

Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number: EPUT.FOI.23.3167
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Information Requested:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information act

1. Does your trust currently use born worn video cameras. (Clarification: I am referring to use of cameras by mental health staff i.e. not security personnel. If you have previously used, or are planning to begin using body worn cameras please consider the following questions to ask about former or planned uses)

The Trust nursing staff have access to the use of body worn cameras on every mental health inpatient ward.

2. Please provide copies of ALL policies relating to born worn camera usage

Please see attached.

3. Please provide copies of equality impact assessments relating to use of body worn cameras. If this has not been completed, please state.

Please see attached.

4. Please provide copies of data impact assessments relating to use of body worn cameras. If this has not been completed please state

Please see attached.

5. Please state which mental health services these are approved for use in (e.g. seclusion, adult wards, and CAMHS wards)

All mental health inpatient wards

6. Please provide details of equipment used: number of cameras held by the trust and supplier of these.

The Trust have 226 cameras supplied by Reveal Media Ltd.

7. Please provide details of where video footage is saved and how long this is retained.

Video footage from Body Worn Cameras is saved on a secure platform , which only authorised EPUT staff, have access. Video footage is retained for a 60 day period, with the exception of those containing material related to an incident, which is retained for a period of two years.

8. Please provide details of consent processes for use of born worn cameras.

There is implied consent through the inpatient admission process. There is also signage across all sites where Body Worn Cameras are being used.

9. Please provide details of complaints relating to born worn cameras usage since Jan 2019.

≤5

Please note that the trust’s policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five (≤ 5) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data.

The trust considers that release of that information would breach GDPR/DPA18 principles on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

10. Please provide details of where body worn footage has been submitted as part of criminal/court proceedings since Jan 2019.

We can neither confirm nor deny whether some of the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested is not held in an easily retrievable format, but may be recorded in individual records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: cost of compliance is excessive. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

11. Please provide details of incident reports related to born worn cameras since Jan 2019
Body Worn Camera’s trial began in August 2019. Below detailed incidents are where body worn cameras were turn on to record.

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Clinical	102	379	435	1258	1136
Non Clinical	8	53	50	78	73
Total	110	432	485	1336	1209

12. Please state records of number of times body worn camera have been used between 01 Jan 2022 and 31 Dec 2022.

	2022/23	2023/24
Total	1336	1209

13. Please provide details of where body worn footage has been submitted as part of coroner’s court proceedings since Jan 2019

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Publication Scheme:

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