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I am responding to your request for information received 2 October 2023. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

Question 1: Does your trust currently use born worn video cameras. (clarification: I am referring to use of cameras by mental health staff ie 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)

Answer: No the Trust does not currently use body worn video cameras although these were previously used as part of a research project in 2022.

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

Answer: Not applicable. As this was an externally run research project there are no Trust policies.

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

Answer: Not applicable. As this was an externally run research project no Trust equality impact assessments were undertaken.

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

Answer: Please find attached, appendix 1 in relation to the research project. .

Question 5: Please state which mental health services these are approved for use in (eg seclusion, adult wards, CAMHS wards)

Answer: The project was run on adult mental health wards.

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

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

While body worn cameras were approved by the Trust for a research project, the project was not managed in house. East London NHS Foundation Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

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

Answer: Recordings were due to be stored on secure servers for 30 days and automatically deleted after this time. The cameras were rolled out however, no incidents were ever recorded and the cameras were withdrawn.

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



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Answer: Please see attached Appendix 1 (DPIA) Page 2– ‘Give an overview of the processing’

Question 9: Please provide details of complaints relating to body worn cameras usage since Jan 2019

Answer: The Trust recorded no complaints related to body worn cameras during this period.

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

Answer: No body worn footage has been submitted as part of criminal/court proceedings since January 2019.

Question 11: Please provide details of incident reports related to body worn cameras since Jan 2019

Answer: The Trust recorded no incidents related to body worn cameras during this period.

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

Answer: Zero.

Question 13: Please provide details of where body worn footage has been submitted as part of coroners court proceedings since Jan 2019

Answer: No body worn footage has been submitted as part of coroner’s court proceedings since January 2019.



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