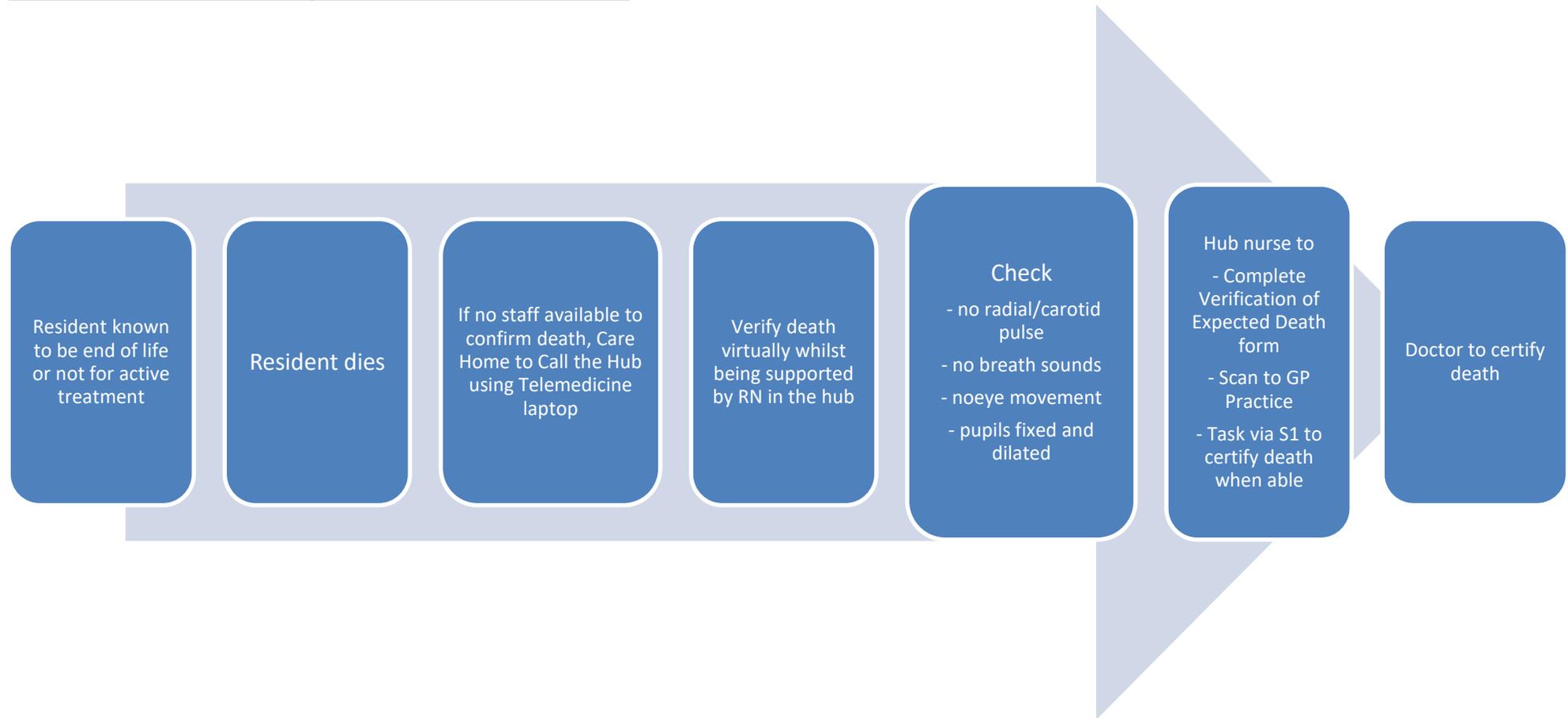


Virtual Verification of an Expected Death in a Care Home



Any competent adult can confirm death. A competent adult is an individual with the knowledge, skills and competencies required to be able to confirm death. Therefore a doctor does not need to confirm an expected death in a care home.

There is no specific CQC policy on this but national guidance, English Law and the BMA guidance is clear and summarises the issue very well.

Support to verify death could include -Care home staff and funeral directors and will depend of availability at the time