes following out of hospital cardiac arrest could be better and that potentially thousands of lives could be saved. It is a pleasure for me to support this document and I hope that you find it helpful in your planning and delivery of services.

Yours sincerely,

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