

POLICY TITLE	Student Use of Mobile Devices in Placement Settings
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FACULTY OF HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & MEDICINE **STUDENT USE OF MOBILE DEVICES IN PLACEMENT SETTINGS**

Introduction

This policy must be read in conjunction with relevant sections:

- General Medical Council (GMC) Standards Of Conduct
https://www.gmc-uk.org/-/media/documents/Good_medical_practice_English_1215.pdf_51527435.pdf
- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) or Nursing and Midwifery (NMC) Standards of Conduct
<https://www.nmc.org.uk/standards/code/>
<http://www.hcpc-uk.org/aboutregistration/standards/standardsofconductperformanceandethics/>
- Edge Hill University ICT Acceptable Use Policy
<https://go.edgehill.ac.uk/display/itservices/IT+Acceptable+Use+Policy>
- Edge Hill University Student Code of Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures.
<https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/documents/student-regulations/>
- Faculty Policy FAC17: Student Use of Social Media Policy

Where any trust or organisation has a more restrictive policy on the use of mobile devices, this policy takes priority.

- Students are expected to check with their practice supervisor before assuming permission to use any device in a placement setting.

Principles of Practice

Mobile information technology should only be used as a learning tool within placement settings. The following principles of practice apply to all students, regardless of profession or programme.

- Students must ensure they are aware of and comply with any specific and unique restrictions or requirements for use of mobile information technology in the placement setting.
- Students are aware of and adhere to the infection control policy within the placement setting.
- Students should normally engage in information technology assisted learning away from the immediate patient care environment.
- Engagement with the eportfolio in the immediate patient environment should be guided by the student's supervisor and trust policy.
- At all times remain cognisant of your relevant code of professional practice and ensure all use of devices comply with expectations to ensure client and patient confidentiality, dignity and informed choice.
- With use of any device, students must comply with the social media policy, and refrain from using social media in the immediate patient care environment.
- Students should not use a device's recording capability without the expressed permission of those being recorded, this includes audio, photograph and video features.

Disciplinary Procedures

Students who are found to be in breach of this policy will be subject to disciplinary procedures which may result in withdrawal from their programme.

- The scanning and uploading of any patient/client/colleague related activity, including photographs for any purpose, is strictly prohibited.
- The use of any device to access social media or non-practice related materials within practice areas is strictly prohibited.
- Photographic, audio or video recordings of any patient or patient information, where a patient could be identified is strictly prohibited. Confidentiality and patient anonymity must be maintained at all times.