

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_76_23

You asked:

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

Please see response below provided by our Medical Illustrations Department.

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?

Please see response above.

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.

Information pertaining to DSLR video recording ONLY. For all digital recordings the original camera file (with no manipulation) must be uploaded onto the Fotoweb image database or other Health Board's approved networked clinical system. Regular backup is ensured for data integrity. Adobe Premier is used for editing.

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

Please see response to question 3.

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

This is in accordance with the current Medical Records retention policy.

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?

Informed written consent must always be obtained prior to making any medical illustrations. The person obtaining consent should be a clinician from the medical team responsible for the patient's care and be directed by the consultant/clinician in charge. The healthcare professional gaining

consent must have full knowledge of the purpose(s) for the medical illustrations being requested.

- The clinician would gain consent from the patient prior to surgery.
- The clinical photographer will check consent is completed before commencing photography.

Cwm Taf University Health Board (CTUHB) has adopted a process for patients to exercise their rights to control the future use of recordings taken of them during the course of treatment and care. The purpose and uses of the recordings will be explained by appropriate healthcare professional and a consent to form will be completed before any recordings are taken.

This consent limits the use of the recordings to the purpose specified by you. Should it be necessary to use your recordings in any other way, CTUHB will seek your specific permission.

The consent form we use asks the patient to indicate how they agree to the recordings being used by signing one of the three following purposes:

Level (1) Treatment and Care Records

Recordings will be taken as part of your treatment and care and will be viewed by appropriate professional staff in relation to this. They will be stored as part of your confidential medical records.

Level (2) Teaching/Research

In addition to purpose 1 described above, recordings may be used for research and teaching purposes, including the teaching of medical, dental, nursing and healthcare staff and students in the UK and abroad.

Level (3) Publication

In addition to purposes 1 and 2 described above, recordings may be used for publicity, information / exhibition purposes, open access journals or textbooks, healthcare publications and any other form of electronic publication (including the internet). They may be seen by members of the general public as well as medical professionals.

Informed written consent must be obtained from the patient prior to any live broadcast taking place.

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

Please see response to question 6.

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.

Currently being revised.

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

As video recordings form part of patient medical records, the General Data Protection Regulations (Replacing Data Protection Act 1998) applies.

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

They can be if they have been gained informed consent from the patient.

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.

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