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Subject: Clinical Photography

Q1 Do you have a solution to capture clinical photography?

A1 Yes

Q2 If so which solution and what media types does it support?

A2 Picture Archiving Communication System (PACS) - 2D Photography, 3D Imaging and Videography Services

ISLACare - photos, videos, and voice notes

Q3 Does this solution include clinical staff capturing photographs as part of the patient care episode? e.g. Nursing staff photographing bedsores during an inpatient stay (per the current safeguarding guidelines) or A&E capturing photographs of injuries on a night shift.

A3 The Medical Illustration department support and manage a small bank of compact cameras which are permanently located on the Burns Unit, Emergency Department, Safeguarding department and PICU. These are used by staff for capturing minor injuries outside of normal working hours. The Medical Illustration department does provide a 24 hour out-of-hours emergency on-call service for the mentioned departments; therefore the managed cameras should only be used for non-emergency incidences.

ISLACare - No

Q4 Is this a patient centric solution that clinicians can access at the point of care to review photographs or other digital content e.g. videos.?

A4 All clinical images are uploaded to the Trust's central Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS), which clinicians can all access. Images taken out-of-hours by staff on the managed compact cameras, are uploaded by the Medical Illustration Team, usually the following day or as soon as possible.

ISLACare - Yes

Q5 If you do have a solution, when does your existing contract come to an end?

A5 ISLACare - March 2025
PACS System- July 2033

Q6 How much did the solution cost and what are the annual maintenance charges?

A6 Medical Illustration was the first other imaging department in the Trust, outside of Radiology, to move onto the PACS system in 2017. As a pilot project, there was no individual charge and the maintenance is managed by the PACS Team- annual value of contract is £149,648.52

ISLACare - £140,000

Q7 If you do not have a solution, how do you current manage this?

A7 Not applicable, the Trust does have a solution