

Ref: FOI/2023/8702

Date Received: 30th February 2023

Response Due: 21st March 2023

Date: 20th March 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

Surgical Video Recording

1. Are surgical procedures routinely recorded in your trust?

The Medical Illustration service records theatre procedures on an adhoc basis when requested and do not routinely video surgical procedures.

2. What percentage of Consultant Surgeons routinely record their surgical procedures in your trust?

We do not record this information.

Technology

3. What platform/software is used in your trust to a) record and b) store surgical video recordings (if different)? Please provide the name(s), manufacturer(s), and annual cost(s) of the platform/software used by your trust.

The Medical Illustration use a PoleCam, Canon 200 and Nikon DSLR cameras to record surgical procedures. Stored on WWL servers and uploaded to Sectra.

4. Does your trust store surgical video recordings on NHS computer systems or does it use a third-party product?

The Medical Illustration service stores videos on WWL servers and with the camera memory until edited.

5. Does your trust limit how long surgical video recordings can be stored for?

We follow the records management code of practise.

Consent

6. Are patients undergoing surgical procedures asked explicitly for consent to record their procedure a) as part of their routine care or b) in an additional consent process?

The Medical Illustration service ensure explicitly that consent is received from any patient recorded. The patient will be made aware the purpose of the recording and where it will be stored and viewed.

7. Does the consent to record the procedure explicitly include permission to use the recording for non-clinical purposes (e.g. education, research)?

The Medical Illustration service states this and patients give permission and consent.

Access

8. Are there policies for Consultant Surgeons accessing/using their procedural recordings in your trust? If yes, please supply a copy of your policy.

Please find policies attached.

9. Are there policies for Patients accessing/using their procedural recordings in your trust? If yes, please supply a copy of your policy.

Please find policies attached.

10. Are procedural recordings used for non-clinical purposes (e.g. education, research) in your trust?

Yes

Governance

11. Does your trust have a governance policy for the a) recording, b) use, and/or c) storage of surgical video recordings? If yes, please supply a copy of your policy.

Yes

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanjay Arya', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sanjay Arya
Medical Director

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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