



South Devon Healthcare Trust



CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEMS

INFORMATION LEAFLET



The processing of CCTV images is regarded as personal data and as such is covered by the Data Protection Act, 1998. The Data Protection Office has issued a Code of Practice under the Act on the use of CCTV systems. All NHS organizations with CCTV systems deployed on their premises must comply with the Act and the Code of Practice.

South Devon Healthcare Trust has installed closed circuit television systems within their premises. Cameras are situated throughout the Trust to monitor areas such as car parks, various hospital entrances etc.

These systems are registered with the Data Protection Office to be used for the following purpose:

“the use of closed-circuit television for the monitoring and collection of sound and/or visual images for the purposes of maintaining the security of premises, for preventing crime and for investigating crime”

CCTV systems on Trust premises will not be used for any purpose other than that registered with Information Commissioner. Images captured will be retained for a certain time during which they will be disclosed only in certain circumstances.

These are:-

- Police where the images recorded would assist a specific criminal enquiry
- Prosecution agencies
- Relevant legal representatives
- The media, where it is decided the public's assistance is needed in order to assist in the identification of victim, witness or perpetrator in relation to a criminal incident. As part of that decision, the wishes of the victim of an incident should be taken into account.
- People whose images have been recorded and retained (unless disclosure to the individual would prejudice criminal enquiries or criminal proceedings)

If you have any questions or complaints regarding our CCTV systems or would like further information on how to request access to CCTV images, then please contact:

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