

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 20 February 2023.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

Surgical Video Recording

1. Are surgical procedures routinely recorded in your trust?

Surgical procedures not routinely recorded; this is done by surgeon preference on a case-by-case basis.

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

As the recordings are not routine, we are unable to provide a percentage.

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 current technology used in Theatres is the AIDA, supplied by Karl Storz for laparoscopic surgery.

There is currently no connectivity in theatre so therefore there are no software costs, the images are stored on AIDAs.

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

Surgeons are encouraged to record using the AIDA system and then transfer the data to the PACS (Electronic Patient Record (EPR) (Cerner Millenium)) and delete recordings from the device.

A product called Scenara is in the process of being set up in Outpatients as a mode to automatically transferring data to the Trust's PACS, but is currently not being used.

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

N/A

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?

Theatres adhere to the Trust policy for consent.

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

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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.

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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.

N/A

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator

For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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