

How will photographs be stored?

Once taken on an approved device, the photograph will be uploaded to your electronic medical record at our earliest opportunity, then deleted from the device.

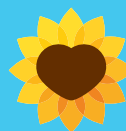
Who will see the photographs?

Your photographs are confidential documents and will only be viewed by staff directly involved with your health care, including our community colleagues. If they are used for teaching, they will only be seen by doctors, other healthcare professionals and those training in the healthcare field.

Occasionally, photographs are used in medical publications, but this will not happen without your specific agreement.

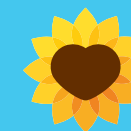
Who owns the photographs?

East Cheshire Hospice will own the copyright and it will not be permitted for anyone to make copies of your photographs.



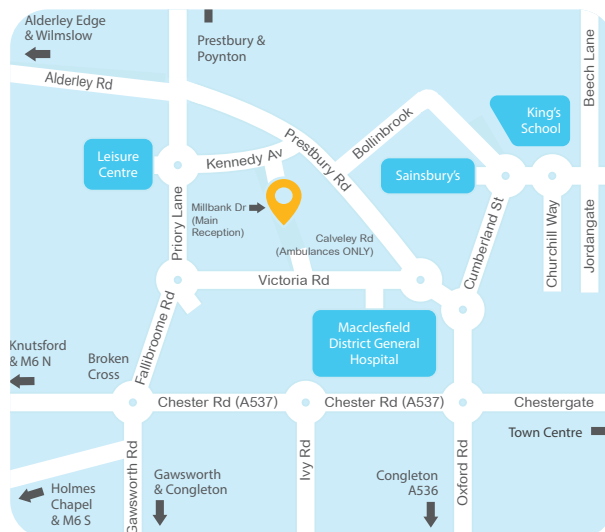
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Clinical Recording Information for Patients

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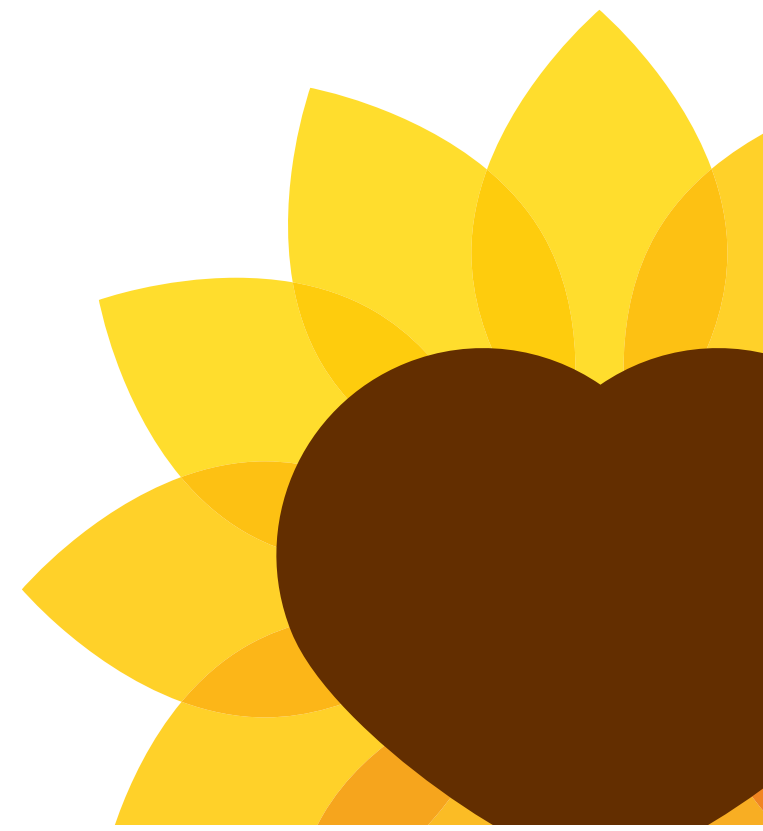
Should you have any questions or concerns about clinical recording at East Cheshire Hospice, please speak with a member of the clinical staff.

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What is clinical photography?

Clinical photography is used to visually record a patient's medical condition to form part of the patient's notes.

Clinical photographs are taken to help doctors and other health professionals to monitor clinical conditions.

Many photographs taken by clinical photographers may also be used for teaching doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

Will I have photographs taken during my stay at East Cheshire Hospice?

It is not routine practice to take photographs, however clinical photography and video recordings are a valuable part of assessing and evidencing a patient's condition. For example, the digital recording of a patient's wounds is an essential technique used to assess healing, by adding objective visual confirmation to the written record.

Clinical photographs are confidential medical records which may contain sensitive personal information, and will be treated with the same care as written/electronic medical notes/records.

Consent

As with any treatment or procedure, the doctor or nurse will discuss this with you and ask for your permission first. You will be told what the photographs will be used for and who is likely to see them.

We require your written consent to take any photographs. You (or your representative, if you are unable) will be asked to complete and sign a consent form.

We may ask your consent to photograph for:

- ♥ Record purposes
- ♥ Teaching

If you change your mind about the level of consent you give, please do not hesitate to inform the doctor or nurse, and your records will be amended according to your wishes. You may withdraw your consent at any time, so that they may not be used or viewed in the future.

Please note that we cannot destroy the photographs from your records as we have a legal requirement to keep them, but we can limit access to them.

What to expect

The doctor or nurse will explain what photographs need to be taken and why. The doctor or nurse will be performing the photography.

Depending on which part of the body is going to be photographed, you may be asked to remove jewellery, make-up and/or clothing.

You may be asked to change position to ensure best quality and/or view.

Please note: A flash may be used during photography

Chaperoning

A chaperone will be provided, to offer support and assistance.

Particularly when photographs of a sensitive nature are required, it may not be possible for the same sex photographer to take the photographs.

If you are at all unhappy with being photographed by a photographer of the opposite sex, we will be happy to, if practicable, source a member of staff of the same sex.

However if the condition is likely to change before alternative arrangements can be made, it may be advisable to go ahead with the existing appointment.