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- Linking pre-hospital out-of-hospital cardiac arrest data to in-hospital outcomes in order to improve the 'chain of survival'. Read more >
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- Impact of bystander-initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest: where would you be happy to have a cardiac arrest? Read more >
- Hospitals’ extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation capabilities and outcomes in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest: a population-based study. Read more >
- 72-h therapeutic hypothermia improves neurological outcomes in paediatric asphyxial out-of-hospital cardiac arrest – An exploratory investigation. Read more >
- The Effect of Intravenous Adrenaline on Electrocardiographic Changes During Resuscitation in Patients with Initial Pulseless Electrical Activity in Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest. Read more >
- Machine learning as a supportive tool to recognize cardiac arrest in emergency calls. Read more >
**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](#).

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**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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RC (UK) Trustee update

Following elections, we are pleased to announce changes to the RC (UK) Trustees. Dr Andrew Lockey is now Vice-President of the RC (UK), Dr Ian Maconochie is Honorary Secretary, and Prof Jonathan Wyllie has officially started his three year term as President.

Questions, comments or stories to share? We’d love to hear from you! Get in touch using the links below.

Have you heard?

- RC (UK) Associate Membership will be free for RC (UK) Instructors in Spring 2019, and we’re removing the need for a medical qualification to be a member, all to build a bigger, stronger community. More information will follow in due course. If you’re not an instructor, and would like to become a member, learn more about membership options on our website.
- Royal College of Emergency Medicine ‘Spring CPD Conference 2019’ (2–4 April in Belfast) tickets are on sale. Buy now.
- NEW: Lifesaver VR headsets – buy your virtual reality headset today.
- Royal College of Anaesthetists ‘Anaesthesia 2019’ Conference (20–22 May in London) tickets are on sale. Buy now.
- RC (UK) Online Shop: all our Life Support manuals are available to buy from our online shop and UK delivery is free of charge. Buy now.