# Edge Hill University

| 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.