Complete this chart when a resident starts to experience choking events.

Each episode should be recorded by staff and kept in the resident’s care plan with easy access, to enable risk management and care planning to occur.

First aid for choking & CPR protocols should be followed. Ensure all care home staff have received up to date training. More guidance on first aid can be found on the NHS website: https://www.nhs.uk/common-health-questions/accidents-first-aid-and-treatments/what-should-i-do-if-someone-is-choking

Note the following ‘complications’ guidance on the NHS webpage, which advises:

**“Get urgent medical help at an A&E, NHS walk-in centre or a GP if:**

* **they have a persistent cough after choking**
* **they feel something is still stuck in their throat**

**Abdominal thrusts can cause serious injuries. A health professional such as your GP or a doctor in A&E should always examine someone after they have received abdominal thrusts.”**

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