



Greater Manchester
Practice Education Facilitator's Forum



Teaching Intensive, Research Informed



Healthcare Students: Consent in the delivery of your care

Information for service users



As a teaching organisation we help train healthcare students and trainees to acquire the variety of skills required for them to be a registered professional. They may be present during your consultation, visit and part of the delivery of your care.

The student will be supervised by a healthcare professional, who has responsibility for your care. You will have the opportunity to give your consent for the student to be involved in your care and you can withdraw your consent for student to be involved in your care at any time.

Experience of real patient care is essential to the training of our future healthcare staff. You will be asked if you have any objections to a student to being involved in your care. If you do not wish to have a student present please say.

Please be assured that this will not affect your care in any way.

Remember you can always say “No!”

Or change your mind

And ask the student to leave at any time.

How will I be sure they are a student / trainee?

They will always carry photographic identification: from their University / organisation. Please ask to see the identification

Can I ask students to explain things to me?

Students often have more time available to them and may be able to explain things in simple language. However, they are still learning they may not have answers to all your questions. What they can do is listen to your questions and ask a doctor or nurse to give you fuller answers.

Are my views about student behaviour useful?

Yes, indeed! We like to know when student and trainees deliver compassionate care

Do students have access to my records?

It helps students if they can read your medical history. Therefore accept that your agreement for a student to be involved in your care includes your permission when looking at your records.

Students are, of course, bound by the same rules of confidentiality as any doctor or nurse.

If you don't want students to look at your records please let us know.

Finally

Your support is fundamental to ensure we continue to have an excellent healthcare workforce for the future.