10. Quality of medical records and audit

Recommendations

- All entries in the notes should be dated and timed and should end with a legible name, status and contact number (bleep or telephone).

- Each entry should clearly identify the name and grade of the most senior doctor involved in the patient episode.

- Resuscitation status should be documented in patients who are at risk of deterioration [40]. Each trust should audit compliance with this recommendation by regular review of patients who suffered a cardiac arrest and assessment of whether a 'do not attempt resuscitation' order should have been made prior to this event.