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**Date FOI response:** 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**REQUEST & OUR RESPONSE:**

I am writing to you to solicit the following information concerning the monitoring system in hospital bedrooms:

1. Have cameras or surveillance equipments been installed in patients' bedrooms in the hospital(s)? **OUR RESPONSE:** Yes, however these are not and have not been in use.

If the response to the aforementioned question is affirmative,

2. Please specify the hospital(s) which have the monitoring system and cameras in patients' bedrooms. **OUR RESPONSE:** Within 2 Adult Mental Health Wards.

3. What is the duration for which the footage captured by the bedroom cameras is stored? At what point is the footage scheduled for deletion? **OUR RESPONSE:** Any information would be held for a short time within a local server, only accessible under strict conditions by the Software provider.

4. Has there been any occurrence of unauthorised access to or release of camera footage? Or has there been any accidental leakage? **OUR RESPONSE:** Not applicable as the system has not been in use.

5. Have patients formally requested the deletion of camera footage relating to them? If so, have their requests been acted upon? **OUR RESPONSE:** Not applicable as the system has not been in use.

6. Does the camera footage encompass the recording of all potential activities conducted by patients in hospital bedrooms, including but not limited to intimate or genital exercise or automanipulation? **OUR RESPONSE:** Not applicable as the system has not been in use.

7. What measures have been implemented to protect the privacy and dignity of patients, and to prevent any possible leakage of recorded footage? **OUR RESPONSE:** All information is only accessible under strict conditions by the Software provider that is supported by the Trust.

8. Do you have a plan to remove cameras from patients' bedrooms? **OUR RESPONSE:** Not at this time.