

# Using technology to care for our patients

**You will see our doctors and nurses using devices such as tablets, mobile phones, ipods and laptops on wards, at patients bedsides or at their desks.**

## Why is this?

Our systems hold patient information electronically, such as medical history and ongoing treatment and care requirements, which can be easily and securely shared between people involved in your care.



Our doctors and nurses use these systems as they are caring for you and will use computers, laptops or devices such as mobile phones or tablets to either see or enter information about your care, such as the treatment you are having, medication and results of tests.

## What does this mean for me?

When you or someone you know receives care at one of our hospitals, as an inpatient, outpatient or in an emergency, information relating to your care and treatment may be entered by the doctors and nurses into a computer or mobile device, directly into your electronic patient record. This means other doctors and nurses who need to know about your care can access up-to-date information via a computer or mobile device.

## Is my information safe?

We are committed to ensuring your health records are kept safe and handled according to data protection legislation. Information on how we protect your data can be found in our Privacy Statement on the Trust website: [www.sthk.nhs.uk](http://www.sthk.nhs.uk).

For more information, please speak to the Ward Manager or person providing your care you can also email your question or request for more information to the Information Governance Team by emailing: [ig@sthk.nhs.uk](mailto:ig@sthk.nhs.uk)