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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 20th February 2023 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Surgical Recording and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Surgical Video Recording

1. Are surgical procedures routinely recorded in your trust?

No

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

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.

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

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

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?

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

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.

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

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

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.

Not applicable

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator