CORE INFORMATION SET for surgical innovation





Information themes

A guide for consultation discussions with patients offered new surgical procedures/devices

New procedure details



Statement that the procedure/device is new

Details about what makes the procedure/device new

Conflict of interest



Statement of any relevant conflict of interests

Reasons for the innovation



Expected benefits, risks and/or consequences of the new procedure/device

Before surgery

Reasons why the new procedure/device is believed to be appropriate for the patient

Actual benefits, harms and/or consequences experienced

After surgery

Changes to which types of future patients the new procedure/device is suitable resulting from the benefits, harms and/or consequences experienced

Choice of treatment alternatives



Existence/availability of alternatives

Freedom to choose the new procedure/device or alternative care

Unknowns



Statement that there are unknowns about the new procedure/device in the context of relevant evidence

Before surgery

Possibility that the new procedure/device may be modified, stopped or changed to an alternative

After surgery

Actual modifications to the new procedure/device, or explanation of why it was stopped or changed to an alternative

Unexpected benefits, harms and/or consequences

Expertise with the innovation



Statement that the surgeons' level of skill in the new procedure may not be the same as standard care

Description of surgeons' level of skill in the new procedure/device

Governance, oversight & accountability



- Relevant approvals in place for the introduction of the new procedure/device in the context of national and/or international regulatory guidance
- Details of how patient safety is monitored
- Relevant processes in place if anything goes wrong





