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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5601

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 20th February 2023.

Your request was as follows:

Surgical Video Recording

1. Are surgical procedures routinely recorded in your trust?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) do not routinely record surgical procedures.

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

Consultant Surgeons do not routinely record their surgical procedures at the WCFT.

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 WCFT record via Zeiss microscopes. Storz camera system. The images are then transferred onto a USB stick. There is no annual cost associated with recording of the video.

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

The WCFT do not store surgical video recordings on NHS computer systems. Images are saved onto a USB stick

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

The surgical recordings are stored in line with the retention period outlined in the corporate records guidelines.

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?

Consent to record is taken during the consent process for procedures.

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

The consent does include permission to use the recording for non-clinical purposes.

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.

Given that this is not routine practice at the WCFT, we do not have an internal policy.

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

No.

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

Given that this is not routine practice at the WCFT, we do not have an internal policy.

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.

[Records Management Code of Practice 2021](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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