

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-136

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By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

Surgical Video Recording

1. Are surgical procedures routinely recorded in your trust?

Medical Illustration will only record surgical procedures when requested by the surgical team.

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

Surgical procedures are not routinely recorded.

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.

We have several cameras that we could use to record a surgical procedure. Camera choice really depends on details of the request/procedure we are being asked to record. The cameras we have are:

Medical Illustration video equipment

Equipment Quantity

Panasonic GH5s Camera 2

Panasonic lumix GH6 2

Canon XA35 camera 1

Nikon D780 2

Nikon D850 2

Nikon D750 2

Nikon Z6 ii 1

Nikon D810 5

We also have an array of lenses that we choose dependent on the request.

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

Medical Illustration produced recordings are stored after onto a secure network. Footage is then edited using Adobe Premiere. The surgical team is consulted during the editing process. The final edit is then stored on the WABA MIMS (Medical Image Management System). The original unedited footage is then kept until the surgeon has confirmed they are happy with the edit and then deleted.

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

We adhere to NHS England's guidance for retention periods [Records Management Code of Practice 2021 - NHS Transformation Directorate \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/recordsmanagement/code-of-practice/)

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?

All patients undergoing surgical procedures that require video recording are asked for their explicit consent for the recording. This is usually done prior to the procedure but on occasion, a decision to film is made during the procedure so the surgeon will sign in the patients' best interests at that time. Then retrospective consent is obtained from the patient as soon as possible. Although recording of the procedure may be mentioned on the procedure consent form, the 'consent and request form for clinical photography / video' is used to obtain specific consent for the video recording.

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

Education, research and other purposes (including non-clinical) or covered on the secondary use form as part of the consent and request form for clinical photography / video and taken in addition of consent for medical records.

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.

Yes this is covered in the University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust Photography and video recording policy - please see attached.

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

For patient accessing their recordings please see the attached Subject Access Request for Health Records policy. We do not have a separate policy for using procedural recordings.

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

Only with the specific consent for such uses. This is obtained by using the secondary use form from the consent and request form for clinical photography / video.

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.

Yes this is covered in the University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust Photography and video recording policy - please see attached.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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