

Privacy Notice

Why we are using Body Worn Cameras?

Evidence indicates that the use of video recording devices may reduce the incidence of aggression and violence whilst also providing greater transparency and enabling increased scrutiny for any subsequent actions taken in response to such occurrences.

The information collected by the Body Worn Cameras will be used for the safety of our patients and staff only.

When activated, the Body Worn Cameras may collect both personal and sensitive personal data as defined by the Data protection Act 2018. Data will be collected and stored in both audio and visual formats.

Staff wearing the cameras will announce when they activate the device and start filming.

The footage will only be used by the Trust in the following ways:

- As evidence following an incident
- As training materials to improve Trust practices

All information recorded will be held securely in accordance with the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018. NHFT will be the sole data controller of this information.

We will not disclose this information to any agency or 3rd party without your consent unless required to do so by law.

How long will the information be held?

Footage captured showing an incident that was managed by non-physical staff interactions (verbal de-escalation) will be marked as evidential and kept for one month from recording date.

Footage captured where staff have physically restrained a service user will be marked as evidential and be stored for 6 months

Footage captured that, in the opinion of the Trust, may assist in the investigation of a serious incident investigation (as defined by the Trust policy CRM 002) will be marked as evidential retained long enough for any incident to be investigate.

Right to access the information

You have the right to request a copy of the information that we hold about you. If you would like a copy of some or all of your personal information, please email or write to us at the following address. We may make a small charge for this service. Please be aware that 3rd party information may be removed and that footage can be withheld if it would be considered likely to cause harm.

Access2Healthrecords@nhft.nhs.uk

Additional Information

For more information or to share your feedback, please speak to ward staff, contact the Research and Innovation Team by phone: 01604 685527 or by email: R&I@nhft.nhs.uk or the PMVA team by phone: 01604 685431 or go to <https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/research>