

About Consent

Your agreement is needed before a clinician can proceed with the consultation – we call this agreement consent. Your consent will be asked at every Taurus Healthcare consultation, this ensures that the health professional is accessing your records with your knowledge. Should you have any questions regarding the giving of consent, please ask.

Obtaining Consent

- Consent will be obtained prior to the examination.
- The clinician will ensure that the patient is competent to provide a consent (16 years or over) or has “Gillick Competence” if under 16 years. Further information about Gillick Competence and obtaining consent for children is set out below.
- Consent will include the provision of all information relevant to the examination/ treatment.
- Questions posed by the patient will be answered honestly, and information necessary for the informed decision will not be withheld unless there is a specific reason to withhold. In all cases where information is withheld then the decision will be recorded in the clinical record.

The person who obtains the consent will be the person who carries out the examination or treatment i.e. GP or nurse.

Consent for children

Everyone aged 16 or more is presumed to be competent to give consent for themselves, unless the opposite is demonstrated.

If a child under the age of 16 has “sufficient understanding and intelligence to enable him/her to understand fully what is proposed” (known as Gillick Competence), then he/she will be competent to give consent for him/herself.

Young people aged 16 and 17, and legally ‘competent’ younger children, may therefore give consent for themselves. For children under 16 (except for those who have Gillick Competence as noted above), someone with parental responsibility should give consent on the child’s behalf.

Your consent will ALWAYS be asked unless in an emergency. Taurus Healthcare acknowledges and supports the right of the patient to refuse consent, delay the consent, seek further information, limit the consent, or ask for a chaperone.

Clinicians will ensure that consent is freely given and not under duress (e.g. under pressure from other present family members etc)

At Taurus Healthcare, we take your consent extremely seriously. We undertake regular audits to ensure consent is asked. One of the ways in which we audit this is by asking you if you have given consent through our Patient Questionnaire that our receptionist will give to you.

Should you require any further information, please contact

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Further information can be found:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/>