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Email only

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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 24th April 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 Medical Student Photo Protocols and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please confirm whether or not medical students attending a patient's surgical procedure at University Hospital North Durham are allowed to take photographs of any description inside the operating theatre for their course records including photos of the patient and the wound site.

Students are not allowed to take photos of patients in theatre or other clinical settings. Patient photographs are not required for course records.

If so then:

- 1. Is specific patient consent required for student photos in addition to any general patient consent given for the taking of clinical photos?**
- 2. Will any such student photos appear on the patient's medical records?**
- 3. What protocols are in place to ensure the patient's privacy is protected and to prevent the further sharing of such student photos?**
- 4. What are the protocols regarding storage of such student photos on personal devices?**

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