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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013383 – Operating theatres

1. Do your Operating Theatres use paper or electronic operating registers ?
All patients who go through operating theatres are captured via a paper theatre register. They are additionally captured via the electronic theatre database that the Trust has.

2. What is the reasoning behind your method of data capture ? (e.g: financial, data quality, time, duplication of data etc)
The electronic data collected is used to assess theatre utilisation, late starts, procedure and anaesthetic time, delays, procedures undertaken. This allows us to assess quality and theatre utilisation and additionally gives us a baseline to plan more effectively.
The paper registers are utilised to capture patient details time of operating, staff present, specimens taken, TQ time, drains and catheter information. We have a separate implant register for prosthesis. All of the information regarding patient details, times, staff present are also captured on the theatre database.

3. If electronic data capture what were the hurdles you needed to overcome before removing the paper registers ?
(e.g.: lessons learnt during the key stages of Planning, Implementation etc.)
NA- paper registers are still in place throughout all operating areas