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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

1. Do nurses working in endoscopy obtain patient consent for procedures? - **Yes**

If yes, please confirm whether this applies to all types of endoscopic procedures or only specific ones.

- Nurses only consent for low-risk diagnostic procedures and procedures involving simple polypectomy. For all other therapeutic procedures, or specialist procedures the patient is consented by the consultant performing the procedure.

2. What Agenda for Change (AfC) band are the nurses who undertake consent discussions and obtain patient consent in endoscopy settings?

- Nurses undertaking consent are from Band 4 Nurse Associate, Band 5 Staff Nurse, Band 6, 7 and 8.

3. Could you provide details of the competency framework, training requirements, or internal policies that support nurses in undertaking the consent process?

If available, please supply any relevant competency documentation or a summary of the training and assessment process.

- Nurses working in endoscopy are registered with the Jag Endoscopy Training System (JETS) Endoscopy Workforce, this is an online portal that provides a competency framework and provides modules that cover all aspects of endoscopy nursing, including consent. JETS is a division of the Joint Advisory Group (JAG) the national governing body for endoscopy, this is run by the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) and the Royal College of Physicians. There are national Guidelines by the BSG regarding consent in endoscopy which approve experienced nurses taking consent for endoscopy providing they have received the training to do so.

Nurses need to be experienced in all procedures and aware of the risks that endoscopic procedures hold, and only then will the endoscopy Professional Development Nurses (PDNs) provide on department training and mentoring for consent, and the individual nurses will only be able to consent independently once deemed competent. All nurses regarding of Band are also given an in department annual consent refresher by the PDN team.

4. Could you provide a copy of the consent form used, or a redacted example/template, showing the sections completed by nursing staff when obtaining consent?

- Consent forms are not paper forms, consent is taken electronically via the concentric e-consent database accessed through the Trust intranet, completed consent forms are then uploaded to the Sunrise Patient Information System.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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