

Using IG Secure Clinical Photography in the clinic and during home visits: An Advanced Paramedic Practitioner's view

Pete Roberts, an Advanced Paramedic Practitioner in Milton Keynes, describes how he safely uses his mobile to take clinical photos in both a surgery setting and when visiting patients at home.

Pete Roberts works at CMK Medical Centre. He has access to Telephone Advice & Guidance from consultants at Milton Keynes University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust using the Consultant Connect App. He also uses the Consultant Connect App to take IG secure clinical photos using the PhotoSAF feature.

As an Advanced Paramedic Practitioner, Pete comments that his role requires him "to do home visits on behalf of GPs" as well as "GP clinic work." He likes using the PhotoSAF feature within the Consultant Connect App, commenting:

"I've always got my phone with me, and using the cloud server via an email link also feels better from a governance perspective."

This is a much better alternative to Pete's previous options which generally included:

"Using the practice digital camera, which was not always available, and when it was, it had often run out of battery."

Pete encourages other healthcare professionals working in the community and in surgery settings to use PhotoSAF as:

"It is very quick and intuitive to use. Once the photo has been taken, it can be dealt with by the admin team at the surgery."

We asked Pete to tell us how he has used PhotoSAF with patients:

PhotoSAF used during home visits to monitor patients

"During home visits I use PhotoSAF to record unusual rashes where the diagnosis is not clear-cut. I also use it to take photos when deal with wounds in the community, such as skin tears or minor burns, so that our Community and Practice Nurses can compare healing during the patient's ongoing care."

How PhotoSAF helped:

PhotoSAF is useful to both Pete and his patients as the photos can be saved to the patients' medical records. When other clinicians who are involved in the patients' care review the photos, they can "better understand the clinical decisions that [Pete] has made." This is beneficial for both the patients and all the healthcare professionals involved.

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