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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. 332

You asked:

Is dermatological surgery (skin surgery including e.g. punch biopsies and excisions) carried out routinely at your trust under Dermatology? **Yes**

If so, is consent undertaken for these using either of:

Dermatology-specific consent form or procedure-specific consent forms pre-filled with a list of benefits and complications specific to either skin procedures in general, or the skin procedure being carried out? **Consent form 3 is generally used and the benefits and complications are written in. This form and the others Consent form 1,2,4, and so on are used country wide**

Pre-filled consent labels specifying the risks/benefits attached to the Trust generic consent form? **No**

If either a Dermatology or procedure specific consent form, or a pre-filled consent label is being used, please could you supply me with a copy? In the case of different procedure-specific consent forms used within skin surgery, please could you provide a copy of each form for each procedure? **No**

If you are not satisfied with the Trust review under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Officer (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. The ICO can be contacted at: ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

IG/FOI Coordinator

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