

## **Patient Information**

### **Guide to Clinical Photography and Video Recordings**

#### **Why take photographs of my condition?**

Clinical photographs are taken for three main reasons in Primary Care

- Diagnosis
- Monitoring of your condition
- For onward referral to Secondary Care

Examples of types of conditions that routinely have photographs taken are:

- Moles so that they can be monitored for changes.
- Rashes
- Swollen limbs
- Eye conditions
- Lesions
- Skin Ulcers

#### **Your rights**

You have a right to confidentiality and privacy.

Any photographs or video taken of you should be done so with your permission and after consultation with your doctor or nurse.

Clinical photographs taken of you by NHS employees will be stored in accordance with the Health Records Act and the Data Protection Act. Even if you think you cannot be identified from the photograph it is still your medical record and your permission for its use is needed.

The doctor or nurse taking photograph, should ask your permission to take them, and also record your consent within your medical record.

You are able to change your mind about the permission you have given.

#### **Use of the photographs**

The use of the photographs is entirely your choice and will not affect your treatment in any way.

Photographs will only be used for your medical care. The photographs may need to be sent to other hospitals for consultation, if they are, Brackley Medical Centre may no longer have control how these photographs are used. If you do not wish your photographs to be sent outside the surgery please inform the doctor or nurse taking the photographs and they will note this on your medical record along with your consent. These images will be marked as 'Private' within your medical record which means that no-one outside the practice will be able to view the photographs.