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## Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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I am a current ST3 registrar in Dermatology at East Lancashire Hospitals Trust interested in the process of consent in Dermatological Surgery, working alongside Dr Aaron Wernham (Consultant Dermatologist).

Please could you liaise with your clinical consultant leads for Dermatology to let me know:

- 1) Is dermatological surgery (skin surgery including e.g., punch biopsies and excisions) carried out routinely at your trust under Dermatology?

**Yes we do punch biopsies, shave excisions, excisions, curette and cautery, wide local excisions and sometime even flaps and grafts.**

- 2) If so, is consent undertaken for these using either of:

- a) Dermatology-specific consent form or procedure-specific consent forms pre-filled with a list of benefits and complications specific to either skin procedures in general, or the skin procedure being carried out?
- b) Pre-filled consent labels specifying the risks/benefits attached to the Trust generic consent form?

**We use a trust consent form with a pre-filled label with risks/benefits outlined. Some nurses/drs write their own.**

- 3) If either a Dermatology or procedure specific consent form, or a pre-filled consent label is being used, please could you supply me with a copy? In the case of different procedure-specific consent forms used within skin surgery, please could you provide a copy of each form for each procedure?

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