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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

**Surgical Video Recording**

1. Are surgical procedures routinely recorded in your trust?

Not currently.

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

Less than 0.5%

**Technology**

1. 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.

Manufacturer - Karl Storz (General Surgery) under service contract so extra costs.

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

Laparoscopic cases routinely recorded on the stack system, not uploaded to PACS or any NHS system/third party

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

Not stored.

**Consent**

1. 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?

Yes, consent is gained above the normal consent process.

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

No

**Access**

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

No

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

N/A

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

N/A

**Governance**

1. 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.

Our Information Governance policy covers the collection and processing of information. However, the policy does not make specific reference to surgical video recordings.

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Yours sincerely,

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