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The following guidelines have been drawn up in order to conform to the good practice guidelines laid down in the Data Protection Act etc.

1. The data fields currently collected for the eLogbook include the following:-
Hospital Number; Age of Patient; Date of Operation, NHS or Private Patient; CEPOD grade (Scheduled, Urgent, Emergency); American Society of Anaesthetists grading of fitness for surgery; Consultant in charge of patient; Level of supervision (Assisted; Operated supervised by Consultant scrubbed; Operated supervised by Consultant not scrubbed; Operated without supervision; Trained a less experienced trainee); Hospital where operation carried out; Operation – description and coding; Complications; Notes
2. The data is collected by the trainee as part of the requirements for their surgical training – every trainee in Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery is now required to provide digitised information on their training experience using the data fields above in order to monitor their surgical training.
3. The trainee is required to register with the Information Commissioner's Office as a Data Controller
4. The information collected is owned by the trainee who has collected that data. He/she has agreed to the British Orthopaedic Association (through its eVAC - eLogbook Validation and Audit Committee) acting as Guardians of the data.
5. Consolidated Trainee reports of the data (see attached Report on Mr Mike Reed's eLogbook) will be made available to the trainee's Training Programme Director, to the local Postgraduate Dean, to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Regional Liaison Member of the SAC (Specialist Advisory Committee) in Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery which oversees Orthopaedic training.
6. The eLogbook data will be monitored by 3 members of the eVAC – Prof W Angus Wallace, Mr Lester Sher and Mr Mike Reed who will be advising on the data collection fields, the analysis of data and the accuracy of the data. The eLogbook data will also be accessible by the computer programming team at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (currently Dr Andrew Lamb and Mr Gareth Roberts)
7. Trainees are requested to provide access to their detailed eLogbook data to their current and past Consultant Trainers for a period of no more than 2 years from the date that they last worked for that Trainer. This is provided electronically through password controlled access.
8. No other individual or body shall have access to individual trainee's data without the approval of the eVAC of the British Orthopaedic Association. Such access will be reviewed on an annual basis.
9. The Trainee's eLogbook will be destroyed on the day that he or she has retired from active surgical practice or earlier if the Trainee so chooses.

Professor W Angus Wallace
Chairman eLogbook Validation and Audit Committee, BOA
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