



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-678

Date: 24th March 2023

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 20th February 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Surgical Video

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe in order to collate the information

On 1st March 2023 you replied via email with:

'With regards to the clarification sought for question 2, "What percentage of Consultant Surgeons routinely record their surgical procedures in your trust?", please use a start date of 1 January 2022 and an end date of 31 December 2022.'

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000?

Surgical Video Recording

1. Are surgical procedures routinely recorded in your Trust?

A1 Surgical procedures are not routinely recorded in the Trust – this applies to both sites

Q2 What percentage of Consultant Surgeons routinely record their surgical procedures in your Trust?

A2 Surgical procedures are not routinely recorded in the Trust – this applies to both sites

Q3 Technology

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.

A3 Surgical procedures are not routinely recorded in the Trust – this applies to both sites

Q4 Does your Trust store surgical video recordings on NHS computer systems or does it use a third-party product?

- A4 Surgical procedures are not routinely recorded in the Trust – this applies to both sites
- Q5 Does your Trust limit how long surgical video recordings can be stored for?**
- A5 Surgical procedures are not routinely recorded in the Trust – this applies to both sites
- Q6 Consent**
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?
- A6 Surgical procedures are not routinely recorded in the Trust – this applies to both sites
- Q7 Does the consent to record the procedure explicitly include permission to use the recording for non-clinical purposes (e.g. education, research)?**
- A7 Surgical procedures are not routinely recorded in the Trust – this applies to both sites
- Q8 Access**
Are there policies for Consultant Surgeons accessing/using their procedural recordings in your Trust? If yes, please supply a copy of your policy.
- A8 See attached document
- Q9 Are there policies for Patients accessing/using their procedural recordings in your Trust? If yes, please supply a copy of your policy.**
- A9 See attached document
- Q10 Are procedural recordings used for non-clinical purposes (e.g. education, research) in your Trust?**
- A10 Surgical procedures are not routinely recorded in the Trust – this applies to both sites
- Governance**
- Q11 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.**
- A11 See attached document

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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