General Guidance about taking Photographs and Video in Hospital

The Trust recognises that on special occasions patients and their families may wish to take photographs or video themselves while in hospital, e.g. the birth of a baby.



As far as possible we would like to accommodate those wishes, but in doing so we must take into consideration the needs and feelings of other patients and staff in that clinical area or ward.

Please adhere to the following advice:-

- 1. It is important that the Senior Nurse or Midwife on duty gives permission for the images to be taken.
- 2. Take images only of your relative. Be aware of other patients / visitors / staff who may appear in the background. They need to agree to their photograph being taken.
- 3. If permission has been given for a video with sound to be made, it will record all the sounds in that area and we advise that where possible, this should be undertaken in an area away from the ward.
- **4.** Staff must be asked for their permission to be recorded and their wishes must be adhered to
- **5.** To ensure that we keep within the law, members of the public recording images or sounds against the Trust's advice or without the appropriate consent may be liable to prosecution.

The above advice applies to all image capture devices including mobile phones.

